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## **Introduction:**

We all are in a situation where we are bored of this quarantine time and we miss golf and our cover story will show you six things which you miss in golf as you cannot play golf due to lockdown in most of the countries.

In this issue we have written article on some iconic moments of golf like Kasiadi's 1989 Indonesia Open win and golf course article on Caesarea golf course.

Hope, you like our first online magazine issue of DKT GOLF.

## **Golf Reopens: Champions for Charity**

The Champions for Charity was a charity team match-play event held between PGA Tour players Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and former NFL players Peyton Manning and Tom Brady.

To have an equal contest between golf players (Woods and Mickelson) and football players (Manning and Brady), the organisers made two teams consisting of one golf player and one football player so, Woods and Manning faced off Mickelson and Brady.

**Two events were played in 18-hole Medallist golf course:**

### **1.) Front 9: Four-Ball**

In four-ball, the pair of Woods and Peyton got a 3UP lead for first nine where they won three holes (3, 4, 6) and drew rest of the six holes against Mickelson and Brady.

### **2.) Back 9: Foursome**

All four players started the first hole by a tie and in the very next hole, Mickelson drove the ball over the trees and felled straight to the greens for an eagle opportunity, and he got the eagle to reduce the score to 2UP.

After failing to score in previous two holes, in the fourteenth hole Mickelson, set up a 10ft birdie for Brady but he missed the putt, still, Mickelson and Brady got a score of par which was better than Woods and Manning's bogey and the lead was of just one hole.

The last four holes were halved and the pair of Tiger Woods and Peyton Manning won the Champions for Charity by 1UP.

It was a great tournament of match play format where Woods and Manning got a lead of 3UP in first nine and in second nine, Mickelson and Brady were very close for an extended 18 holes play, when Mickelson and Brady cut short the lead to 1UP in back nine from first nine's 3UP but Woods and Manning successfully fended off Mickelson and Brady by drawing the last four holes and winning the tournament on a slim margin.

Many records were broken in this event and few are mentioned below:

- 20 Million dollars were raised for the COVID-19 relief fund.

- 5.8 Million average viewers across TNT, TBS, TRUTHTV and HLN.
- 6.3 Million peak viewership on cable TV.

# Cover Story: 6 things we miss about golf during Quarantine time

In many countries the lockdown will be extended from June and so, we pointed out six things that we will miss in golf.

**Below is the list:**

## **1. Golf Course:**

The area where we play golf and this is the first thing which we miss during quarantine time because all courses are shut down due to amid corona virus fears and because of this we can't play golf outside.

## **2. Caddie:**

Even though it's not a thing but a person who constantly works hard by carrying heavy golf kits and advising golfers for using different club in different situation from bunkers to greens and constantly motivate golfers during a plus score or a bad round and also talk as you might get bored while walking in a 7000 yards course, while we are in home so, no caddie.

## **3. Clubs and Club:**

Yes, you read it right, as there are two things in golf, first is a Club which is the equipment used to hit the ball in a game of golf and another is a club where you can stay, have food, refreshment and most important rest.

You, might have seen people using their putter in their homes for practice and time pass but still people miss the long hitting clubs like drivers, 3 wood, 2 iron etc. which you use in a golf course where there is space to hit long shots and yes golf clubs as well.

#### **4. Morning Tee times:**

One of the best things about playing golf is the morning tee times where you see summer's bright sunlight, monsoon's late start and winter's wet start, where you need to dry up your clubs before teeing off on the first par during morning dew, one such instance was seen in PGTI's last tournament of Bengal Open before shut down.

#### **5. Walking:**

Golf players and fans have one thing in common, walking as after every shot player have to walk to reach another pars and fans as well as they follow the players where ever they go and in very few cases



you see golfers using golf carts to shift from one hole to another which is the case in South Asia.

## **6. Watching live:**

This one is only for fans who watch tournaments in mornings, afternoon and midnights if you are from Asia because currently there are no tournaments played so, you can't see any live golf matches.

## Golf Courses: Israel's Caesarea Golf Course

Football and Basketball are the most popular sport in Israel while, golf is a sport which is not common in Israel and it's not that popular.

In January 1961, Israel got their very own golf course and club at Israel's city of Caesarea.

This was all possible only because of Jimmy de Rothschild, a British political liberal (from the wealthy Rothschild family), Jimmy came to visit his family land in Caesarea and looking at the conditions, he thought it was perfect to make a golf course in the large area of land owned by Rothschild family.

But unfortunately, he died in 1957 before he could realize his vision. Later, James de Rothschild Foundation was set up to make his dream a reality with Max Rowe representing the Rothschild family. In January 1961, Caesarea Golf Club was officially opened and four years later, Israel Golf Federation was founded in 1965.

Israel got their first international golf course in 1961 and after that, the course has gone through several

changes and the biggest change came in August 2007, when the Caesarea Development Corporation completely redesigned the golf course with the help of Golf architect Pete Dye and completed in July 2009.

The club have 700 + members which is more than of Augusta National club, who have a limit of 300 members.

Because of their monopoly in golf course, Caesarea golf club is lucky enough to organize major golf tournaments in the region of Caesarea, like the Maccabiah Games.

Apart from Caesarea golf course there is another course in Israel, named Gaash Golf Club located at kibbutz Gaash and the only difference between Caesarea and Gaash course is that Caesarea golf course is an 18-hole course where as Gaash golf course is a 9-hole course.

Over the years Israel only have one full 18-hole course (Caesarea Golf Course) and still 59 years later, Israel aren't able to produce another golf course that matches the international standards.

Below are some possible reasons why this hasn't happened:

### **1. Less space available:**

Israel is a small country in size and golf course occupies a large amount of space.

### **2. No Golf Culture:**

Like America or any other European country where golf is very popular and friends/family together go to a course, every weekend to enjoy the game and spent time with each other, compared to Israel where people don't know about the game itself so, it is hard to imagine if such golf culture exists in the country.

### **3. Fewer international golf tournaments:**

In European countries they have more than 200 golf events in a year compared to Israel where there are 5-10 international golf events which gives less exposure to local players.

### **4. Very less Interest:**

Israelis have very less interest in golf, let's say from 8 million Israel population, only 1000 are interested in the sport and that 1000 are pro players because of this, the Israeli Golf Federation and Caesarea Golf Club aren't able to organize too many global

tournaments because small number spectators come to watch competitive golf in Israel.

### **5. Cost of maintenance:**

Now, possessing a golf course is very expensive and what more is, maintaining it which include cleaning the water every week, grass cutting, continues irrigation, and many more things.

The yearly cost of maintenance of a golf course is from 1 to 1.5 million dollars.

### **Upcoming project: Making 16 Golf Courses in future:**

A couple of years earlier, the Israeli government announced that they will make 16 golf courses in next 10 years.

So, let's hope this plan becomes reality one day, when we will see not one but many international golf courses in Israel.

## Players -

### **Kasiadi:**

Kasiadi is one of most influential figures in Indonesian golf. He is remembered for winning the Indonesian Open in 1989.

Kasiadi was born at Indonesia's port city of Surabaya and in city's eastern part there is a course named Ahmad Yani golf course, where young Kasiadi got his first job of caddie and along with accompanying guests.

While seeing the guest play golf on a regular basis, he developed a curiosity about the game, even though he didn't know anything about golf and thought of playing the game but it was difficult to play on day time because of his work in the club and on the course. Few months later, he established a proper plan for playing golf and he decided to play golf at nights when, he was free and there was no work.

Kasiadi took golf equipment from the club where he was working because he couldn't afford to buy one and started practicing golf at nights from 9 PM.

Kasiadi was a self-learned golfer because there was no one to make him enlighten about the sport so, one day, he thought of figuring out by himself as he started observing the guests playing golf shots, then he used to replicate the same shots at night.

After practicing hard, he used to sleep at midnight in the sand bunkers, where he kept his head on the sand and legs outside, on the grass. He continued this routine for next six years where he worked all day and practiced at nights on the course.

In 1984, Kasiadi directly turned professional instead of amateur, because he couldn't afford to pay registration fees for becoming an amateur so, turning pro was easier.

From 1984-1988, he won couple of local tournaments and then the year came (1989), which changed his life forever.

In 1989, Kasiadi participated in the 15th edition of Indonesia Open sanctioned by Asian Golf Circuit. The tournament course was a shorter one with 70 pars and was hosted by the revered Jakarta Golf Club.

On day one, players and fans were stunned to see a rather unknown player Kasiadi, getting good score

of two under 68 for round one and playing really well, again he got the same score in round two (68) and improved his score by one par in round three by scoring five under 67.

Staying inside par 70 for three days, helped Kasiadi to gain confidence and have an outside chance of winning the national open.

On day four, he had a great start and for 15 holes, there was no lapse in concentration for Kasiadi but when last three holes started, he found it peculiar that, the fans had started following him whenever he used to go from one par to another.

Finally, this affected his game in the 18th hole when, somebody from the crowd said “he is going to win it for Indonesia” and this affected his concentration and had a terrible shot, which make him gave away a bogey from his score card.

But still Kasiadi won the event by three strokes over defending champion Frankie Minoza.

Kasiadi became the first Indonesian to win the Indonesia Open, since its inception in 1974.

Over the years, Indonesia’s international tournament, the Indonesia Open was won by non-Indonesian players for last 15 years, but thanks to



Kasiadi, Indonesia also have their very own champion in the Indonesia Open winners list.

11 years later, Kasiadi got a dreadful accident and suffered a grave injury in his left hand and it took him many months to recover.

Kasiadi went to the course after recovering completely and when he hit couple of shots, he felt that, his driving distance was reduced and earlier, he easily got drives over 250 yards but after the accident, Kasiadi struggled to get even a distance of 200 yards. So, a few years later, Kasiadi thought of teaching the younger generation and focusing on a new career of golf coaching and due to this, he reduced the no. of tournaments, he played in a year after 2000.

Two of the best traits about Kasiadi were determination and his mental game, from the very beginning Kasiadi was determined to become better and he was never satisfied of his practice and achievements which subsequently made him win so many tournaments in his career because he always wanted more.

Kasiadi always mentioned about the importance of mental game in golf, during his interviews as before

every shot, par or hole he used to analyse the game, just like the game of Chess and this strategy helped him to become a better player.

Last time when a local player won the Indonesia Open was in 1989 and 31 years have passed and still not a single Indonesian player is able to win the tournament.

Then also, there are few players who went really close to winning the open:

2011 Indonesia Open - Rory Hie:

Throughout the week, Rory Hie had great rounds but missed the win by just one stroke and finished runner-up in 2011.

2019 Indonesia Open – Naraajie Ramadhanputra:

Naraajie was the closest to winning the open for Indonesia because he was leading the tournament after end of round three and was carrying the hopes of a nation when, he went to the course to play the final round but unfortunately in last six holes of round four, he got four bogeys, one birdie and one double bogey to +6 and he went from leading the tournament to finishing 4th, which shattered his dream of becoming second local player to win the Indonesia Open after 30 years but it looks like,

Indonesian fans might have to wait a little longer, when a golfer like Kasiadi will come and win the event for Indonesia.

## **Paul Lawrie:**

128th British Open was one of the most difficult editions of British Open in 1999, due to tough course conditions.

This particular event was hosted by Carnoustie Golf Links, Scotland and the course was extremely difficult because of very narrow fairways, thick grass, multiple bunkers and of course, strong winds of Scotland.

From 1995 -1998, America dominated the event by winning British Open for four-times but 1999 was a completely different scenario.

Defending champion Mark O'Meara had a dreadful round one score of 84 and was at 142nd place and a large no. of players got high scores on round one and the local, Paul Lawrie got a good round of 73 for his tied fourth in round one on a 71-par course.

Jean Velde's great putting skills helped him to get round score of 68 and the French man was the new leader.

Again, in third round, Velde extended his lead by five strokes after getting one under par 70.

## **Home players making it big in Open Championship:**

During this time, two players were interchanging places in top ten because for first two rounds, Paul Lawrie was ranked inside top ten but dropped from it, after consistently getting high scores of 73, 74, 76 and on the other hand, Andrew Coltart decreased his score by first scoring 74 twice in first-two rounds than, getting 72 in round three for a tied fourth.

## **Final Round:**

On day 4's first nine, van de Velde moved from Saturday's even par to +3 and at the same time Scotland's Lawrie got a good first nine by reducing his score from +10 to +8.

Before round four the gap between Velde and Lawrie was ten strokes which was reduced to eight after playing first nine of round four.

In first six holes of back nine, leader Velde got two bogeys and two birdies to remain at +3 and still leading by three strokes over second place Leonard while, Lawrie improved his score from +8 to +7 in first six holes of second nine and reduced the gap to +2. In 17th hole, Lawrie got his final birdie of the tournament to reduce the gap by just one stroke.

## **18th Hole:**

This was one of the strangest moments in golf where, Velde was leading by +3 over second place Leonard and by +1 over Lawrie before he played the 18th.

And the unthinkable happened as Velde choose a driver instead of an iron and hit a shot which went right and his second shot felled into the water, which worsened the situation and a funny thing happened as Velde removed his shoes and jumped into the water and everyone thought that “the French player was going to hit the ball which was floating on the water” but instead he took the ball in his hands and dropped the ball outside the greens and finally made a putt which cut shorted his three stroke lead to zero, after getting triple bogey in final hole of the tournament.

So, scores of Justin Leonard, Jean Velde and Paul Lawrie were tied at +6 and the tournament went to a four-stroke playoff.

Lawrie won the play offs by getting even par while, Velde and Leonard lost the playoffs by getting +3.

Scotland’s Paul Lawrie won his first major in golf after making a comeback on day four from being 10 strokes down to winning 1999 Open Championship.



## Fay Crocker

Fay Crocker was a professional golfer, born on 2nd August, 1914 in Montevideo, capital of Uruguay and both her parents were golfers with his dad being 27-time national champion and due to this, her parents introduced Fay to the game of golf at age 6. In her early twenties, she had already won the national women's golf championship for 6 times and in 1939, Crocker went to America to participate in US Women's Amateur Championship and lost the match-play event in third round and the defeat was too harsh to digest for Crocker as she stopped herself from playing golf and joined as a visa clerk for the American Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

For next 11 years, she worked there and in 1954, Crocker made a comeback as she once again tried her luck in golf and succeeded by becoming professional and earning her LPGA tour card at age 40 and that year, she participated in many Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) events but won none.

**1955 United States Women's Open  
Championship:**



In 1955, Crocker won two LPGA events (Serbin Open and Wolverine Open) and on June 30, Crocker participated in her first major (United States Women's Open Championship) which was dominated by America for last nine years because all previous winners (1946-1954) of US Women's Open were from the USA.

The Uruguayan took this up as a challenge, Crocker led from the beginning by scoring two under 74 in round one and topped the leader boards but the real challenge came on day 2, when the city of Wichita was hit by a strong storm and blistering winds, which almost made it impossible for the players to hit fairways in 40 mph winds, during that time, everyone on the field got a minimum of +3 but Crocker stunned everyone as she got the best round two score, an even par (72) in terrible conditions and this extended the lead to +8 but a poor round three (+7) performance reduced her lead from +8 to +1 and somehow she was still leading by total score of +9 compared to second position Mary Lena Faulk's total score of +10.

On final day, Crocker got her rhythm back by scoring +2 in round four to end the tournament at an aggregate score of 299 and being the only player in the field to get a score inside 300.

Fay Crocker created history on that day, by becoming the first non-American US women's open champion and also the first Uruguayan major winner and this inspired many other non-American female golfers to not only participate in a major but also win it, because after her win, the world witnessed 19 other non-American US women's open champions.

Five years later, Crocker won her second major at Titleholders Championship in 1960 and again, she was the first non-American and first Uruguayan player to win the Titleholders Championship and this record is unbreakable because Titleholders Championship was exempted from LPGA in 1972, compared to US women's open which is still running.

The Titleholders Championship ran from 1937 to 1972, during this time, twenty-eight editions of Titleholders Championship were organized and American players won this particular event for a record twenty-seven times and Crocker being the only non-American champion in 1960.

In 1961, Crocker retired from professional golf with 11 LPGA tour and two major victories to her name

while, competing in the highest level of golf for 16 years.

And 22 years later, after she announced her retirement, the world lost a great champion, who was one of the rare Uruguayan female golfers to find marked success outside of South America.

## **Events: 2007 Jonnie Walker Cambodian Open**

In late 2006, Asian Tour announced that they are going add 8 new tournaments in 2007 edition of Asian Tour.

Jonnie Walker Cambodian Open was one of the debut events in 2007 season and this tournament was a very special one for the country because for the first time Cambodia hosted an international golf event.

The Phokeethra Country Club were given the golden opportunity to host country's first international event where more than 125 players took part in the event.

The four-day event was scheduled from 29 November to 2nd December and was the second last event of 2007 season.

First man to tee off was Prime Minister Hun Sen.

### **Round 1:**

On day one, Australia's Adam Groom led in round one by scoring seven under 65.

## **Round 2:**

Groom got -4 in second round to overall score of -11 for a share in lead with Bryon Saltus, who got 66 and 65 in first two rounds for his T1.

## **Round 3:**

Groom got better of Saltus in round three as he got 70 compared to Saltus's 71.

So, Groom was the new leader with overall score of -13 and Saltus was at second place on -12.

## **Round 4:**

Groom and Saltus were separated by just one stroke before final round begin on Sunday.

On Day four, both Groom and Saltus were the last group (including Thaworn Wiratchant) in round four's draw, to tee off at 11:20 AM.

Leader Groom got +1 and had a poor start in first nine and Saltus on other hand had a great start with hat-trick of birdies in first three holes followed by a bogey and birdie to end first nine at -3.

After end of first nine, Groom was at -12 and Saltus was leading over Groom by three strokes with -15.

In second nine, Groom got more birdies (3) than Saltus (2) but still Saltus won the tournament with an overall score of -17 and Groom who lost the lead

on day four, got score of -14 and had to take the runner-up finish.

To come back from one stroke deficit and win the tournament over three strokes was a big thing for Bryon Saltus who won his first professional tournament in 2007 at the inaugural Jonnie Walker Cambodian Open.

The two highlights of this tournament were, Indonesia's first international tournament and the amazing contest between Australia's Adam Groom and USA's Bryan Saltus for first place.

After 2007, the country hosted three more Asian Tour events and 2010 was the last edition of Asian Tour's Cambodian Open.

Nonetheless, the inaugural edition of Cambodia Open was a stepping stone in Indonesia golf because after that, Cambodia hosted several international golf events and the most recent tournament was 2019 Asia Golf Championship which targeted South-East Asia golfers.