

Golf

Harradine in the lead going into final round

Sixth Sport360° Men's Open Golf Champion to be decided today in Sharjah

By Staff Reporter

Michael Harradine yesterday shot a round of one under 71, two strokes clear of nearest rival Rayhan Thomas, going into the final round of the sixth Sport360° Men's Open Golf Champion at Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club today.

With the golf course in pristine condition and the greens at their quickest all year, the players will need to display a great deal of skill and mental strength in order to be crowned the weekend's champion.

Fastest out of the blocks and leading the contenders going into today's final round is 2010 & 2011 Men's Open champion Harradine playing for Jebel Ali Golf Resort & Spa.

Harradine, who plays off a +3 handicap, felt his score could have been better had it not been for a string of missed putts.

He is, however, expected to rely on the experience gained from winning two past Men's Open Cham-



Leader of the pack: Michael Harradine (l) hold a two-stroke lead.

pionships going into the second round.

Just two behind Harradine on one over par 73 lies 14-year-old rising star Thomas from the Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club and Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club attached Professional Trevor Marshall.

Thomas produced a very solid

round with a performance far beyond his years, putting him in great shape to possibly become the youngest-ever winner in the event's six year history.

Marshall, who was never going to be far away, is looking to put his name on the trophy for the first time and adding some more silverware to an excellent season so far.

Not too far down the leaderboard lies last year's champion Andy Andrews from Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club, after a blistering start which saw him fire home four birdies in the first eight holes to stand four under on the 9th tee. But a run of bad holes on the back nine had him return with a two over 74.

The scene is now set for one of the leaders to push on and hold their nerve to be crowned the Sport360° Men's Open champion at the conclusion of today's round.

However, with a whole host of golfers within six strokes any one could produce something special to fight back.

Round 1 Leaders

- 71 (-1)** - Michael Harradine (JAGRS)
- 73 (+1)** - Rayhan Thomas (DCGYC)
- 73 (+1)** - Trevor Marshall (SGSC)
- 74 (+2)** - Andy Andrews (SGSC)
- 75 (+3)** - Chris Alderman (TMD)
- 76 (+4)** - Sami Hajri (YL)