

Michael Harradine and James Yeomans tied for Sharjah Men's Open first round lead



Driving towards the top: The Sharjah Men's Open has attracted a competitive line-up for its seventh edition.

Three time winner and defending champion Michael Harradine (SGSC) and MENA Tour amateur James Yeomans are tied for the first round lead of the Sport 360 Men's Open Golf Championship held at Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club.

The 69 golfers who took to the course enjoyed a successful day for scoring with Harradine and Yeomans teeing off amongst the early starters. The pair however couldn't have returned much different scorecards.

Harradine combined his extensive course knowledge and usual controlled ball striking to record three birdies and two bogeys on his way to an opening round 71.

Yeoman, in contrast, was playing the 7,337 yard layout for the first time and managed an impressive seven birdies and one eagle that were offset by seven bogeys.

"My game is coming together nicely ahead of going to Asian Tour school in January. I've been working hard with my coach James Williams recently and I'm looking forward to seeing how the changes we've made stand up tomorrow when the pressure is on," reflected a pleased Harradine.

Yeomans, who turns professional next week ahead of the Asian Tour event to be held in Dubai, said: "I played well today and holed a fair few putts. I just put the ball in the wrong place a few times which cost me dearly. Knowing the course better now will stand me in good stead for tomorrow and I'd be delighted to draw the curtain on my amateur career with and take the trophy of Michael the 3 time champion."

Al Badia's young star Zihaousa sits on level par In third place, with 2013 runner-up Rayhan Thomas in fourth place.