

Dubai amateur waltzes into final stage of Asian Tour Q-School



Michael Harradine's dream of a professional career is one step from reality after he waltz the penultimate stage of Asian Tour Qualifying School in Thailand.

An impressive final round 67 Saturday saw the 33-year-old Dubai-based Swiss amateur finish in a three-way tie for first place in the section B qualifier at Suvarnabhumi Golf & Country Club.

Harradine must now finish amidst the top-35 players and ties in the final stage from January 11-14 to earn a coveted Asian Tour card for 2017.

Critically for the Sharjah Golf & Shooting Club member, the final tournament, another pressure-packed 72-holer beginning Wednesday, is being staged at Suvarnabhumi where he rattled off rounds of 66-64-70-67 to finish -22 and equal top from a field of 121.

Matching Harradine on 266 at Suvarnabhumi (where the top 26 and ties advanced) were Janne Kaske (Finland), who closed with a six-under 64, and American Sejun Yoon.

In the other section B qualifier at Windsor Park and Golf Club, Korean Songgyu Yoo topped the 25 qualifiers with a -20 total of 268 following a closing 64.

Harradine was one of just two amateurs to advance from the section B qualifiers. The other was Indian Arhun Prasad who finished T7 at Windsor on 277.

The Asia Tour's first event of 2017, the SMBC Singapore Open, begins January 19 at Sentosa Golf Club.