

Martin Kaymer hasn't won in five years, but has set out to rectify that



ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - JANUARY 16: Martin Kaymer of Germany plays his second shot on the 14th hole during the first round of the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship at Abu Dhabi Golf Club on January 16, 2020 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. (Photo by David Cannon/Getty Images)

No professional has a closer connection with the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship than Martin Kaymer, both in terms of the level of success he has enjoyed and in the stunning failure he has endured. Three times a winner in the largest of the United Arab Emirates, the 35-year-old German also perpetrated one of the game's biggest collapses over the Peter Harradine-designed course.

Ten shots clear at the head of the field after five holes of the final round in 2015, Kaymer shot 75 and finished third. It was a shocking demise for a man who had shown a rare ability to cope with pressure when holing the winning putt at the 2012 Ryder Cup and was, at the time, holder of the Players Championship and U.S. Open titles.