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Rajeev Rajapakse wins HSBC Premier Golf Tournament

HSBC concluded yet another successful Premier Golf Tournament with the weather changing from drizzling to dazzling over the weekend. Spirits were shining bright as Rajeev Rajapakse became the overall winner of the tournament.

Rajeev Rajapakse scored 37 points as the overall winner to take home the HSBC Premier Challenge Trophy 2019 and was also winner of the A&B divisions. Nishan Premathiratne was adjudged overall winner in the C, Seniors and Ladies division with a score of 37 points. Rohith Silva won the B division with 35 points and better back nine and Janaki Sugathapala won the Ladies division with 33 points, while Nimal Perera won the Seniors division with 32 points.

The two overall winners were each presented with fully sponsored hospitality packages to watch the HSBC WGC Champions held in China, an opportunity to see many top golfers in the world at the Sheshan International Golf course in Shanghai, from 31 October – 3 November 2019.

Ahead of the main tournament, Golfers were invited to play a pre-event 'Roll a Putt under the Stars' a two-member team event, which brought an element of fun to the game and a challenge for players. The dynamic duo Ravi Liyanage and Manjula Lanerolle, became the ultimate winners of the pre event held on 30 August. The unique feature this year was the HSBC Future Lions showcase, where the best performing junior golfers from HSBC's Future Lions grassroots programme from Welisara, Anuradhapura, Killinochchi, Diyatalawa and Hambantota academies were also invited to join the pre-event with customers and showcase their newly acquired skills on the course.

Expressing his thoughts on winning the tournament, Rajeev Rajapakse said, "The HSBC premier golf tournament is a tournament that every golfer looks forward to. Held at the prestigious Nuwara Eliya golf club the conditions were not easy as it was raining and extremely windy. I had to stay focused and be on top of my game at all times. I am honoured and proud to be the overall winner of this tournament. As always HSBC organised a fantastic tournament making sure that all players were treated well and that all had a great golfing weekend."

SBC announced the launch of its new Rewards credit card that offers up to 5X rewards on multiple spend categories, to meet the lifestyle demands of emerging affluent customers in Sri Lanka.

The popular annual tournament continues to see an increase in the number of Golfers participating each year and this year was no different with over 110 golfers coming together with their families to enjoy a fun-filled day of Golf at the picturesque Nuwara Eliya Golf Club.

Nadeesha Senaratne, Country Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management commented, "We were pleased by the outcome of this year's tournament and to see a number of new Golfers entering the tournament. It was equally competitive and exciting and we enjoyed the experience with our customers who are avid golfers and enjoy playing Golf as part of their lifestyle. Congratulations to both winners, Rajeev Rajapakse and Nishan Premathirathne who will now enjoy their experience at the WGC HSBC Champions Tournament in Shanghai alongside world-class golfers.

The tournament concluded with the awards ceremony held at the Nuwara Eliya Golf Club. The complete list of winners is as follows:

Award	Name of Winner
Winners 'Role a Putt under the stars'	Ravi Liyanage/ Manjula Lanerolle
Longest Drive	Praveen Dias
Closest to the pin	Praveen Dias
Best Score on the 3 Hidden Holes	Tyeab Akbarally
Runner up Ladies	Ahalya Rajan 31 Points
Runner up Seniors	Kumar Boralessa 28 Points
Runner up C division (19-28)	Suvin Wettimuny 36 Points
Runner up B division (10-18)	Lee Chong Pa 35 Points
Runner up A division(0-9)	Mahela Jayawardena 29 Points
Winner Ladies	Janaki Sugathapala 33 Points
Winner Seniors	Nimal Perera 32 Points
Winner C division	Nishan Premathirathne 37 Points
Winner B division	Rohitha Silva 35 Points B/B9
Winner A division	Rajeev Rajapakse 37 Points

Overall Winner (Seniors & Ladies & C)	Nishan Premathiratne	37 Points
Overall Winner (A&B) & HSBC Premier Challenge Trophy	Rajeev Rajapakse	37 Points

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