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PUSHAN, 11, SHOWS HIS TALENT AT MANDAI

When he finished ninth in his first series six months ago, it provided Pushan Reddy Vutukur the leap of faith in his game.

And it came as no surprise that the 11-year-old Fengshan Primary School pupil claimed the second leg of the SGA-Mandai Junior Golf Series at the Executive Course on Sept 9.

Only two years into the game, after having been encouraged by his dad Praveen Reddy, Pushan won the boys' event with 16 stableford points over nine holes, shooting a two-over 31.

Coached by former national player Joshua Shou and playing regularly with his dad, both Proficiency Certificate holders, Pushan is on course to do himself proud in golf and studies, being among the top pupils

in his Primary Five cohort.

He plays twice a month and goes to the Mandai Range twice a week with his dad.

Through dad's influence, Pushan lists Tiger Woods as his favourite golfer.

Praveen, a senior project manager at Standard Chartered Bank, said that he would fully back his son in his interest in golf.

In the girls' section, Aamiya Koul won the title with 13 stableford points over nine holes.

In the National Ranking Games at Changi Golf Club on Sept 10 and 11 for National Development Squad members, Wong Qi Wen won the men's division with a 36-hole total of one-under 135 while Inez Ng won the women's section with an eight over 144 total.



All raring to go is Pushan Reddy.

SCOTTISH OPEN TO ALLOW 650 FANS PER DAY

A limited number of fans will be allowed to attend the Scottish Open at the Renaissance Club in East Lothian next week, the European Tour said recently.

The European Tour gave the green light to the trial with 650 spectators per day for the Rolex Series tournament, which has been rescheduled from its usual July date to Oct. 1-4.

There have been no fans in attendance at any of the European or US PGA Tour events since professional golf resumed in June after the Covid-19 shutdown, with strict bio-secure protocols enforced at each of the tournament venues.

"The tournament will



US Open saw fans watch the action from homes beside the course.

follow an inner and outer bubble protocol to allow spectator access to the site," the European Tour said in a statement.

"Players, caddies, media and essential staff will remain within the tournament or 'inner' bubble and be subject to the European Tour's stringent testing and health protocols.

"Spectators will remain in a second 'outer' bubble to maintain distance from those within the tournament bubble."

The Tour confirmed fans will undergo daily temperature checks and follow social distancing rules at the venue.

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