

Anirban cruises to six-stroke win

Makes It Four Wins In Four Starts On PGTI Tour

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Ahmedabad: Anirban Lahiri, the highest-ranked Indian in the world at No. 105, didn't putt very well on the final day, but his fantastic hitting and his cautious approach on the par-5 holes, which were his nemesis in the earlier two

amateur Varun Parikh was placed 54th after finishing with a total of 22-over-310. He returned a card of 81 in the fourth round.

Anirban earned 900 points for his win in the first event of the PGTI Super Series. He now leads the points table of the seven-event Super Series. Rahil Gangjee is placed second with 600 points while Abhinav Lohan is in third spot with 400 points. The player who earns the maximum points at the end of the seven-event series will earn a bonus of Rs 30 lakh.

Anirban, the overnight leader by four shots, faced



Anirban Lahiri tees off during Ahmedabad Masters on Saturday

rounds, helped him cruise to a six-stroke win in the Ahmedabad Masters, a PGTI event played at the Kalhaar Blues & Greens course here on Saturday.

Anirban's win in Ahmedabad makes it four wins out of four starts on the tour. The Bangalore-based pro signed off with a three-under-69 in the final round to end up with a total of 14-under-274 in the Rs. 50 lakh tournament. Kolkata's Rahil Gangjee finished second at eight-under-280 after submitting a card of five-under-67 in Round Four.

Abhinav Lohan of Faridabad secured the third place at six-under-282 after his final round of 72 that included seven birdies besides three bogeys and two double-bogeys. Chowrasia's last round of 74 placed him fourth at five-under-283. The Kolkata golfer hit four birdies against six bogeys on Saturday. Fifteen-year-old Ahmedabad-based

stiff resistance from Chowrasia early on as the Kolkata golfer birdied the first two holes to reduce Anirban's lead to two shots. However, Anirban sank a 15-foot birdie putt on the third to regain a four-shot lead as Chowrasia dropped a bogey. There was no looking back for Lahiri from there on.

He maintained his four-shot lead till the 11th despite two bogeys and another birdie. The three-time winner on the Asian Tour then drove home the advantage by finding the green in two shots on the par-5 12th and 14th holes to earn birdies. He closed the tournament with another 15-foot birdie conversion on the 18th to take home the winner's cheque worth Rs 808,250.

Gangjee, who posted the day's joint best of 67, was even-par for the day after 10 holes but then picked up pace with three birdies and an eagle over the next four holes.