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Davies aims to end title drought

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✘ Winless for almost a year now, British ace golfer Laura Davies hopes to end her season on a bright note by defending her title at the \$3,00,000 Hero Indian Open, starting on December 9.

Davies, multiple winner on the Ladies European Tour, insisted that she has had several opportunities to win on the Tour since clinching her 79th career title on LET in a four-way play-off last year at DLF Golf and Country Club, but added, "It just hasn't been my year, certainly on the greens, it just hasn't worked out." Apart from winning the



Solheim Cup as part of the European team in Ireland in September, her best individual finish this season was a share of seventh at the New Zealand Women's Open in February.

Now, the 48-year-old is determined to turn the tables in India with the help of new Srixon clubs. "I don't think that the course necessarily suits me. On the other hand I'm playing so well, if I can hole some putts, which has been the problem all year, then I believe I'll have a chance," she said.

The Indian challenge at the DLF Golf and Country Club would be led by the glamorous Sharmila Nicollet. Adding to the domestic list would be the likes of veteran Smriti Mehra, young stars Nalini Singh (Siwach), Neha Tripathi and Saaniya Sharma in a field of 108 women golfers.