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Christina to add colour to Women's Indian Open

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Christina Kim, one of the most flamboyant stars of world ladies golf, says she is excited to be part of the fifth edition of the Hero Indian Women's Open that tees off at the DLF Golf and Country Club in Gurgaon on December 9.

On her first visit to the country, Christina, who has a huge following in both the US and Europe, will be looking forward to her battle with Laura Davies of England.

Among the leading draws alongside Davies, Sophie Gustafson of Sweden, South Africa's Lee Ann Pace, Thailand's Phattium Pornanong, Gwladys Nocera of France, Christina will add character and colour to the \$300,000 event, besides being a threat to the field. The Open is co-sanctioned by the Ladies European Tour, the Ladies Asian Golf Tour and the WGAL. Christina, a winner of two LPGA titles and one on the Ladies European Tour, finished tied fourth on six-under

284 last year, just five shots behind winner Iben Tinning of Denmark in Dubai, where the bubbly American is slated to play next.

In eight starts on the LET this season, Christina missed just one cut (at the Women's British Open) and her best finish being tied second at Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic. A three-time Solheim Cup player, Christina also featured in 20 LPGA events with a tied 13th at the Avnet LPGA Classic being her best result.

Known for her fashion flair and exuberance, the 27-year-old believes in the philosophy "Go big or go home", and believes it's working quite well for her. "Although the LPGA is my first tour, this is like a second home for me and the competition is incredible every week," she said after winning the Sicilian Ladies Italian Open in October.

"On both of my tours I've got at least one win under my belt and I can't wait to see how many more I may get in my career," said the outspoken lass from San Jose, California.



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