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## Meghan and Whitney in joint lead

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GURUGRAM

England's Meghan MacLaren and Whitney Hillier of Australia carded five-under 67 to be in joint lead on day one of the Hero Women's Indian Open here on Thursday.

Meghan, who loves this course and believes it suits her game, had a good start with birdies in the first two holes but bogeyed on the fourth. On the back nine, she made four birdies.

Norway's Mrianne Skarpnord shot 68 to be tied third with Liz Young of England. Linda Wessberg of Sweden was in fifth with three-under 69.

Things didn't go quite well for defending champion Becky Morgan, who was five-over at 77 and tied at 78.

Amateur Pranavi Urs, tied at 10th overall, finished with one-under 71.

Jyotsana Singh, a rookie on the circuit, made a hole-in-one at the 140-yard par-3 16th.

**Top scores:** 67: Meghan MacLaren (Eng), Whitney Hillier (Aus); 68: Marianne Skarpnord (Nor), Liz Young (Eng); 69: Linda Wessberg (Swe).