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## Meghan, Whitney in lead

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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 on Thursday.

### Good start

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. "It was a bit of a mixture. Back nine was very different from the front nine," said the Brit.

Norway's Mrianne Skarpnord shot 68 to be tied third with Liz Young of England.

Linda Wessberg of Sweden was 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, and she hopes for a better score on Friday.

Indians had a fairly impressive day. Amateur Pranavi Urs, tied at 10th overall, finished with one-under 71.

Amandeep Drall, Diksha Dagar and Tvesa Malik are all tied 18th with a par score of 72. Jyotsana Singh made a hole-in-one at the 140-yard par-3 16th, using a 7-iron. She is tied at 28th at one-over par.

Astha Madan, Gaurika Bishnoi and Neha Tripathi also finished at 28th.

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