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Christine Wolf takes a one-stroke lead

Tvesa Malik and Anika Varma at tied ninth

INDIAN OPEN

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A final-hole birdie for a bogey-free five-under 67 gave Austria's Christine Wolf a one-stroke lead at 208 after three rounds of the Hero Women's Indian Open at the DLF Golf Course and Country Club here on Saturday.

Tied third on Friday, England's Meghan MacLaren moved to second following a 69. Overnight leader Australia's Whitney Hillier (72) and second-placed Norway's Marianne Skarpnord (71) were tied third at 210.

Home talents Tvesa Malik and amateur Anika Varma

shot 71 and 67 respectively to be tied ninth at 215.

Impressive start

Tvesa started impressively but double-bogeyed the 13th hole. She immediately recovered with a birdie on the next one.

Fifteen-year-old Anika built on a good start for six birdies.

Wolf, notably nervous at the start, stuck to her game plan. She putted well and made more pars. After the turn, she birdied four times to take the lead.

Among the Indians, Vani Kapoor, Amandeep Drall, Astha Madan, Gaurika Bishnoi, Diksha Dagar, Pranavi Urs, Seher Atwal, and Jahan-



Doing it right: Christine Wolf putted well, made several pars and after the turn, birdied four times. ■ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

vi Bakshi were looking for an improved finish.

Third round scores: 208 Christine Wolf (Aut) (73, 68, 67); 209 Meghan MacLaren (Eng) (67, 73, 69); 210 Mariaane

Skarpnord (Nor) (68, 71, 71) and Whitney Hillier (Aus) (67, 71, 72); 211 Tonje Daffinrud (Nor) (73, 70, 68); 215 Tvesa Malik (Ind) (72, 72, 71), and Anika Varma (Ind) (76, 72, 67).