

# Players from 23 countries highlight Masters' global rise

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Bernhard Langer was reminded of his place in history this week, unrelated to the 68-year-old German looking stately as ever in his Masters green jacket as a two-time champion.

It was 40 years ago — April 6, 1986, to be exact — the "Sony Ranking" was introduced.

What began as a list in 1968 for IMG founder Mark McCormack's "World of Professional Golf" annual got the attention of the R&A as it was reviewing criteria for the British Open. It was officially introduced at the 1986 Masters.

The headline that week proclaimed, "Europeans Top Golf Rankings."

Langer was No. 1 in world, followed by Seve Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle. The leading American was Tom Watson at No. 4. Jack Nicklaus, considered to be past his prime at age 46,



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**Former two-time Masters Champion Bernhard Langer, left, signs an autograph for fellow former champion Fred Couples, right, at the Augusta National Golf Club prior to the annual Champions dinner at the 2002 Masters, April 9, 2002, in Augusta, Ga.**

checked in at No. 33. By the end of the week, Nicklaus famously won his sixth Masters and 18th professional major.

"It was time to have something like that because international golfers were excluded from tournaments like the Masters, the U.S.

Open and the PGA Championship," Langer said under the big oak tree next to the Augusta National clubhouse.

"Only two or three of us got in," he said. "In Europe, I had to win the money list to get in the Masters. And we had more

than one good golfer."

It wasn't perfect then, and probably isn't now. It's nigh impossible to measure the runner-up of this week's Token Homemate Cup on the Japan Golf Tour against whoever finishes 15th at Augusta.

## WIN

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the bottom of the first, but Dawson's response was swift and overwhelming. The Panthers flipped the game on its head in the top of the second inning, erupting for seven runs on four hits. The decisive blow came off the bat of Haiden Richardson, who cleared the bases with a two-run double to give the Panthers a 7-2 advantage.

DSHS padded the lead in the fourth frame, crossing the plate five more times. While an early error gifted the Panthers their first run of the inning, the team showed remarkable discipline at the plate. Shane Reynolds, Brycen Litchfield, and Clark Larimore each drew bases-loaded walks to force in runs, while Nate Killough



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**Dawson Springs shortstop Grayson Wyatt fields a back handed ground ball in the hole to save a run Tuesday night against Trigg County in Cadiz.**

added a sharp RBI single to keep the line moving.

Grayson Wyatt was the undisputed star of the offensive show, finishing a perfect 3-for-3 on the day. Wyatt displayed rare power and speed, recording two triples in the second inning alone before adding a single in the fourth.

On the mound, Raymond Gibson earned the

victory for the locals. The right-hander battled through two and two-thirds innings, surrendering six runs on six hits while striking out five. He was supported by relief appearances from Richardson and Litchfield, with Litchfield ultimately slamming the door to earn the save.

The Panthers' victory

was a total team effort in the batter's box. Litchfield, Richardson, Wyatt, and Gibson each finished with two runs batted in. Patience proved to be a virtue for the squad, as Shane Reynolds coaxed three of the team's 11 total walks.

Trigg County was led by Mason Dossett and Emerson Reynolds, who each collected two hits, while Major and Ladarious Mayes combined for four RBIs in the losing effort. Daniel Esquinil took the loss on the mound, struggling with a Panther lineup that forced seven walks against him in three innings.

The Panthers will look to defend their home turf this Thursday when they host Caldwell County in what promises to be another exciting regional matchup, before rematch games against UHA, and Trigg County.

## LADY

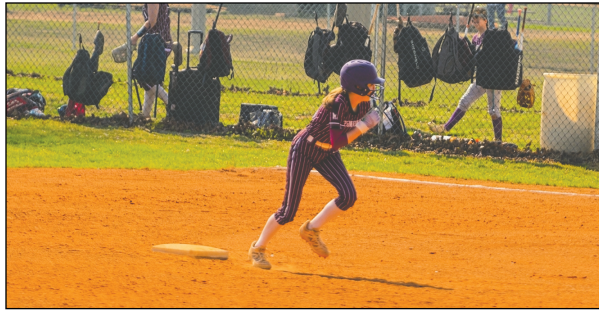
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The tournament offers young players a "Big League" experience, featuring state-of-the-art synthetic turf fields designed as replicas of historic Major League ballparks, complete with walk-up music, professional bullpens and batting cages and professional announcements. Ripken ball fields are located in Pigeon Forge, Elizabethtown, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Aberdeen, MD.

While the week provided its share of challenges, the Lady Maroons displayed the trademark grit and veteran leadership that local fans have come to expect from the program.

### FRANKLIN COUNTY 6, MADISONVILLE 3

The Lady Maroons opened their week against the Franklin County Flyers, jumping out to an early advantage before the Flyers' bats woke up in the mid-innings. Madisonville struck first in the top of the opening frame when senior Sydney Skeen laced an RBI single up the middle. Skeen finished the game 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. AJ Guill added a second run in the inning on a groundout to give Madisonville a 2-0 cushion. The Flyers capitalized on defensive miscues to



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**Lady Maroons speedy catcher Kylie Watkins reads a ball in the dirt and steals third base on a pass ball in a game against Trigg County earlier this season.**

tie the game in the second and take the lead in the third. Madisonville struggled to find the timely hit late despite a multi-hit performance from Sophie Frailley, who finished 2-for-3 with a double and a run. Sadie Kirk turned in a strong performance in the circle despite the loss, striking out 13 Flyers while allowing only one earned run on six hits. Maggie Killough added an RBI, and Kirk helped her own cause with a double and a walk.

### OHIO FENWICK 5, MADISONVILLE 0

The offense was hard to come by on Monday evening as the Lady Maroons got caught in a rut in Fenwick starter Sofia Kateeb. Madisonville managed only one hit in the contest, a single off the bat of Sydney Skeen, who went 1-for-3. Kendall Prow went the distance for the Lady Maroons, surrendering four earned runs on 10 hits across

seven innings of work. Prow showed great poise under pressure, but the Lady Maroon defense couldn't overcome a Fenwick attack that was sparked by a solo inside-the-park home run in the third.

### MADISONVILLE 4, BISHOP BROSSART 0

The Lady Maroons returned to their winning ways on Tuesday morning behind a dominant performance in the circle from arguably the best player in the second region, Sadie Kirk. Kirk dismantled the Bishop Brossart lineup, striking out 15 batters and allowing just three hits in a complete-game shutout. She also proved to be a factor on the basepaths, swiping two of the team's four stolen bases.

Sydney Skeen provided the early lightning with a two-run single in the first inning. Skeen finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs to lead the offensive effort. Kylie Watkins also recorded a multi-hit game,

going 2-for-4. Kirk padded the lead with a fielder's choice RBI in the second, while Nevaeh Lindle and Kendall Prow each contributed hits to the seventh Madisonville total.

### MADISONVILLE 9, NOTRE DAME-CATHEDRAL LATIN 7

In a high-scoring seesaw battle to close out Tuesday, the Lady Maroons used a five-run sixth-inning surge to pull off a 9-7 comeback victory. Sadie Kirk was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate with a double and a triple and earned the win in relief, striking out four in two hitless innings. Kendall Prow started the game, allowing three earned runs over five innings of work.

Trailing 7-4 in the bottom of the sixth, the Lady Maroons' patience paid off as they drew several of their eight total walks in the game. Maggie Killough provided the heroics with a three-run triple to put Madisonville ahead for good. Killough finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a triple. Skeen also added a triple and drew two walks, while AJ Guill and Kendall Prow each coaxed two free passes to keep the pressure on the Lions. Nevaeh Lindle contributed an RBI walk in the first, and Sophie Frailley reached base on a single and a walk to help the locals secure the hard-fought win.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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The Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m. on April 23rd, 2026 in the Hopkins County Government Center, 56 North Main, Madisonville, to consider a rezoning request for M-26-38-20 (0.20 acres); M-26-38-21 (0.24 acres); M-26-38-22 (0.36 acres). Located in Earlington at 702, 704, and 708 S Lee Trover Todd Hwy from Residential (R-3) to Neighborhood Commercial (C-1). Hopkins County Joint Planning Commission, (270) 825-4457

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
HOPKINS CIRCUIT COURT  
MADISONVILLE,  
KENTUCKY 42431  
CIVIL ACTION NO.  
25-CI-00985

MSR ASSET VEHICLE LLC  
PLAINTIFF

vs. NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY

TRACY CHILDS aka TRACY LYNN CHILDS  
and HOPKINS COUNTY  
DEFENDANTS

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Hopkins Circuit Court the undersigned will, on **Monday, April 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** on the steps of the Hopkins County Judicial Center, 120 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, proceed to expose to PUBLIC SALE, the real estate located at **313 Westside Avenue, Earlington, PVA Parcel No. M-26-26-9**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 793, page 704**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.

Terms: The real estate shall be sold for cash or on credit of thirty (30) days. If on credit, the purchaser must pay a down payment of 10% of the purchase price at the time of the sale and post bond with approved surety for the balance of the purchase price, bearing interest at the rate specified in the judgment from the date of said bond, with a lien reserved upon said property until payment is made in full. The buyer shall be responsible for the current year's property taxes.

J. Keith Cartwright  
Master Commissioner  
Hopkins Circuit Court

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KENTUCKY 42431  
CIVIL ACTION NO.  
22-CI-00139

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST  
PLAINTIFF

vs. NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY

PATRICIA S. DURHAM, ET AL.  
DEFENDANTS

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Hopkins Circuit Court the undersigned will, on **Monday, April 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** on the steps of the Hopkins County Judicial Center, 120 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, proceed to expose to PUBLIC SALE, the real estate located at **1196 Daniel Boone Road, Nortonville, PVA Parcel No. MAP-97-19**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 590, page 424**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.

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MADISONVILLE,  
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CIVIL ACTION NO.  
25-CI-00753

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC  
PLAINTIFF

vs. NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY

KAILA PURDY fka KAILA NOELLE WEEDMAN, ET AL.  
DEFENDANTS

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Hopkins Circuit Court the undersigned will, on **Monday, April 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** on the steps of the Hopkins County Judicial Center, 120 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, proceed to expose to PUBLIC SALE, the real estate located at **923 McPherson Drive, Madisonville, PVA Parcel No. M-33-37-34**, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See **Deed Book 809, page 333**, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.

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CIVIL ACTION NO.  
25-CI-00739

MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC dba VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, A MISSOURI LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
PLAINTIFF

vs. NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY

RYAN O. CREAMER aka RYAN OLEN CREAMER, ET AL.  
DEFENDANTS

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