

Bengaluru Pros give TAKE Chennai team home advantage at 4th Louis Philippe Cup

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Bengaluru: The TAKE Chennai team comprising of two time European Tour winner SSP Chowrasia, and two Bengaluru boys Chikkarangappa S – Winner, TAKE Solutions India Masters 2014 and Khalin Joshi – 3rd on PGTI Order of Merit, will start as favourites when they tee off at Rs. 1.2 Crore Louis Philippe Cup at Karnataka Golf Association on June 11th.

Besides having deep knowledge about the KGA Golf course, the Bengaluru Pros have been in the sizzling form as Chikka won the 2015 PGTI Players Championship at Kensville Golf Club and Khalin Joshi won the 2015 PGTI Ahmedabad Masters presented by Kalhaar Blues & Greens Golf Course while also notching up a tied second place finish at Asian Tour's Basundhara Bangladesh Open 2015 and 14th place finish at CIMB Niaga Indonesian Masters 2015.



“My partners are doing really well in India as well as Asia and since they are from Bengaluru, I am sure the home advantage will propel us to the top. This is the first time we are coming together so there would be lot of planning and strategy. I am looking forward to sitting with the boys a day before the tournament and chalking out our winning strategy,” said Kolkata’s Chowrasia, runner-up of Hero Indian Open 2015.

Playing at home has advantages but it also comes with a lot of pressure from the local fans who will cheer them on. Chikka who has earned full Asian Tour Card this year said, “Louis Phillippe Cup is immensely followed tournament and since we are playing in Bengaluru, there will be lot of friends and family who will be walking along for all three days. Sure its pressure but their presence comes in handy on important holes. If your putting is not strong, KGA greens can be very costly, and that is where our experience of playing on this course day in and day out will come in handy.”

“Khalin and I go long way back as we have played lot of junior and amateur tournaments together. I know his game pretty well and I am sure we will click together. Presence of Chowrasia is highly inspirational for both of us, as we have literally grown up watching him clinch various Asian Tour and European tour titles. I am very excited about our chances this time,” he added.

“SSP is the most experienced player in our team and his guidance will surely help Chikka and I to do well this week. Also, the fact that I made a course record of score 10 under at KGA in the Southern India Amateur 2012 still makes me confident about playing here,” said Asian Tour ranked 35th Joshi who will play at his home course for the first time after turning pro in 2013.

“In the early phase of my pro career, I struggled a bit with my form as I used to put a lot of pressure on myself. Then, my coach Gaurav Diwan taught me the art of relaxing the mind and injecting positive enforcement. Since then the results have done the talking for me and I have improved as a golfer,” added Joshi.



Apart from TAKE Chennai, there will be six more teams that will play in the Louis Phillippe Cup which will be played in the strokeplay format for the first time. Navratna Ahmedabad, Zion Hills Bengaluru, Dev Ellora Pune, DLF The Crest Gurgaon, Laqshya Mumbai and Jaypee Greens Greater Noida will join Take Chennai to vie for the coveted trophy and prize purse of Rs. 36 Lakhs.

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