

2012 AUSTRALIAN MASTER OF THE
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SUNSHINE, AN ACE AND A NEAR RECORD ROUND

The overnight leader in the 2012 Australian Master of the Amateurs, 20 year old Nathan Holman has tightened his grip on the title ahead of tomorrow's final round at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club. With rounds of 67, 72 and 69 , Holman now holds a five shot lead over this field of 54 elite amateur golfers.

New Zealander Ben Campbell shot into contention with his round today of seven under. Campbell, like the rest of the field, enjoyed the milder conditions after the wild storms of the previous 24 hours.

But his was not the best round of the day. 17 year old West Australian Oliver Goss shot 64, just one shot off the West Course record that's survived for 50 years.

It was a case of what might have been for the teenager who lost a ball on the 12th, but still managed just 30 on the back nine.

The shot of the day belonged to Englishman Ashley Chesters ... a hole-in-one on the 202 metre par three 16th. And it's not the first time the 22 year old has scored an ace. It is in fact his fourth, the last one was eight years ago.

Queenslander Daniel Nisbet starts tomorrow's final round in striking distance of the leader. So too is world number five, Kelly Kraft from the USA and the ever consistent Tasmanian McCarthy. He has had rounds of 72 71 and 71.

The stage is set for a day of high quality golf tomorrow and a fascinating finale. Players tee off from 8.30am in their quest for the championship and the "Green Jacket". Fans are free to walk the fairways with these very talented players and there is no charge for admission to Royal Melbourne tomorrow.

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Scoreboard (after round 3)

208 Holman (67 72 69)

213 Campbell (73 75 65)

Nisbet (69 74 70)

214 McCarthy (72 71 71)

Kraft (70 75 69)

216 Stieger (70 76 70)

Goss (74 78 64)

217 Drewitt (74 73 70)

Mills (76 71 70)

Beaucousin (73 72 72)

218 Loughrey (76 73 69)

Papadatos (74 74 70)

Chesters (73 78 67)