

Jeeno Thitikul wins again for Motor City as WTGL Match 3 goes to overtime

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Jeeno Thitikul WTGL fans had plenty to cheer on Monday night, as the Thai star registered her second straight win with Motor City Golf Club. Motor City pipped Boston Common Golf 7-6 in overtime at the SoFi Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.



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Jeeno throws the Hammer on Hole 14

Jeeno, the world No. 2, teamed up with Lexi Thompson and Albane Valenzuela for Motor City. Her big moment came on Hole 14, a hole worth two points after she threw the Hammer, the leagueâ??s scoring modifier, in her Singles encounter against Japanâ??s Chizzy Iwai.

Iwai had held her own with two big putts on Holes 6 and 7. But she hit into the penalty area on Hole 14, and Jeeno took the points. The Motor City lineup now stands at two wins from two matches.

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Woad forces overtime, Valenzuela settles it

Bostonâ??s Lottie Woad forced overtime with a spectacular 40-yard eagle chip-in. The match then went to a Closest-to-Pin contest, where Valenzuela beat Woad with a shot that finished 11 feet 7 inches from the hole. Earlier, Thompson and Bostonâ??s Megan Khang had split the points in the first two short-game competitions.

Thompson, who is six months pregnant, set the early tone by dropping a 30-foot birdie putt on the third hole. With a couple of Hammers thrown by both teams, that hole was worth three points. â??I think the biggest change was Lexiâ??s putt as we got the Hammer from them, and it changed the momentum. It was positive juju for us,â?• said Jeeno.

What the players said

â??I do have a big week coming but I know to be a part of WTGL for Monday night itâ??s also my priority,â?• said the 23-year-old Jeeno, who defends her title at the LPGA Tourâ??s season-ending CME Group Tour Championship, which starts on Thursday. She added that the leagueâ??s relaxed, fun energy is a refreshing contrast to regular tournament golf.

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Iwai, a one-time LPGA Tour winner, had hoped for a winning start after her twin sister Aki lost her match for Los Angeles Golf Club last week. â??She gave me a little bit of advice â?¦ she said donâ??t think too much and just try to hit your shots,â?• said Chizzy. Of Hole 14, she added: â??That was not a

bad shot, but not enough. Yeah, disappointed.â?•

More on the league

New to the format? Our earlier piece on the inaugural WTGL womenâ??s league and its Asian stars explains how the league works. For more golf coverage from the region, read about the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship heading to Hoiana Shores and Shannon Tanâ??s third-place finish at the Hero Womenâ??s Indian Open. Results, stats and video are available at wtglgolf.com.

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