


# Porsche European Open 2016

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**25/09/2016** Alexander Levy won the second Porsche European Open in the Bavarian town of Bad Griesbach. The 26-year-old Frenchman defeated England's Ross Fisher in a play-off to claim the coveted trophy. The tournament at a glance.

The extraordinary late summer weather attracted 7,800 spectators to the course and prompted the players to produce some outstanding golf. Sweden's Michael Jonzon carded a round of 63, and will play alongside Levy and Ross Fisher in the final group. The penultimate group features the three "local heroes" from Germany and Austria – Martin Kaymer, Florian Fritsch and Bernd Wiesberger – who are tied in fourth place on -11 (131 shots). They are followed by Sweden's Robert Karlsson, who is tied in seventh place on -10 (132 shots) with Bradley Dredge (Wales) and Jean Hugo (South Africa).

## Tournament reduced to 54 holes

Heavy fog once again delayed the morning start, meaning the second round could not be completed until Saturday evening. As such, the officials took the decision to reduce the tournament to 54 holes, in order to ensure that the winner could be crowned on Sunday evening. It is the first tournament on the European Tour, at which it has not been possible to complete the full 72 holes due to fog.

Of the ten German pros who teed off at the tournament, six made the cut. Martin Kaymer and Florian Fritsch are joined in the final round by Max Rottluff and Marcel Schneider, both on -6 (133 shots), while Bernd Ritthammer is tied in 46th place on -5 (137 shots) and Marcel Siem lies in a tie for 58th place on -4 (138 shots).

A group of six players are tied in seventh place on -5 following rounds of 66 on the par-71 course: Englishmen Ben Evans, Matthew Southgate and Steve Webster, American Daniel Im, Denmark's Lucas Bjerregaard, and Swede Michael Jonzon.

## Fritsch, Kaymer, Kieffer, Rottluff, Schneider and Rosenmüller tied in 19th

The players took advantage of what continue to be very good conditions, as they strived to put themselves in a good position ahead of the second round. Among those to go under par were five German players, Florian Fritsch, Martin Kaymer, Maximilian Kieffer, Max Rottluff and Marcel Schneider, who each carded opening rounds of 67. They are tied for 19th place with outstanding amateur Thomas Rosenmüller from Munich.

Kaymer was happy with his round. "After yesterday's difficult start, I am happy with today's score. The interruptions did not bother me much. I am pleased to see so many spectators, who followed us from the first tee to the final putt. I am also pleased for Thomas Rosenmüller, who returned to the clubhouse with an excellent score." Rosenmüller visibly enjoyed his round. "I want to learn as much as possible here, and to have fun. I have not set myself any goals, but am simply trying to play my best golf." He has obviously achieved that so far.

After a brief rest, the players must tee off again on Thursday afternoon, in order to get the second round underway.

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