

Maguire's glimpse of brilliance falls short

By MATT HOWARTH

LEONA MAGUIRE shot a stunning 61 on the final day of the Amundi Evian Championship in France yesterday, equalling the lowest round in Major history.

Australia's Minjee Lee ultimately claimed the title, beating South Korea's Jeongeun Lee6 in a play-off but Maguire won plenty of plaudits for her display.

The Canadian native hit a bogey-free, 10 birdie round — including four in a row — which placed her on 13 under for the tournament, matching the score set by South Korea's Hyo Joo Kim at the same venue in 2014 and equalled by Lee6 on Friday.

But her remarkable efforts were not enough to keep pace with Lee and Lee6 ahead of the final-day shootout. Still in her maiden season on the LPGA Tour, Maguire finished in sixth place, earning a payday of €106,137 in the process.

It was Maguire's fourth major of the season and she will head to the Olympics in Japan on the back of a career-best finish this weekend.

'I've just been really consistent and giving myself opportunities,' said the 26-year-old, who will set her sights on the Games in Tokyo next week.

'My irons have been good, it's boiled down to then how I putt. And there wasn't a whole lot of difference between the 61 and 71.'

'I came off the course (on Saturday) feeling like I played great and just didn't hole any putts and today they went in... I hit it that little bit closer and just holed a few more putts. It's fine margins.'

'I felt like I had been playing really well the last couple of days. I just didn't hole any putts. It was a case of staying as patient as you possibly can and this course definitely tests it. I'd a birdie on

the first and then holed a really nice putt on the second and it just kind of snowballed from there really,' she said.

Stephanie Meadow carded a 67 for a total of five-under-par 279 to finish in tied-29th place.

Lee6 had started the day five shots clear of American teenager Yealimi Noh and made the ideal

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start with a birdie on the first hole, but played the next eight in five over par to throw the event wide open.

The 25-year-old bravely rallied on the back nine and birdied the 16th, 17th and 18th to force extra holes as Noh missed from eight feet on the last to join the play-off.

Lee, whose brother Min Woo won the Scottish Open on the European Tour a fortnight ago, completed the comeback by lipping out for eagle before tapping in for a winning birdie.

Meanwhile, Nacho Elvira won the dramatic victory in the Cazoo Open to fellow Spanish player Celia Barquin Arozamena, who was murdered in 2018.

Elvira squandered a six-shot overnight lead and bogeyed the 72nd hole before rallying to beat Justin Harding in a play-off to win his maiden European Tour title at Celtic Manor.

'Jesus, what am I doing to myself,' Elvira told Sky Sports. 'I thought I had it and pretty much under control and to be honest I got pretty nervous on the last couple of putts on the regular 18th.'

Barquin, who won the European Ladies' Amateur Championship in 2018, was a student at Iowa State University.

'I was thinking especially during the last nine or 10 holes about Celia Barquin. I was good friends with her family and this is for her,' said Elvira.



Historic Leona Maguire's 61 equaled the lowest round ever in a major

we should have the same approach to tournament bonus and tournament qualification. 'The quantum that that approach might refer to is dependent on obviously the decisions of both UEFA and FIFA as to how much they are going to pay for those bonuses but, yes, we should strive to have equality in that approach.'

FOOTBALL SHORTS
'We are in discussions, negotiations at the moment in relation to finding a way to equalize an approach to that match fee situation. 'I think the approach that is used for men and women should be the same, yes. In other words,

FAI CEO Jonathan Hill has revealed that talks are underway to implement equal pay for Ireland's men's and women's teams. As things stand, the men's senior players receive a match fee upwards of €2,000 per game. The senior women's players, meanwhile, receive a match fee of €500. And Hill has confirmed that talks are underway to redress the balance.

contract over the weekend as Manchester United pressed ahead with attempts to sign Raphael Varane. England forward Jadon Sancho has arrived from Borussia Dortmund and now United want to strengthen at the back. Solskjaer wants Varane, 28, to partner Harry Maguire in central defence, but they are yet to agree a fee for the France star. Real Madrid want more than

€40million. **IN a major blow to Stephen's Kenny's plans, Ireland international Jason Knight has been ruled out of the World Cup qualifiers due to injury. Derby County manager Wayne Rooney confirmed yesterday that the midfielder is the 'eight to 12 weeks' out of action after the 20-year-old injured his ankle during Derby's training camp in Surrey last week.**

SPORTS BRIEF

CRICKET
THIRD TWENTY20 INTERNATIONAL — Harare, Zimbabwe 93 (20 overs, M Maitland 54), Bangladesh 194-5 (19.1 overs, S Saikat 66), Bangladesh win by 5 wickets.

FIRST TWENTY20 INTERNATIONAL — Colombo, India 164-5 (20 overs, S Yadav 42), Sri Lanka 126 (18.3 overs, B Kumar 23), India win by 38 runs.

THE HUNDRED MEN — Old Trafford, Birmingham Phoenix 97 (14 balls, Parkinson 49), Manchester Originals 89-4 (73 balls), Manchester Originals win by 6 wickets.

Lord's, London Spirit v Oval Invincibles Match abandoned.

THE HUNDRED WOMEN — Lord's, Oval Invincibles 132-7 (100 balls, Capsey 59), London Spirit 117-7 (100 balls), Oval Invincibles win by 15 runs.

Old Trafford, Birmingham Phoenix 113-9 (100 balls), Manchester Originals 93-8 (100 balls), Birmingham Phoenix win by 20 runs.

FOOTBALL
PREMIER SPORTS CUP — Group A: Hearts 1 Inverness CT 0. GROUP B: St Mirren 2 Partick 0.

FRIENDLY: Rangers 2 Real Madrid 1.

GOLF
EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP (Evian-les-Bains) — Final rnd (Gbr & Irl unless stated, Par 71): 266 — M-J Lee (Aus) 68 69 65 64 (Lee won on first play-off hole), J-G Lee (Kor) 66 61 68 71, 267 — Y Noh (USA) 65 68 67 67, 269 — A Furue (Jpn) 66 68 68 67, 270 — A Tritikul (Tha) 66 69 70 65, 271 — L Ke (NZ) 68 65 68 70, J-G Chun (Kor) 68 68 68 67, G Hall 69 72 66 64, L Maguire 69 71 66, 273 — A Yang (Kor) 71 69 67 66, P Anantakarn (Tha) 65 65 72 71.

CAZOO OPEN (City of Newport) — Final rnd (Gbr & Irl unless stated, Par 71): 268 — J Elvira (Sp) 64 67 66 71 (Elvira won on first play-off hole); J Harding (SA) 68 69 66 65, 269 — M Kaahonen (Fin) 66 70 67 66, 270 — C Shinikwa (Jpn) 72 63 67, 272 — M Kawamura (Jpn) 71 63 71 67.

MOTORCYCLING
GRAND PRIX OF NETHERLANDS (Assen, Netherlands) — Race 1: J Rea (GB) Kawasaki 30mins 48.682secs, 2 S Redding (GB) Ducati at 3.093secs, 3 I Bazdarratutu (Tur) Yamaha at 3.214.

Race 2: J Rea (GB) Kawasaki 33mins 27.885secs, 2 S Redding (GB) Ducati at 1.605secs, 3 A Locatelli (It) Yamaha at 3.431. Overall: 1 J Rea (GB) 243pts, 2 T Bazdarratutu (Tur) 206, 3 S Redding (GB) 162.

RUGBY LEAGUE
BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE SATURDAY

CATALANS D...	HULL KR	...	30
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Hull KR	12	10	0
Warrington	13	9	1
Wigan	15	10	0
Hull	12	7	1
Hull KR	11	6	0
Leeds	14	7	0
Castleford	14	8	0
Salford	14	4	0
Huddersfield	15	4	0
Wakefield	15	4	0
Leigh	13	0	0

RUGBY UNION
BRITISH & IRISH LIONS TOUR SOUTH AFRICA... 17 B & I RUSH LIONS 22 South Africa — T de Klerk, P Fullard 4, British & Irish Lions — T Cooney-Dickie, C Biggar, P Biggar 4, Farrell.

TENNIS
ATP SWISS OPEN GSTAAD (Switzerland) — Final: 13 C Roud (Nor) bt H Gaston (F) 3-6, 2.

TODAY'S ACTION
CRICKET — The Hundred, Trent Rockets v Northern Superchargers (Trent Bridge, Women 3pm, Men 6.30pm)

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clerestory windows to rear and side and with pitched frameless glass roof light as link to existing house from Entrance Level down to Garden Level, all to rear of existing house and to side of existing return (e) blocking up non-original opening in central spine wall at basement level and plastering with lime based render, (f) removal of internal stud partition and blocking up of original door opening to increase size of Bathroom at Garden Level rear return and (g) all associated site works at 5 Longford Terrace, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, A Protected Structure. The planning application may be inspected or purchased for a fee not exceeding a reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the Planning Authority, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 4.00pm. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the Planning Authority on payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by the Planning Authority and such submissions or observations will be considered by the Planning Authority in making a decision on the application. The Planning Authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

South Dublin County Council
We, Jean & David Haslam intend to apply for permission for development at this site 3 Willbrook Street, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. The development will consist / consists of part demolition of existing rear single storey extension and proposed new two storey flat roof extension with roof lights and all associated works. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at the offices of south Dublin county council, county hall, town centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 during its public opening hours of Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and may also be viewed on the council's website - www.sdcc.ie. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to south Dublin County Council on payment of a fee of €20 within 5 weeks of receipt of the application by South Dublin County Council and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions or may refuse to grant permission.

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