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**International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT) Presents  
The IJGT Event at Saddlebrook Resort Spring  
Wesley Chapel, FL  
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**RUSHTON WINS IN SPECTACULAR FASHION**

*SAKURAGI IMPRESSIVE IN WIN*

**WESLEY CHAPEL, FL**—This week the International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT) returned to Saddlebrook Resort for another thrilling event. Home to the famed Palmer course, Saddlebrook played host for 84 of the area's best junior golfers all looking to take home the ultimate prize. You could not have asked for better golf weather for both rounds as temperatures hovered in the mid 80's with a slight breeze. The strong field of IJGT competitors was forced to navigate the Palmer Courses slick undulating greens and hazard ridden layout. However, with the sun shining and the large galleries looking on, each junior golfer put forth their best effort in pursuit of competitive glory.

In the Boys 16-19 Division, Hank Haney International Junior Golf Academy (HHIJGA) student Matthew Rushton of Johannesburg, South Africa came out of the box firing and never let up. Rushton posted a spectacular 6-under-par 65 on Saturday to take a commanding lead heading into the final round. With a determined field on his heels, Rushton was cool under pressure firing a 73 on Sunday to capture the first place title. Rushton finished in red figures with a score of 138. Finishing in second place was Ernesto Vitienes (HHIJGA) of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Vitienes carded impressive rounds of 69 and 73 to finish with an even-par score of 142. Rounding out the top three in the age division was Matt Fry of Bel Air, MD. Fry wrapped up his tournament with a score of 146.



No stranger to winning on tour, the humble Rushton sat down with us to talk about his incredible performance. "I feel great to get the win this week. I played pretty well all weekend and it's nice to walk away with a victory. My ball striking could have been better but I made up for it around the greens with my putting." When asked what his future in golf will hold, Rushton was gracious in his response. "I just want to keep getting better and continue to work hard on my game."

In a close battle coming all the way down to the 36<sup>th</sup> hole, local product Arthur S. Edelman of Wesley Chapel, FL outlasted his competitors to take home the championship in the Boys 13-15 Division. Coming into Sunday's round 2-strokes behind the leader, the consistent Edelman carded a 75 on Sunday to finish with a score of 148. Coming in a close second was Gustavo Romero of Howey-in-the-Hills, FL. Romero shot rounds of 76 and 73 to finish with a score of 149. Improving on his opening round 77 on

Saturday, Santiago Lopez of Boca Del Rio, Mexico came back strong on Sunday to post a 2-over-par 73 to win third place. Santiago finished with a tournament total of 150.

After playing well on his home track, Edelman took a minute to talk to us about his overall game this weekend. "I hit the ball great off the tee this week and hit some good iron shots. My putting could have been better but I feel very happy with the way I played." Hoping to one day play golf at the collegiate level, Edelman took the time to thank his friends and coaches for coming out and supporting him.



Capturing his 4<sup>th</sup> straight IJGT title, Noah Edmondson of Davidson, NC put on another impressive display of golf to win the Boys U-12 Division. Edmondson was tied going into the final round after posting a respectable 75 on Saturday. With the pressure mounting, he put his game in overdrive and pulled away from the field. Edmondson fired a 2-over-par 73 on Sunday to finish with a score of 148. Placing in the top 3 for the second time in as many weeks was Derrick Villarreal (HHIJGA) of Hartland, WI, who shot rounds of 75 and 78 to claim second place honors. Villarreal finished the tournament with a score of 153. Coming in third place was IJGT familiar face Michael Phan of Newport Coast, CA. Phan finished with a score of 165.



Starting to gain a psychological edge on his competition, the red-hot Edmondson sat down with us to talk about what went well for him this weekend. "I thought my ball striking was pretty consistent for both rounds and I was able to make some putts when I needed to. I think I did a good job of thinking my way around the course and not making any big mistakes." After giving another exhilarating victory speech, Edmondson wanted to thank his dad for giving him the opportunity to play.

In the Girls U-19 Division, Momo Sakuragi (HHIJGA) of Tokyo, Japan would not be denied a first place championship as she edged out a close victory. Sakuragi stayed focused all weekend with a hungry field nipping at her toes. In the end, her consistent play led to firing rounds of 69 and 72 to finish in red figures for the tournament. Sakuragi finished with a 1-under-par score of 141. Staring a playoff right in the eye, Anna Young of Saskatoon, Canada posted a final round 73 to finish in a close second. Young finished with a tournament total of 142. Third place honors went to Yingzhou Yun of Howey-in-the-Hills, FL after finishing with a score of 147.

Excited about getting the win, Sakuragi took a minute to talk about how she came out on top. "I hit the ball very well this weekend. I had some great second shots on both days which left me with some easy putts. Overall, I just really played consistent." Admitting that this win was at the top of her list, Sakuragi made sure to thank her parents and coaches for believing in her.



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The IJGT was founded in 1995 for junior golfers ages 10-19. Its purpose is to provide aspiring collegiate players the opportunity to compete in a series of events against the highest quality U.S. and international competition.

This year's schedule features 65 open events and 6 invitational events at some of the finest courses in the U. S. as well as tournaments in Mexico, Canada, and Scotland.

Nearly 2000 junior golfers compete on the IJGT representing 43 states and 28 countries. These young men and women will have the opportunity to participate in the national junior ranking system sponsored by Golfweek and Junior Golf Scoreboard.

**WESLEY CHAPEL, FL** —Final round results of the IJGT at Saddlebrook Resort Spring conducted by the International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT) on the Palmer Course played Sunday, April 25 2010. Boys 16-19 Division: Blue Tees – 6641 yards, par 71, (71.9/134). Boys 13-15 Division: White Tees – 6318 yards, par 71, (71.1/132) Boys U-12 & Girls U-19 Divisions: Gold Tees – 5743 yards, Par 71 (Boys: 70.6/130; Girls:73.5/134 )

**Weather**

**Saturday: Sunny with temperatures in the low 80's**

**Sunday: Sunny with times of wind and temperatures in the low 80's**

**IJGT at Saddlebrook Resort**

**Palmer Course**

**Wesley Chapel, FL**

**April 23-25, 2010**

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Boys 16-19 Division (Blue Tees)</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>RD 1</b>	<b>RD 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>To Par</b>
1	Matthew Rushton - Johannesburg, South Africa (HHIJGA)	2013	65	73	138	-4
2	Ernesto Vitienes - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (HHIJGA)	2010	69	73	142	E
3	Matt Fry - Bel Air, MD	2010	73	73	146	4
4	Marco Iten - Niederglatt, Switzerland	2009	76	71	147	5
5	Charlie Durman - Margaretting, United Kingdom (HHIJGA)	2011	79	72	151	9
6	Luke Park - Monument, CO (HHIJGA)	2013	73	80	153	11
7	Alex Wagner - Hasting, MN (HHIJGA)	2011	74	80	154	12
8	John Steven Thomson - Cresco, IA (HHIJGA)	2011	79	76	155	13
8	Takashi Murayama - Monverde, FL	2011	77	78	155	13
8	Nico Evangelista - Quezon City, Philippines (HHIJGA)	2012	77	78	155	13
8	Alexandre Bensahel - Wesley Chapel, FL	2011	74	81	155	13
12	Conner Christoff - Wayzata, MN	2009	79	77	156	14
12	Jordan Botelho - Mattapoissett, MA (HHIJGA)	2009	78	78	156	14
14	Thomas Strandemo - Fargo, ND (HHIJGA)	2012	80	77	157	15
14	Felipe Da Paz - Howey in the Hills, FL	2011	78	79	157	15
16	Michael Riley - Wesley Chapel, FL	2010	78	80	158	16
16	Phillip Delacher - Howey-in-the-hills, FL	2011	75	83	158	16
16	Adam Chowdhari - Tampa, FL	2011	75	83	158	16

19	David Kirk - Heathrow, FL (HHIJGA)	2010	84	75	159	17
20	Skyler Mednick - Calabasas, CA (HHIJGA)	2011	83	77	160	18
20	Jordi Torrent - Barcelona, Spain	2011	81	79	160	18
22	Albert Vilarasau - Wesley Chapel, FL	2011	83	78	161	19
22	Guan Jie Wang - Shen Zhen, China	2011	80	81	161	19
24	Justin Harris - Carlisle, MA	2010	88	74	162	20
24	Ryan Harris - Carlisle, MA	2012	82	80	162	20
24	Nicholas Wallace - Centerville, OH (HHIJGA)	2011	75	87	162	20
27	Kuan-Heng Lin - Taipei, Taiwan	2012	85	78	163	21
27	Davis Keough - Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, Canada (HHIJGA)	2011	80	83	163	21
27	Arnaldo Rodriguez Talleda - Wesley Chapel, FL	2012	78	85	163	21
30	Matt DeGiorgio - Howey-in-the-Hills, FL	2011	80	84	164	22
31	Richard Zhang - Bradenton, FL	2013	87	79	166	24
32	Pedro Garcia-Leoni - Howey-in-the-Hills, FL	2011	85	82	167	25
33	Dak Spivey - Llyold Harbor, NY (HHIJGA)	2011	87	81	168	26
33	Jose Armenteros - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic (HHIJGA)	2010	82	86	168	26
35	Phil Loewe - Charlottenlund, Denmark (HHIJGA)	2010	84	89	173	31
36	Joe Noller - Lawrence, KS (HHIJGA)	2009	81	94	175	33
37	Francisco Arias - San Juan, Puerto Rico	2011	92	87	179	37
37	Nick Fedeli - Milan, Italy (HHIJGA)	2010	93	86	179	37
39	Cole Chachko - Little Silver, NJ (HHIJGA)	2009	90	90	180	38
40	Phillip Jinwoo Kim - Seoul, South Korea (HHIJGA)	2011	107	102	209	67
	Fredric Nordhoff - Issaquah, WA (HHIJGA)	2009	73	WD - Justified		
	Mateo Serrano - Mexico City, Mexico	2009	74	DQ Rule 33-7/8		
	Seok il Kim - Wesley Chapel, FL	2010	WD - Justified			

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Boys 13-15 Division (White Tees)</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>RD 1</b>	<b>RD 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>To Par</b>
1	Arthur S. Edelman - Wesley Chapel, FL	2012	73	75	148	6
2	Gustavo Romero - Howey-in-the-Hills, FL	2014	76	73	149	7
3	Santiago Lopez - Boca Del Rio, Mexico	2014	77	73	150	8
4	Carlos Madrigal - Howey in the Hills, FL	2011	80	72	152	10
5	Emilio Maurer Lorente - Howey-in-the-Hills, FL	2013	79	74	153	11
6	Andrea Bacchi - Milan, Italy (HHIJGA)	2013	75	81	156	14
7	Renato Bordes - Xalapa, Mexico (HHIJGA)	2013	77	81	158	16
8	Liam Courtney - Saskatoon, Canada (HHIJGA)	2012	81	78	159	17
9	Pedro Romero - Sanlucar De Barrameda, Spain	2013	83	77	160	18
9	JJ Qualkenbush - La Quinta, CA (HHIJGA)	2014	80	80	160	18
9	Elliott Azoulay - Wesley Chapel, FL	2013	71	89	160	18
9	Raimondo Franchi - Milano, Italy (HHIJGA)	2012	75	85	160	18
13	Tommy Nettles - McMurray, PA	2013	86	75	161	19
14	Pierce Debaldo - Wesley Chapel, FL	2013	91	90	181	39
15	Rafael Canedo Andrade - Puebla, Mexico (HHIJGA)	2014	92	98	190	48
	Armel Cid de leon Muguria - Howey-in-the-Hills, FL	2013	WD - Justified			
	Arjun Madgavkar - Short Hills, NJ	2012	82	DQ Rule 6-3a		

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Boys U-12 Division (Gold Tees)</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>RD 1</b>	<b>RD 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>To Par</b>
1	Noah Edmondson - Davidson, NC	2015	75	73	148	6
2	Derrick Villarreal - Hartland, WI (HHIJGA)	2015	75	78	153	11
3	Michael Phan - Newport Coast, CA	2015	87	78	165	23
4	Chandler Morris - Waterbury, CT	2016	86	83	169	27

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Girls U-19 Division (Gold Tees)</b>	<b>Grad</b>	<b>RD 1</b>	<b>RD 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>To Par</b>
1	Momo Sakuragi - Tokyo, Japan (HHIJGA)	2012	69	72	141	-1
2	Anna Young - Saskatoon, Canada (HHIJGA)	2011	69	73	142	E
3	Yingzhou Yun - Howey-in-the-hills, FL	2012	71	76	147	5
4	Noriko Inoue - Tokyo, Japan (HHIJGA)	2010	76	77	153	11

<b>5</b>	Yuri Otsuka - Chiba, Japan (HHIJGA)	2011	78	79	157	15
<b>6</b>	Caroline Dula - Salisbury, NC (HHIJGA)	2011	81	77	158	16
<b>7</b>	Lauren Riehle - Wesley Chapel, FL	2012	77	83	160	18
<b>8</b>	Ana Paula Costa - Rio De Janeiro, Brazil	2012	86	75	161	19
<b>8</b>	Ann Kathrin Wuensch - Herrenberg, Germany (HHIJGA)	2012	81	80	161	19
<b>10</b>	Maia Schechter - Takoma Park, MD	2011	85	77	162	20
<b>11</b>	Sammi Lee - Winter Park, FL	2013	84	81	165	23
<b>12</b>	Mallory Etcheberry - Wesley Chapel, FL	2013	82	84	166	24
<b>13</b>	Nina Hwang - Wesley Chapel, FL	2012	91	85	176	34
<b>13</b>	Caitlin Gilchrist - Howey in the Hills, FL	2014	93	83	176	34
<b>15</b>	Carly Humes - The Woodlands, TX (HHIJGA)	2010	93	84	177	35
<b>16</b>	Alexa Clark - Devon, PA (HHIJGA)	2010	90	94	184	42
<b>17</b>	Christina Patracuolla - Boonton, NJ	2011	95	95	190	48
<b>18</b>	Toniann Bergamini - Fairfield, NJ (HHIJGA)	2010	97	99	196	54