

Colin Montgomerie shares lead with Søren Hansen

Colin Montgomerie fires a stellar 64 to claim the lead on day 3 at the Nordic Open 2003.

Simon's Golf Club – August 9, 2003 – Scotland's Colin Montgomerie has roared back from a disappointing first round to tie Denmark's Søren Hansen for first place at 17 under after three days of action at the Nordic Open 2003.

Saying "it was a very exciting day," Montgomerie credits his pinpoint iron play and his putts starting to fall for his back to back rounds of 65 and 64 respectively. The seven-in-row Volvo Order of Merit leader was just two under after the week's first round and frustrated with his play. He however, has seemed to have snapped out of his funk and will appear in Sunday's final group for the first time in some 10 months.

On tomorrow's match and fellow competitor – the hometown favourite, Søren Hansen, Montgomerie said "all credit to him. Local player... plays all his golf here and when he's away from the Tour and third round, to score 62. That's very, very good effort that. I will be pleased if he finishes second," he added with a smile.

Hansen in praise of Montgomerie earlier in day thanked the Scot for his own fine play. Saying, that having played the first two rounds along side of Montgomerie it helped to build his confidence, and enable today's record-tying round of 62.

When Montgomerie was told of Hansen's "thank you" he replied with a grin, "He thanked me? I inspired him? Well I hope I'm not playing with him tomorrow."

Montgomerie and Hansen will meet tomorrow in the final pairing and begin their day at 17 under.

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