

Chopra tied 40th at Colonial golf tourney

Daniel Chopra shot a final round of 71 to finish in tied 40th place at the Crowne Plaza Invitational at the Colonial on Sunday.

Chopra had two birdies against one bogey, all on front nine on an otherwise sedate day, where he parred his last 11 holes. Chopra, whose earlier rounds were 73, 68 and 67 earned \$23,180 for his 40th place.

American Phil Mickelson claimed the top prize after a 68 for a winning total of 266. Mickelson had a memorable shot, a 140-yard wedge shot from heavy rough that gave him a nine-foot birdie putt which he converted for a fine win.

The birdie closed out a round of 2-under 68 that got Mickelson to 14-under 266, a stroke better than Rod Pampling (68) and Tim Clark (66) for his second victory at Colonial. It was the 34th career victory for Mickelson. Stephen Ames (70) finished fourth at 269, a stroke ahead of Ben Crane (67).

Mickelson earned \$1.098 million, nearly double the \$594,000 check he got for winning the last Colonial eight years ago.

Among other Asian Tour players, Korea's Charlie Wi, the 2006 Maybank Malaysian Open winner, shot a strong 68 in his closing round to finish in joint 15th place after a 276 total. Sweden's Daniel Chopra recorded a 71 and was among those in joint 40th spot.

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