

Jeev hangs in 27th, Kapur, Randhawa fade away

It was an eminently forgettable day for at least two of three Indians left in the fray at the Open de France ALSTOM. Shiv Kapur, who set the course ablaze with a 63 in the second round, went for a five-over 76 and dropped to 43rd, while Jyoti Randhawa played a nightmarish 10-over 81 that put him right at the bottom in 68th place.

Jeev Milkha Singh, despite three bogeys - one of them on the 18th, hung in for one-under 70 and was tied 27th with one more round to go. Jeev began well with birdies on third and fourth but dropped a shot on eighth. He birdied 10th and 14th, but bogeyed 12th and 18th. He was one-under 212 for three rounds and 10 behind the leader Spaniard Pablo Larrazabal.

Kapur (76) unable to find a single birdie a day after finding nine in the second round, had two bogeys and a triple bogey to drop to tied 43rd after being eighth the previous day. Randhawa had three birdies on the back nine, but he also had four bogeys and a triple during a front nine 43 and had one more bogey and a five-over 8 on par-3 16th.

Meanwhile, world's 481st ranked Larrazabal's brilliant third round of four under par 67 at Le Golf National saw the 25-year-old Spaniard hold off Colin Montgomerie (68), Lee Westwood (69) and everyone else in the field. He is now 11-under par 202, three clear of the eight-time Order of Merit winner Montgomerie and Soren Hansen (67), with Westwood joined by David Lynn (71) a further stroke back on seven under.

Larrazabal, whose brother Alejandro was British amateur champion in 2002, birdied four of his first eight holes to take command of the event.

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