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### Mission accomplished

Emirates Summer Open champion Christopher Davies with John Watts (left), Brand Manager, Ben Hogan and Top Flite, and Mick Brett, vice-captain, Emirates Golf Club.

## Teenager Davies secures incredible victory

Staff Report

**Dubai** Seventeen-year-old Chris Davies came up with an incredible final burst against more seasoned opponents to clinch the 2005 Emirates Summer Open on the Majlis Course of the Emirates Golf Club yesterday.

The teenager's feat was reminiscent of World No 2 Ernie Els's eagle on the final hole while winning the Dubai Desert Classic. Yesterday it was the 17-year-old Davies's turn to pull off one of the best shots ever seen on the 18th hole.

Tied on 3-over par with defending champion Butch

Kamps from the Emirates Golf Club, and fellow club-mate Dino Varkey, with just one hole to play, Davies belied his tender age and fired a 4-iron 200 yards to within two feet of the hole on the long par-5 that has seen the likes of Tiger Woods, Colin Montgomerie and Ian Woosnam meet a disastrous end.

### Calm show

With players of the calibre of Kamps and Varkey almost certain of birdies, which they duly made, Davies calmly stroked his eagle putt into the centre of the cup for a round of level par 72 and a 36-hole

aggregate of 145. Varkey's excellent final round of 71 saw him claim the runner-up prize from Kamps by virtue of a countback over the second day.

Kamps, who has won this prestigious title, which is sponsored by Top-Flite and Hogan, two of the three years since its inception, took third place with 146.

Overnight leader, Charlie Stricklin (EGC), won fourth place with a 149.

The daily Gross prizes were won by David Wall (EGC - 74) on Day 1 and Kurt Alexa (EGC - 73) for Day 2, while Mike Craig (EGC - 70) and Kunwar Khehar (EGC - 69) were

rewarded for their net scores in each round. Overall Net winner was Phil D'Abo with scores of 77 and 63, edging Mario Ramones into second.