

British youngster Tom Lewis won the Portugal Masters on Sunday to earn a European Tour exemption in only his third event as a professional.



Lewis, 20, produced an exhilarating final round of 65, the same score he shot to lead this year's British Open in the first round, for a total of 267, two strokes better than Spain's Rafael Cabrera-Bello.

After beginning the final round four strokes off the pace there were no early signs Lewis would pull off such a memorable success. But a blistering run of four successive birdies from the 14th, including a stunning 30-foot putt on the short 16th that took him to the top of the leaderboard, earned him the € 400.000 first prize.

The event was staged for the 5th successive time at the magnificent Oceancio Victoria golfcourse and is becoming more and more popular with the European tour players. This year Martin Kaymer, Thomas Bjorn, Colin Montgomery, Pdraig Harrington , Paul Lawrie, Ross Fisher, Miguel Angel Jimenez and Jose Maria Olazabal were among the competing prominent European players.

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