

439 YARDS! WILCO WOWS

Before he stepped to the fourth tee in round one of the Joburg Open (where he finished second), South African Wilco Nienaber was

already known for eye-popping distance; the 20-year-old leads the European Tour in average driving distance at 341 yards.

But with his new G425 LST driver, he put his might into a 439-yard effort on the 597-yard par 5 that was *big*, even for him, eliciting remarks of awe and disbelief from TV commentators.

Nienaber's all-around talent showed in his opening 63, posting nine birdies and an eagle and his driving average was 416 yards, 85 yards longer than the field average. This was his third top 10 in only 23 European Tour events.

Wilco Nienaber, who plays a G425 LST driver, is a rising talent.



Ally McDonald reacts to her ace.

McDONALD SHARP AGAIN

With just two weeks until the U.S. Open, Ally McDonald's game is ascending at an opportune time.

Her runner-up finish Sunday at the Pelican Women's Championship, which included her first career ace on the 12th hole Saturday with an i210 pitching wedge, follows her first win, at the LPGA Drive On Championship.

Brooke Henderson is trending

in a positive direction, too. She was T6 with Angela Stanford at the Pelican. The Canadian has a second and two more sixth-place finishes in her past four events.

All three PING pros play the i210 iron, which was by far the #1 iron model at the tournament, as it continues to dominate the count on the LPGA Tour. PING was also the #1 brand of iron.