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The second win: Nick Bachem also takes the Gradi Polish Open by EmeraldlD

German amateur Nick Bachem secured his second win on the Pro Golf Tour 2021 season with a victory at the Gradi Polish Open by EmeraldlD 2021. For three rounds at Gradi Golf Club the 21-year-old recorded 15 under par (63, 64, 68) and was therefore one stroke ahead of compatriot Nico Lang and Swiss professional Marco Iten.

Prusice/Poland - Who will be the first double winner of the 2021 season and at the same time the new number 1 in the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit? This question came up after 53 holes of the Gradi Polish Open by EmeraldlD 2021, when professional Marco Iten from Switzerland and German amateur Nick Bachem teed off on the 18th hole at the picturesque course of Gradi Golf Club in Prusice, Poland. With a birdie on No. 17, his third birdie on this hole during the tournament, Nick Bachem had just moved to 15 under par and regained sole leadership; Iten was 14 under par but had birdied hole 18, a par 3, in each of the first two rounds. “The pin position was extremely difficult on the 18th today; Marco played cleanly in the middle of the green, but still needed two putts,” reported Nick Bachem a little later, when he, like his playing partner, had made par at the final hole, securing a perfect victory for himself at the 6th tournament of the 2021 Pro Golf Tour. For the German top amateur, reigning European champion with Team Germany, it is already the second success of the season; he had won the Red Sea Ain Sokhna Classic in Egypt in April. With 10,985.57 points, he now also takes over first place of the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit.

“It’s now time for me to turn pro and take home the prize money as well as the points,” Nick Bachem said with a laugh as he accepted the winner’s trophy for the tournament with 30,000 euros in prize money. 5,000 points for the Pro Golf Tour Order of Merit were credited to him, the top prize money of 5,000 euros went to Marco Iten. “The final round didn’t really go well for me,” said Bachem, “I didn’t have my distances well under control and I’m actually surprised that I’m still in the lead now.” After rounds 1 and 2, he led the competition by two strokes, but in the final round he had an exciting exchange with Iten and Lang, especially on the back nine. In the end, he narrowly relegated both of them to second place and received the winner’s trophy.

Bachem’s move to turn pro is now actually imminent: next week, he will compete once again as an amateur for Golf Team Germany when the team competes as defending champions at the European Championships in Spain. “Right after that I’ll turn pro, and of course I’ll keep playing on the Pro Golf Tour and try to win a third time,” Bachem said. That would then be tantamount to direct promotion to the Challenge Tour 2022.

The European Championship is also the reason why he is going to miss next week’s Karolinka Golf Park Matchplay, which will be contested by his PGT colleagues from 5 to 8 July at Karolina Golf Park in Kamień Śląski in Poland (www.pro-golf-tour.com). ■

Gradi Polish Open by EmeraldlD 2021

Pro Golf Tour 2021 Order of Merit tournament, 30 June to 2 July 2021, Gradi Golf Club, Prusice, Poland

Position	Name	Country	+/-	R1	R2	R3	Total	OFM points
1	Nick Bachem (am)	Germany	-15	63	64	68	195	5,000.00
T2	Nico Lang (am)	Germany	-14	66	64	66	196	2,500.00
T2	Marco Iten	Switzerland	-14	68	61	67	196	2,500.00
4	Finn Fleer	Germany	-12	66	64	68	198	1,500.00

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