

Media Information

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**Sunshine, smiling faces, and great anticipation for the 36th BMW International Open.**

+++ Pro-Am tournament featuring football, winter sports, and film stars +++ Pros excited for a special week on the tour calendar +++ Martin Kaymer: "I'm proud that we have such a fantastic event in Germany" +++ Quotes and images from Wednesday +++ All press conferences available for download as video +++

**Munich.** Excitement was palpable today at Golfclub München Eichenried ahead of the tournament rounds of the 36<sup>th</sup> BMW International Open (July 2–6, 2025) – among amateurs, who got to play a memorable round with a pro in the Pro-Am tournament, among professionals set to compete for one of the most coveted titles on the DP World Tour starting tomorrow, and among fans, who witnessed a host of celebrities on the course.

The only German winner in the tournament's history, Martin Kaymer, teed off alongside "Golden Goal" hero Oliver Bierhoff, former national player Tim Borowski, and coach Ralph Hassenhüttl (AUT). A "golden trio" was formed by six-time Olympic luge champions Tobias Wendl and Tobias Arlt (doubles), together with Michael Greis, three-time Olympic biathlon champion. Ice hockey was also well represented by NHL stars Moritz Seider and Tim Stützle, as well as national team player Maximilian Kastner. Former world-class tennis player and record winner of the BMW Open in Munich, Philipp Kohlschreiber, also proved his skills with a golf club.

From the film industry, actors Kai Wiesinger and Kostja Ullmann, as well as director, screenwriter, and producer Florian Gallenberger, joined the event. A native of Munich, Gallenberger won an Oscar in 2001 in the Best Live Action Short Film category. Celebrity photographer Paul Ripke also showed his talents on the championship course.

The first round of the BMW International Open starts on Thursday at 7:30 a.m., with three-player groups teeing off from Tee 1 and Tee 10.

**Quotes from Wednesday.**

**Martin Kaymer (GER):** "The people you work with make all the difference. You can really feel how much passion and attention to detail everyone at BMW puts in. That makes it very pleasant for us players. It's a luxury on the DP World Tour to be able to play here. I'm always grateful and, as a German, proud that we have such a fantastic event. It's a joy to come here every time."

**Marcel Siem (GER):** "I don't usually say this before a tournament, but I finally want to win here. That's always my goal when I come. I've been coming here since I was a kid and even became club champion. No one knows the course better than I do. I want to win and put on a great show."

**Ewen Ferguson (SCO):** "I've always loved coming to this tournament. Munich is such a beautiful city. It's always a pleasure to be here. The course, the event, the infrastructure, the player's lounge, the food—everything is fantastic. Coming back as the defending champion and seeing my face around the venue is a great feeling."

**Tobias Arlt (GER):** "It's just awesome to be part of the BMW International Open. It's incredibly beautiful to play in this weather. Enjoying the Pro-Am with the pros and learning from them is amazing."

**Tobias Wendl (GER):** "It's so impressive to see what the professionals can do, but it's also great to see the people. We're usually alone on the golf course. That's why it's great to see how many people are passionate about the sport."

**Michael Greis (GER):** "The pros are just insane. It really shows how far away we amateurs are. But it's incredibly fun. An absolute blast."

**Luke Donald (ENG):** "It's great to be around the players and to interact with them as much as possible. That's a very important and meaningful part of my job - to talk to them and see how they play. Playing the

course yourself gives you a better understanding. And when someone posts a strong score, you've seen it firsthand. I enjoy a healthy mix of watching tournaments on TV and playing a few myself—especially the BMW International Open."

**We have recorded today's press conferences in full length as video files. You may use these recordings free of charge for editorial purposes. You can find the files, along with all other recordings from the 2025 BMW International Open, here: <https://nextcloud.bs-plus.de/s/gfJoH7wsrrzawHT>**

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