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## King is the master with hickory win

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MARK King, who won the Scottish Boys' Championship exactly 20 years ago at Dunbar, confirmed his liking for East Lothian links by withstanding a late surge by defending champion Lindsay Mann to win the PGA World Hickory Open over windswept Gullane No 2 yesterday.

On a day when players were simply trying to hold things together going out before hoping to pick up some shots on the journey home, King, a 38-year-old who is attached to the Kingsfield Golf Centre outside Linlithgow, shot a two-over-par 73. That gave him a 36-hole total of 148, six-over-par, and a two-shot victory in the race for a first prize of just over £2,000 from Carnoustie professional Mann and Alasdair Good, of the host club.

"Even though I see this event as being a bit of fun, it still feels good to have become a world champion," noted King, who clinched his success thanks to a strong finish. After getting home in two at the long 16th, he holed from eight feet for an eagle and then sank a 15-footer for a birdie at the last. "Playing with hickory clubs is all about timing," he added.

For the second day running, Mann made his score on the back nine. Out in 41, five-over, he stormed home in 33, two-under, having signed for birdies at the 13th, 16th and 18th holes. Good, one of three joint-leaders at the halfway stage, had to settle for a share of second after a 77.

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