

Zhang claims Britam Series crown

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Chinese golfer Zhang Fangyi returned 43 points to win the inaugural edition of the East Africa Britam Golf Series 2026 at Kitale on Saturday.

Zhang who plays off a handicap of 22, beat over 200 contestants to the top prize, including the 13 ladies in her group (B). He nearest challengers included Albert Kisembo and Jeremiah Magembe, who scored 42 points each from the men's Group C, as well as Paul Ndyaguma and Dickson Agaba, who scored 41 points each in the men's groups A and B.

Despite managing only three pars on the par 5s holes 5 and 13 and the par-4 18 in addition to 15 bogeys, her score was the best of the lot in the one-day championship that brought together corporate leaders, captains of the industry, their customers, and the Britam teams in the regions, offering them an opportunity to network. "I only started playing about one and a half years ago, and this



Britam Group MD Tom Gitogo (L) hands over a prize to Zhang

is my second podium finish. I practice a lot and I think that helped a lot," Zhang, who got her first podium finish during the Kenya Day Golf Championship last November, said. Morris Ashaba (39pts) and Aggrey Mutaka (37pts) were the other best performers from the men's Group A, while

Dickson Agaba and Godwill Bindeeba shone in Group B. Gloria Mbaguta led the charge in the ladies' Group A with 36 points, ahead of Lydia Mutesi (34) and Cathy Wabomba (32), as Sarah Nduhukire, Connie Nshemeirwe, and Peace Musisi (30) stood out in Group B.