



SUPERIOR STROKES. South Korea's Sun-Ju Ahn lines up a putt on the 9th green during the final day of the women's British Open golf championship at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England, in this July 13, 2014 file photo. Ahn recently won the Toto Japan Classic for her first Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour victory and 20th Japan LPGA title. (AP Photo/Scott Heppell, File)

Sun-Ju Ahn wins playoff in LPGA Tour's Toto Japan Classic

SHIMA, Japan (AP) — Sun-Ju Ahn won the Toto Japan Classic for her first Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour victory and 20th Japan LPGA title, beating fellow South Korean player Ji-Hee Lee and American Angela Stanford with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff.

Ahn hit a 6-iron from 165 yards to five feet on the par-4 18th hole to set up the winning putt.

"I'm very happy," Ahn said. "I didn't think that I'd be able to win the tournament, but it's a nice surprise. I'm very happy."

Lee left a 50-footer short, and Stanford missed from 33 feet.

"About halfway I thought it might have a chance, but it broke more than I thought it would," Stanford explained. "Sun-Ju hit a really good shot in there. If you stick it on 18, with this hole, you deserve birdie and you deserve to win."

The 28-year-old Ahn closed with a 5-under 67 at Kintetsu Kashikojima to match Stanford and Lee at 16-under 200. Stanford also shot 67, and Lee had a 66.

Ahn has an option to take LPGA Tour membership next season and is eligible for the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship.

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Squads set for MLS conference finals

Korean-American goalkeeper Luis Robles and the New York Red Bulls have advanced to the Major League Soccer (MLS) playoffs again. The Red Bulls won the Supporters' Shield — awarded to the team with the best overall record during the regular season — for the second time in three years, but this year the team wants to also win the league championship.

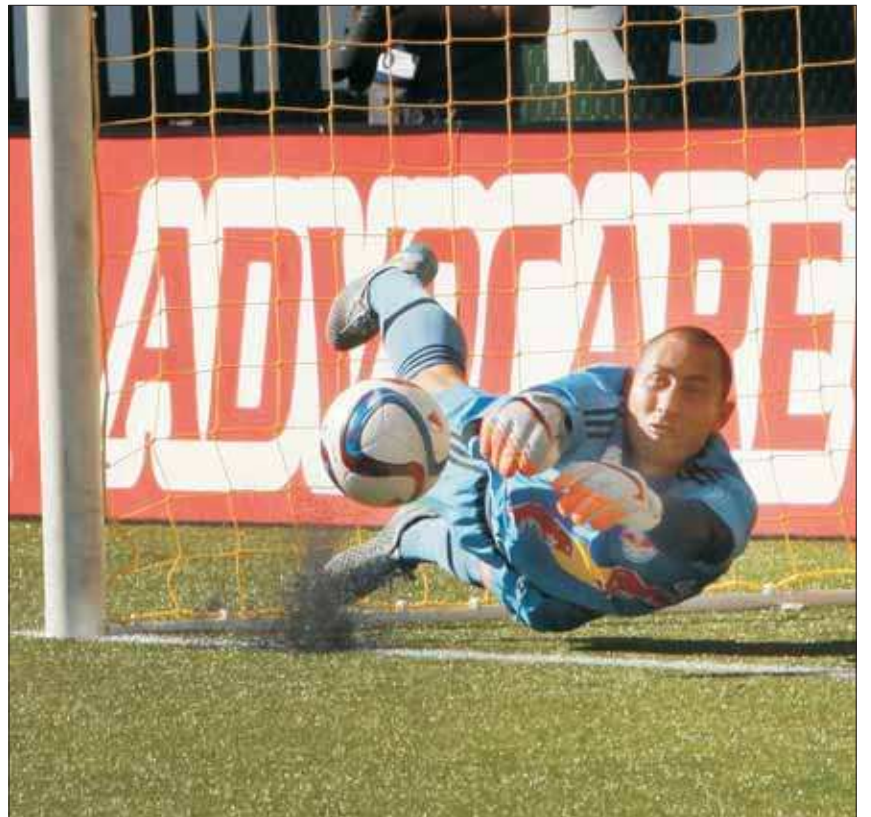
Finishing atop the Eastern Conference with 60 points, the Red Bulls were able to skip the opening one-match knockout round of the MLS Cup playoffs. During its two-game, aggregate-goal conference semifinal, the Red Bulls defeated D.C. United twice, each time with a 1-0 score. These wins set up a two-game, aggregate-goal Eastern Conference final between the Red Bulls and Columbus Crew SC, which begins Sunday, November 22 at 2:00pm.

The first match of the Western Conference final, which kicks off November 22 at 4:30pm, features the Portland Timbers and FC Dallas. The playoff path for the Timbers started with a tense and emotional knockout-round win over Sporting Kansas City that featured 11 rounds of penalty kicks following 120 minutes of regulation and extra time that ended in a 2-2 tie. Portland then defeated

Monument will honor Hmong-Lao Vietnam veterans

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — A new monument is being built in Wausau to honor Hmong-Lao Vietnam veterans.

Dozens of people stood outside the Marathon County Courthouse for the groundbreaking. WAOW-TV reports



MLS CUP. The Major League Soccer playoffs continue on Sunday, November 22, with the New York Red Bulls playing Columbus Crew SC at 2:00pm, followed by the Portland Timbers and FC Dallas at 4:30pm. Both matches are televised live. Pictured is New York goalkeeper Luis Robles making a goal-line save. (AR Photo/Jan Landis)

the Vancouver Whitecaps in their two-game semifinal playoff series matches, which resulted in a scoreless draw and a 2-0 win.

The second-leg games of the

conference matchups are scheduled for Sunday, November 29, with kickoff times to be announced. To view the MLS playoff bracket, visit <www.mlssoccer.com>.

the bronze and granite statue is expected to be finished by next May.

Hmong-American board president Kham Yang says Hmong veterans were known as the secret soldiers because there were few who know what they did for the United States

during the Vietnam War. They fought surreptitiously for the CIA in Laos and subsequently faced persecution.

Next year will mark the 40th anniversary of the first Hmong families arriving in Wausau, where more than 7,000 Hmong now reside.

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