



Jake Knapp and Patty Tavatanakit Capture Title at Grant Thornton Invitational

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(Miami, FL, December 17, 2024) — Former UCLA Bruins Jake Knapp and Patty Tavatanakit dazzled the golf world this weekend, capturing the championship title at the Grant Thornton Invitational. The mixed-team event, which pairs top talent from the LPGA and PGA TOUR, showcased thrilling competition and exceptional teamwork, with Knapp and Tavatanakit proving unstoppable on the course with their wire-to-wire victory.

Knapp, a rising star in the golf world, sported Original Penguin's latest apparel collection throughout the tournament. His stylish yet functional attire was the perfect complement to his precise game, further cementing his place as one of the sport's most exciting players.

"Winning the Grant Thornton Invitational alongside Patty is an unforgettable moment in my career," said Knapp. "Patty and I were able to lean on each other's strengths and stayed focused to get the job done. I'm excited to have represented Original Penguin on this big stage—their apparel was a key part of keeping me comfortable, confident, and sharp throughout the tournament."

“We are ecstatic about Jake’s victory at the Grant Thornton Invitational,” said Oscar Feldenkreis, President and CEO of Perry Ellis International. “Jake exemplifies the spirit of the modern golfer—competitive, stylish, and passionate about his craft. Seeing him triumph again in Original Penguin apparel is a proud moment for our team as he embodies the brand’s ethos of merging performance with personality.”



With this win, coupled with his maiden victory at the Mexico Open at Vidanta, Knapp continues to cement his reputation as a player to watch. Original Penguin remains a proud partner in his journey, offering apparel that blends heritage-inspired design with the performance features demanded by today’s athletes.

Throughout the week, Knapp wore Original Penguin’s Fall 2024 collection featuring its new Re-Originals sustainable fabrication. These eco-friendly polos are crafted with 30% recycled polyester and use a double-knit high-gauge fabrication for superior performance. Knapp’s winning look on Sunday was highlighted by Original Penguin’s All-Over Pete Print polo.

For over 60 years, Original Penguin, and its namesake icon Pete the Penguin, has been adorned and adored by the masters of leisure and sport to define itself as an American classic. Today, the Penguin icon still stands as a signal for those who know how to be an original and what you wear for the good times.

About An Original Penguin® by Munsingwear®

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