

PURDUE GRAD TARGETS PGA TOUR

Chris Mayson

HOMETOWN: Milton Keynes, England/San Diego, CA

BIRTHDATE: April 26, 1981

BIRTHPLACE: Bletchley, England

COLLEGE: Purdue University, Lafayette, IN

DEGREE: Psychology/English

TURNED PROFESSIONAL: November, 2003

If you ever watch *The Golf Channel*, you might recognize "rising star" Chris Mayson as he effortlessly demonstrates the Medicus Driver. Not familiar with his name or face, Chris Mayson is an aspiring, recently-turned professional golfer, who is working hard to qualify for play on the PGA Tour. Ever since he picked up a golf club at the age of 7, he has dreamed of playing professional golf. Through dedication, hard work and support from many, his dream has become a reality.

Born in England, Mayson had his first "hole in one" at the age of 8, landing him in the *"Guinness Book of World Records"* for one week as the youngest to have a hole in one in Britain! At 15, Mayson played on the English National Team; the squad who won the World, European and Home International Championships in 1999. Afterwards, he was recruited by 10 U.S. universities, including Northwestern and Tennessee; however, Mayson chose Purdue University as his new home.

In 2000, Mayson became Purdue's first-ever Big Ten "Freshman of the Year" along with All Big Ten Honors. As a junior, Mayson was ranked 43rd in the nation, thanks to performances of 2nd in the NCAA Regionals where he shot a course record 65 in Little Rock, Arkansas. The team won regionals that year and finished 7th in the nation. As team captain in his senior year, Mayson won the Illinois Qualifier for the U.S. Amateur by shooting a course record 66 at The Den at Fox Creek in Bloomington, Illinois. Finishing 7th at the prestigious Western Amateur, he lost to the eventual champion in the "Sweet Sixteen". These astounding finishes inspired Mayson to move to California and turn professional.

In his first year as a pro, Mayson finished 30th on the Spanos Tour's Money List, with 6 top ten finishes throughout 2003. His schedule for 2005 will include many Spanos tournaments, as well as pre-qualifying for the LaSalle Bank's Nationwide Tour in Glenview, Illinois. You will also find Mayson working out with "The Golf Trainer" in San Diego, perfecting his golf swing with Master PGA Professional John Hardy, and playing regularly at La Costa Resort & Spa, home of the Accenture Match Play Championships. Mayson hopes to achieve his dream of playing a worldwide schedule focusing mainly on the PGA Tour. He attributes his success to support from his parents and opportunities at Purdue -- playing a great schedule with excellent facilities.

Mayson's advice to aspiring professional golfers: *"If you have Vijay Singh's work ethic, Ernie Els' talent and Tiger Woods' metal toughness, I highly recommend you turn pro!! If not, then dream big, work hard and, most importantly, enjoy the game and everything that golf has to offer."*