

Hangzhou, China: **Arpichaya Yubol** overturned a seven-stroke overnight deficit to strike gold for Thailand at the 19th Asian Games.

The 21-year-old snared six birdies en route to a closing four-under-par 68 at the Westlake International Golf Club.

That gave the LPGA Tour member a four-day aggregate of 19-under 269 and a two-stroke triumph from Indian **Aditi Ashok**, whose commandi her soar to a 77 – no fewer than 16 strokes worse than her third-round display.

Thanks to a best-of-the-day 65, Korean **Yoo Hyun-jo** claimed the individual bronze medal.

There was more golden glory for Thailand in the team event, with the trio of Arpichaya, **Patcharajutar Kongkraphan** and **Eila Galitsky** - rei the standings.

In the event in which the best two daily scores in each three-strong team were counted, the Thais had a winning total of 34-under 542.

Korea (Yoo, **Kim Min-sol** and **Lim Ji-yoo**) took the silver medal on 547, while the bronze went to the heavily-favoured China team of **Yin Ru**

India, who led the team standings after three rounds, missed out on a medal, finishing fourth on 554.

"I'm so happy, and I made the Thai people proud that I can get two more gold medals," said Arpichaya, who curled in a birdie putt on the 17th to take a tv the biggest win of her career.

"This is my first Asian Games and that I can get the gold medal makes me proud of myself," she added.

A day after posting an 11-under 61 to take a seemingly unassailable advantage into the final round, Ashok struggled badly with a solitary bird 16th as she signed off with a 77.

The 25-year-old at least had the distinction of gaining India's first women's golfing medal at the Asiad and providing a modicum of redemptic where she placed fourth.

She said: "Today I kind of threw it away. I shot my career best round yesterday and probably the worst of the year today. That's just what it was."

Arpichaya turned professional in 2017 at the age of 15 and achieved remarkable success on the Thai LPGA Tour the following year, winning f Merit.

In 2022 she claimed a maiden victory on the Ladies European Tour Access Series, winning the Trust Golf Links Series – Musselburgh by five

She then came through Qualifying School to earn an LPGA Tour card for 2023 and began this week in 206th place in the Rolex Women's Worl

Joint second after round two, Yin Ruoning's hopes faded badly over the weekend.

A week after becoming only the second Chinese to reach number one in the Rolex Women's World Ranking, Yin dropped into a share of eightl

#### Leading Final-Round Scores, Individual

269 – Arpichaya Yubol (Thailand) 67-65-69-68

271 – Aditi Ashok (India) 67-66-61-77

272 – Yoo Hyun-jo (Korea) 68-73-66-65

273 – Lin Xiyu (China) 67-67-68-71

276 – Patcharajutar Kongkraphan (Thailand) 69-67-70-70

277 – Kim Min-sol (Korea) 69-68-69-71

279 – Eila Galitsky (Thailand) 69-70-67-73

280 – Mamika Shinchi (Japan) 69-70-71-70; Yin Ruoning (China) 67-66-74-73; Liu Yu (China) 67-68-71-74

281 – Saki Baba (Japan) 65-72-68-76

282 – Rianne Malixi (Philippines) 68-70-73-71

284 – Pranavi Urs (India) 71-68-70-75

285 – Arianna Lau (Hong Kong, China) 71-70-73-71

286 – Sophie Han (Hong Kong, China) 71-70-73-72; Tiffany Huang Ting-hsuan (Chinese Taipei) 68-73-69-76

289 – Chien Pei-yun (Chinese Taipei) 71-70-72-76

291 – Avani Prashanth (India) 72-69-74-76; Koh Sock Hwee (Singapore) 69-70-75-77

296 – Mizuki Hashimoto (Japan) 70-69-76-81