

**Rookie Nordqvist wins season-ending LPGA Tour Championship
Presented by Rolex**

Ochoa wins Rolex Player of the Year by one point with 54th hole birdie

RICHMOND, Texas – In a week where the second-round took more than 67 hours to finish and the event was cut to 54 holes, Anna Nordqvist needed just about two hours and eight holes to clinch her second-career victory on the LPGA Tour. The 22-year-old Swede carded seven birdies in a span of eight holes in the final round to earn a two-stroke victory from 2009 Rolex Player of the Year Lorena Ochoa at the LPGA Tour Championship Presented by Rolex.

“There were a lot of good players out there,” Nordqvist said after accepting the \$225,000 first-place check. “It was pretty tight up the leaderboard, so, I mean, you really gotta shoot low in order to pull it off. I was very, very happy with how I finished up the round.”

Nordqvist became the fourth multiple winner on the LPGA Tour this year with a victory at the Houstonian Golf & Country Club. Nordqvist, who won her first-career major at the McDonald’s LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola, carded a 7-under-par 65 in the final round on Monday to join Ochoa, Jiyai Shin and Na Yeon Choi as multiple winners on Tour in 2009. Her three-day tally of 13-under-par 203 (70-68-65) was enough to defeat world number one and four-time Rolex Player of the Year Lorena Ochoa by two shots.

Nordqvist birdied five consecutive holes to take a two-shot lead with six holes to play, but a bogey at 13 dropped her lead to one shot. Ochoa then birdied the 15th to tie for the lead, but Nordqvist countered with birdies at 14 and 15 to go two shots up on Ochoa with three holes to play. Ochoa made bogey from the sand on 17 and an important birdie on the 18th hole which clinched her fourth-consecutive Rolex Player of the Year award.



2009 LPGA Tour Championship winner Anna Nordqvist poses with The Houstonian Golf & Country Club tournament staff.

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