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Katherine Hull Continues Hot Play

After 2nd-place finishes in the opening two weeks of her '09 campaign, Australian Katherine Hull continued her hot play at the ANZ Ladies Masters with a 16-under-par total – five shots clear of her nearest competitor and six shots ahead of #2 world-ranked LPGA player Yani Tseng. Hull, 26, played with poise and authority at Royal Pines to close with a 68; her only bogey of the day came on the final hole. It was a significant win against a field that included three of the world's top-10 players.

"This is a huge boost for me and it's nice to go to Melbourne (Australian Open) after winning a tournament I dreamed about as a kid," Hull said.

Her win vaults her into the Top-20 in the Rolex World Rankings. Australian great and former world #1 LPGA player Karrie Webb said, "It's really good to see the younger players up there. She has a great physique for golf. I definitely think Katherine is going to play very well for a number of years."

Katherine continues to build upon the momentum she started in the United States in '08 with her August win at the Canadian Open and her numerous Top-10 finishes in the fall. Her solid ball striking and excellent putting were the keys to her victory in Queensland. She will compete in her native country's National Open this week before heading to Thailand, Singapore and Mexico on the LPGA Tour. She returns to the States in mid-March for the LPGA International in Phoenix and the Kraft Nabisco Championship – the first ladies' major of the year – April 2-5 at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California.