



HAMMER TIME Paul Glazier.

Glazier has the drive to win double

A PhD student and senior technician in the Cardiff School of Sport at the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff (Uwic), has swung his way to the top of the leader board of the RE/MAX European Long Drive Championship.

Paul Glazier, 29, nicknamed "Hammer Time" on the long drive circuit, won the RE/MAX Long Drive Championship of Italy in Rome with a magnificent drive of 372 yards.

This victory, his first on the Long Drivers of Europe (LDE) European Long Drive Tour, follows impressive third- and second-placed finishes at the RE/MAX Long Drive Championships of Spain and Austria, respectively.

Glazier's excellent start to the season, his first as a professional, means that he is currently on top of the LDE Order of Merit and on track for automatic qualification to the prestigious RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship to be held in Mesquite, Nevada, this October. There he will compete against other premier long drivers from around the globe for a share of the \$500,000 prize pot.

For those unfamiliar with the sport of long driving, the main objective is to hit a golf ball as far as possible within a grid that is 30-40 yards wide. Each competitor gets up to six balls, which must all be hit within a time limit of two minutes and forty-five seconds. For a drive to count, the ball must land and remain in the boundaries of the grid. The competitor with the longest drive that lands and remains in the grid is the winner.

Over the coming months, Paul will compete in RE/MAX National Long Drive Championships across Europe, including Ireland, Scotland, England, Sweden, Finland and Holland, with the season culminating in Amsterdam on September 9 for the RE/MAX European Long Drive Championship Final.

Glazier said: "With the support of my colleagues at the Cardiff School of Sport, Uwic, and my principal sponsors, Dartmouth Golf & Country Club, I am confident I can do the double."