

## The Game Of Golf Is A Big Winner with Sergio's win at the Masters.....

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Golf in Spain had a welcome boost as did the game across the globe with the long awaited win in a major championship for Sergio Garcia.-

Finally! Spain hails favourite son Sergio Garcia

Spain paid homage to new Masters champion Sergio Garcia on Monday after he broke his duck on-the biggest stage of all to add a first major to his glittering career.-

"Finally!" blared the headline in Madrid sports daily Marca as for once the football stars of Real Madrid-were relegated to the inside pages.-

"Sergio Garcia wins the Masters in Augusta, the major he has so deserved for the past 18 years."

Garcia on Sunday became the third Spanish player to wear the famous green jacket after Jose Maria-Olazabal and the legendary Seve Ballesteros, who died in 2011, on what would have been Ballesteros's 60th-birthday.-

"At 37 Sergio broke the curse that lasted nearly two decades since he was second at the USPGA in a battle-with Tiger

Woods at 19," Madrid's other sports daily AS said in its online edition.

"Already admired, victory in the 2017 Masters changes the golfing world's perceptions of the Spanish-player," added El Pais.-

Prior to beating out England's Justin Rose in a sudden-death playoff after a thrilling final round, Garcia had-been known for a series of near-misses at major championships.-

As well as losing out to Woods in his prime at the USPGA in 1999, Garcia was runner-up at the 2007 and-2014 Open Championships and the 2008 PGA.

However, he finally delivered by rolling home a birdie putt on the first playoff hole.-

Many of Spain's other sporting greats joined in the congratulations.-

"Dear friends, I introduce you to the Master champion in Augusta!! CONGRATULATIONS-@TheSergioGarcia,"-tweeted Spain's World Cup winning football captain Iker Casillas.-