



The Links Times

Alfred Dunhill Links Championship Daily News & Order of Play

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CASEY EYES BREAKTHROUGH MOMENT

After a first-hole eagle, the 23-year-old South African surged ahead at the 25th Alfred Dunhill Links Championship – he starts today’s final round at the Old Course two shots ahead of Matthew Jordan of England and Poland’s Adrian Meronk

Casey Jarvis, the rising young golfing star from South Africa, takes a two-stroke lead into today’s Alfred Dunhill Links Championship final round.

Jarvis, 23, shot a seven-under-par 65 on the Old Course to move to the front of a chasing pack headed by Englishman Matthew Jordan and Poland’s Adrian Meronk.

“Every golfer dreams of taking a lead into a Sunday’s play at the Old Course, and I’ve got goosebumps just thinking about it,” said Jarvis, who turned professional in 2022.

“I know the pressure will be

there, it’s just about managing it. But I’m looking forward to walking these fairways in the lead and I’m just going to give it my all.”

On a day of low scoring on all three courses, Jarvis began his round with a spectacular eagle on his opening hole, the par four 10th. His approach shot then spun back into the cup and Jarvis added five birdies in a superb exhibition of links golf that took him to 18-under for the tournament.

It meant former winners Matt Fitzpatrick and Robert MacIntyre, the defending champion, were left battling to stay in contention, as

Meronk sank an eagle and seven birdies in a superb 63 at Kingsbarns, while Jordan’s 66 at the same course left those two tied for second place.

Fitzpatrick started his Old Course round with six birdies in his first seven holes but bogeyed the ninth to lose momentum and finished with a 66 for 12 under, six shots behind Jarvis.

Scottish favourite MacIntyre, cheered on by large crowds on every hole, is also on 12 under after having to settle for a 68 when he left an eagle putt just short on the iconic 18th green.

PRO LEADERS

Casey Jarvis	-18
Matthew Jordan	-16
Adrian Meronk	-16
Thomas Detry	-15

TEAM LEADERS

Law / Ahmed	-31
Meronk / Chaplin	-31



TITLE BID IGNITED BY MATT FINISH

Matthew Jordan and Adrian Meronk lead the chase, but Matt Fitzpatrick kept his challenge alive with his final shot

Matt Fitzpatrick birdied the 18th hole at the Old Course to cling on to his dream of winning a second Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

The 2022 US Open champion, who came into the tournament on the back of victory in last week's Open de France in Paris, shot a third round 66 to stay within six shots of leader Casey Jarvis.

"I played great and holed some putts," said Fitzpatrick, pictured with father Russell. "There were lots of flags in the centre of the greens and you could be aggressive, so it was just a case of trying to keep pushing and try to go as low as possible.

"If the weather on Sunday is a bit up and down and you throw in a low one then you never know what can happen."

Fitzpatrick is one of nine players on 12-under-par, a group which includes Scots Calum Hill and Connor Syme, with a further six players placed between Jarvis and that larger group.

Adrian Meronk was delighted with his 63 at Kingsbarns and is

loving his return to the Dunhill Links – where his professional career began 10 years ago.

"I can't believe how time flies, but this is a great event and I'm really happy to be back here and in a good position," said the Pole.

"It's nice to be in this position again because I have not had that for a while. I'm just going to go out in the final round to enjoy it and see what happens."

England's Matthew Jordan, level with Meronk on 16-under-par, shot 66 at Kingsbarns. Jordan also paid tribute to his amateur partner Piers Morgan, the broadcaster and journalist. "He's like an entertainer and on some holes it's great to be able to have fun and a bit of banter with him."

Belgium's Thomas Detry is in fourth, on 15-under-par following a 65 at St Andrews, while Danes Jacob Skov Olesen and Niklas Norgaard are a further shot back after rounds of 63 at Kingsbarns and 67 on the Old Course, respectively.

Sepp Straka, the Austrian Ryder Cup player, put together a magnificent 64 at St Andrews and is lurking on 13 under.



CAM IN HIS HAPPY PLACE

Coming back to St Andrews, both the town and the Old Course, is an emotional experience for Australia's Cameron Smith – who won the 2022 Open Championship on the most famous Links in the world.

Yet although it is only a little over four years ago that he triumphed by a stroke over runner-up Cameron Young, and by two shots over third-round leader Rory McIlroy, he struggles to remember much about the closing stages of his Open victory.

"It's all a bit blurry because I was so in the zone when I played those last few holes I think I shut everything else out," said 33-year-old Smith.

"In a way I wish I was able to recall more clearly what it felt like, but at the same time it is just lovely returning to St Andrews again and getting so many great memories coming back about that week.

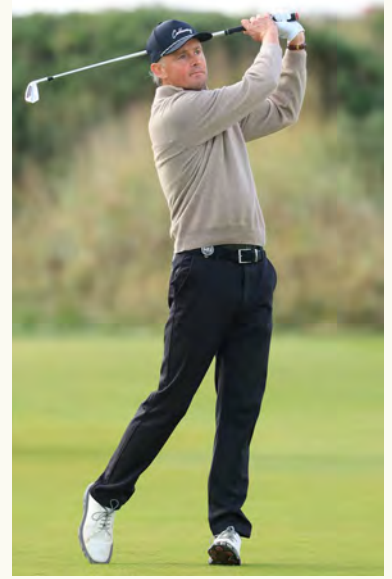
"I love playing in Scotland generally, and the three courses we play in the Dunhill Links are three of the best that Scotland has to offer, but the Old Course is special

for me and it's brilliant too that St Andrews is such a cool town.

"It's so enjoyable to hang out in the town and we found a great Thai restaurant the other night. There are a lot of great places to go to eat or to have coffee.

"My great friend David Fox is my amateur partner again this year, as he was 12 months ago, and we enjoy going out in the evenings here as well as playing together in the tournament."

Smith shot a one-under-par 71 in his third round to miss the cut by a single shot.



TOM TOPS CHARTS AFTER HIS FIRST CUT

Keane frontman Tom Chaplin and pro partner Adrian Meronk are joint leaders of the Team Championship going into the final day of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

This is the first time Chaplin has made the cut in his ninth appearance at Dunhill, and he had much to thank Meronk for as the Pole shot a superb 63 at Kingsbarns to contribute to an overall team score of 31-under par.

The pair share the lead with Will Ahmed and Scotland's David Law. WHOOP CEO Ahmed finished tied fifth in the Team Championship four years ago and will be hoping to improve on that, while Law's impressive week continued with a round of 68 at Kingsbarns to finish on nine-under par.

Other prominent amateur names on the leaderboard include Stephane Connery – son of the iconic Scottish actor Sean – who is on 30-under par, together with his French pro Tom Vaillant.

Dunhill debutant James Milner made the cut after finishing on 27-under par, together with pro partner Sean Crocker.

20-time champion jockey Sir Tony (A.P.) McCoy will also tee it up today after finishing a shot further back. The legendary jockey is playing with American pro Ryggs Johnston. Second-round joint leaders Daniel Hillier and Craig Heatley also finished on 26-under par and will compete in today's final round.

Scotland's Bob MacIntyre tees off at the second hole on the Old Course at St Andrews yesterday. In sunny conditions on the famous links, MacIntyre thrilled the big home galleries in his bid to retain the title he won by four shots last year.





KELLY STUNS SURFERS IN ST ANDREWS

The world’s greatest competitive surfer, Kelly Slater, had never ridden the waves at St Andrews – until this week.

Spotting some decent surf, the 11-times world champion grabbed his board, borrowed a wetsuit and made the day of a group of local surfers already out in the water.

“That was my first time surfing here but it was a lot of fun, and there were about 15 or 20 locals out there with me, so we had a buzz,” he said. “There was about an hour of daylight left when I went in, but it was great.

“In all the years I have been coming to this part of Scotland I think I’ve only seen good enough waves on about three days.”

Slater made his eighth Dunhill Links appearance, partnering Spain’s former Ryder Cup player Rafa Cabrero Bello, but they missed the cut in the Team Competition.



SEAN SO PROUD OF ‘NIPPER’ RYAN

The rugby legend saw the very start of the Open champion’s golf journey – on family holidays with an All Blacks teammate

Sean Fitzpatrick remembers the days when three-year-old Ryan Fox used to tear around the All Blacks changing room. Fitzpatrick, pictured left, played rugby with Ryan’s father, All Blacks legend Grant – and has watched with pride as Fox junior’s golfing career has developed. The Kiwi golfer won the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship in 2022 then

memorably claimed victory in the Open Championship in July at Royal Birkdale. “This little nipper called Ryan used to run around the changing room,” recalls Fitzpatrick. “Then we used to go to Fiji on holiday and Ryan would follow us around – he’d be running behind the golf cart with a chopped-down seven iron. “As a New Zealander, I think Ryan winning the Open is our



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greatest sporting achievement. The All Blacks have won World Cups, but for an individual to do what he did was phenomenal.

“When [New Zealander] Michael Campbell won the US Open, he was defending down that back nine and Tiger was right there. Foxy’s final round was different – he had to go and win it. And then the way he enjoyed it and took it home to New Zealand straight away – he’s one of our greats.”

Fitzpatrick – playing his seventh Championship – recalled the start of his golfing journey. “The All Blacks got sponsored by Mizuno in the late 80s. They gave the whole team a set of clubs. That lit a match. Then when Cambo won the US Open that got everyone excited.”



SUE’S LINKS
MEMORIES

For Sue Fitzpatrick, playing in the Dunhill Links is a gift that keeps on giving.

She won the Team Competition alongside son Matt in 2023 – when he also took the individual title – and this year is partnered for a second time by youngest son Alex.

Highlights this time included playing in a four-ball with husband Russell and both her “two boys” and having Justin Rose in yesterday’s third round four-ball.

“It’s the first time I’ve played with Justin, and I’ve been so lucky to have all the experiences I’ve had,” said Sue.



TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY

10th Tee

Game No	Tee	Tee Time	Professional/Amateur	Professional's Score					Team Score
				R1	R2	R3	Total	+/- Par	
1	10	09.07	Charles PORTER	72	69	67	208	-8	
			Alex NOREN	71	70	67	208	-8	
			Victor PEREZ	71	69	68	208	-8	
2	10	09.18	Daniel VAN TONDER	67	70	71	208	-8	
			Freddy SCHOTT	70	69	69	208	-8	
			Michael HOLLICK	71	67	70	208	-8	
3	10	09.29	Pavit TANGKAMOLPRASERT	72	70	66	208	-8	
			Matteo MANASSERO	70	72	67	209	-7	
			Dean BURMESTER	67	72	70	209	-7	
4	10	09.40	Guido MIGLIOZZI	73	72	64	209	-7	
			Brandon STONE	67	70	72	209	-7	
			Jeremy PAUL	69	68	72	209	-7	
5	10	09.51	Declan O'DONOVAN/Brett DESMOND	69	67	73	209	-7	-26
			Cameron JOHN	73	68	68	209	-7	
			Davis BRYANT	71	69	69	209	-7	
6	10	10.02	Renato PARATORE/Ryan FRIEDKIN	74	67	68	209	-7	-25
			Charley HOFFMAN	69	71	69	209	-7	
			David PUIG	71	67	71	209	-7	
7	10	10.13	Francesco MOLINARI	70	70	69	209	-7	
			Alex FITZPATRICK	71	70	68	209	-7	
			Félix MORY	69	69	72	210	-6	
8	10	10.24	Daniel CRONJE	70	67	73	210	-6	
			Branden GRACE	74	70	66	210	-6	
			Cameron ADAM	72	68	70	210	-6	
9	10	10.35	Quim VIDAL	69	71	70	210	-6	
			Todd CLEMENTS	72	69	69	210	-6	
			Caleb SURRATT	72	65	73	210	-6	
10	10	10.46	Eddie PEPPERELL	70	71	69	210	-6	
			Marcus KINHULT	71	70	69	210	-6	
			Nick VOKE	70	72	68	210	-6	
11	10	10.57	Clement CHARMASSON	71	69	70	210	-6	
			Jack SENIOR	69	71	70	210	-6	
			Tom VAILLANT/Stephane CONNERY						-30
12	10	11.08	Sean CROCKER/James MILNER						-27
			Ryggs JOHNSTON/AP McCOY						-26
13	10	11.19	Cam SMITH/David FOX						-26
			Daniel YOUNG/Jim DAVIDSON						-26
14	10	11.30	Justin WALTERS/Dillie MALHERBE						-25

1st Tee

Game No	Tee	Tee Time	Professional/Amateur	Professional's Score					Team Score
				R1	R2	R3	Total	+/- Par	
15	I	09.07	Pablo LARRAZÁBAL	71	67	70	208	-8	
			Scott JAMIESON	69	68	70	207	-9	
			Richard MANSELL	69	69	69	207	-9	
16	I	09.18	Hugo TOWNSEND/Jan BENGSSON	67	70	70	207	-9	-26
			Ivan CANTERO/Thomas JERMOLUK	68	67	72	207	-9	-29
17	I	09.29	Oliver LINDELL	70	67	70	207	-9	
			David LAW/Will AHMED	73	66	68	207	-9	
18	I	09.40	Euan WALKER	70	68	69	207	-9	
			Tommy FLEETWOOD	70	68	69	207	-9	
			Padraig HARRINGTON	71	67	68	206	-10	
19	I	09.51	Andreas HALVORSEN/Kristofer KRAUS	68	69	69	206	-10	-28
			David RAVETTO	70	68	68	206	-10	
			Brooks KOEPKA	69	67	70	206	-10	
20	I	10.02	Daniel HILLIER/Craig HEATLEY	70	66	70	206	-10	-26
			Sam BAIRSTOW	68	67	71	206	-10	
			Joakim LAGERGREN	68	69	69	206	-10	
21	I	10.13	Daniel BROWN	71	68	67	206	-10	
			Marcus ARMITAGE	71	66	69	206	-10	
			Hennie DU PLESSIS	67	70	68	205	-11	
22	I	10.24	Mikael LINDBERG	67	70	68	205	-11	
			MJ DAFFUE	66	68	71	205	-11	
			Michael STEWART	65	71	69	205	-11	
23	I	10.35	Matt FITZPATRICK	68	70	66	204	-12	
			Sebastian SÖDERBERG	70	67	67	204	-12	
			Connor SYME	70	67	67	204	-12	
24	I	10.46	Ollie SCHNIEDERJANS	69	66	69	204	-12	-28
			JC RITCHIE/Shawn SEELIGER	72	65	67	204	-12	
			Robert MACINTYRE	71	65	68	204	-12	
25	I	10.57	Jose Luis BALLESTER/Dan FRIEDKIN	68	68	68	204	-12	-25
			Calum HILL	68	71	65	204	-12	
			Rocco REPETTO TAYLOR	70	64	70	204	-12	
26	I	11.08	Sepp STRAKA	68	71	64	203	-13	-29
			Niklas NØRGAARD/Jay MONAHAN	70	65	67	202	-14	
			Jacob Skov OLESEN	70	69	63	202	-14	
27	I	11.19	Thomas DETRY/Nikesh ARORA	70	66	65	201	-15	-30
			Adrian MERONK/Tom CHAPLIN	71	66	63	200	-16	-31
28	I	11.30	Matthew JORDAN	69	65	66	200	-16	
			Casey JARVIS/Hicky BACON	66	67	65	198	-18	

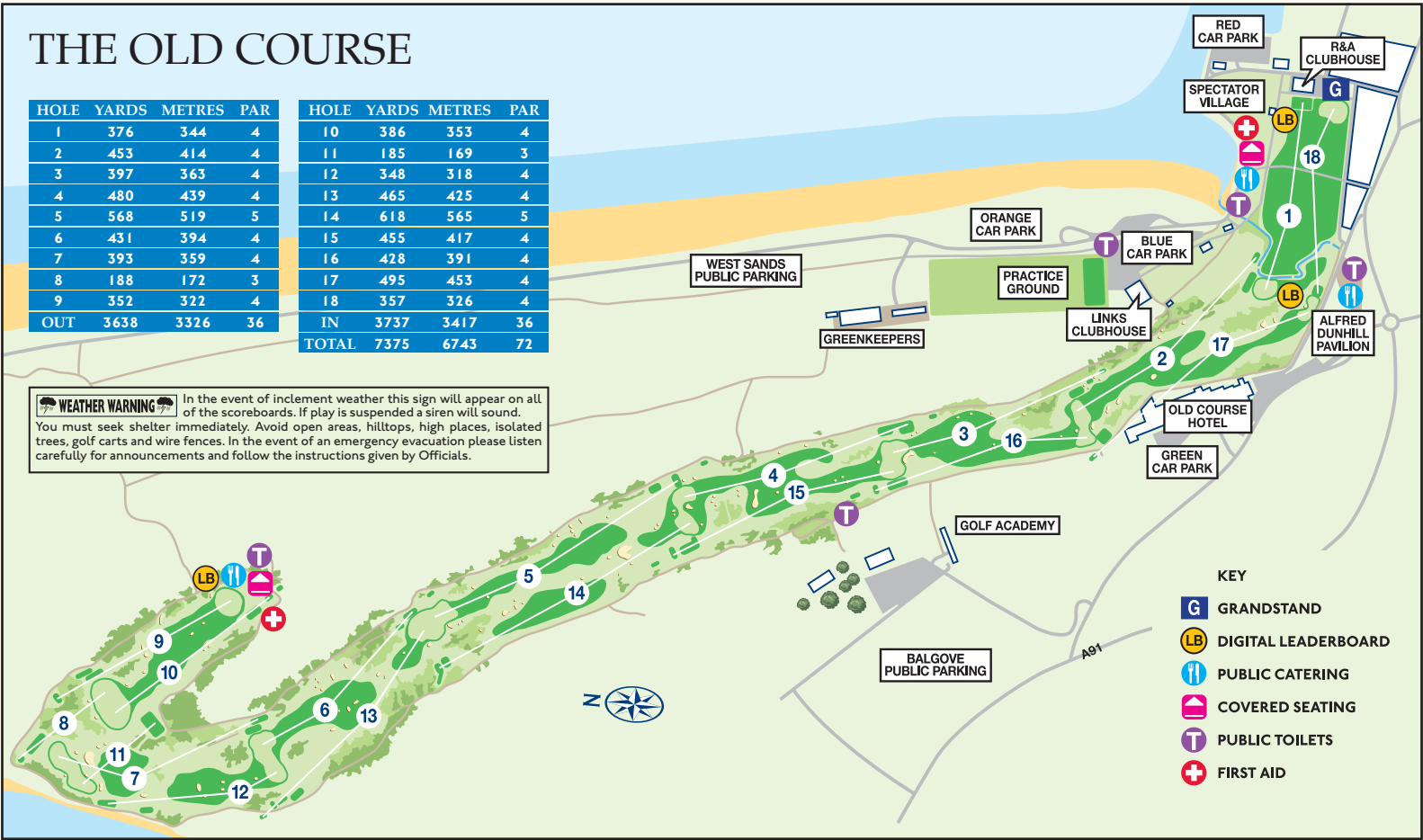


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TEAM
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It needs only a glance at the list of past Open Champions at the Old Course to understand why St Andrews holds such an illustrious place in golfing history. The majestic setting, with the 18th green in particular providing an iconic sporting scene, just adds to the unique appeal of the Home of Golf.

Among the winners of the 30 Open Championships staged here since 1873 are both modern masters and older legends of the game. Tiger Woods won in both 2000 and 2005, Jack Nicklaus in 1970 and 1978, Severiano Ballesteros in 1984 and Bobby Jones in 1927. The most recent winner was Cameron Smith in 2022.



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DUNHILL WELCOMES FUTURE CHAMPIONS

Winning golfers from this year's Alfred Dunhill Schools' Golf Challenge enjoyed an unforgettable experience at St Andrews yesterday with a behind-the-scenes tour.

The aspiring golfers, including 16-year-old scratch prize winner Cole Stewart from Broughty Ferry, seated left with fellow competitors, met key figures behind the Championship and were also taken inside the ropes to walk the course with pros playing their third round at The Old Course.

Further winners from the Carnoustie competition included Senior and Junior Boys category champions, Jamie McIntosh and Joseph Gourlay. Meanwhile Freya Dolan and Ella Ansell triumphed in the Senior and Junior Girls categories at the Schools' Golf competition, which Alfred Dunhill has proudly supported for 25 years.

THINGS TO DO AROUND THE OLD COURSE TODAY

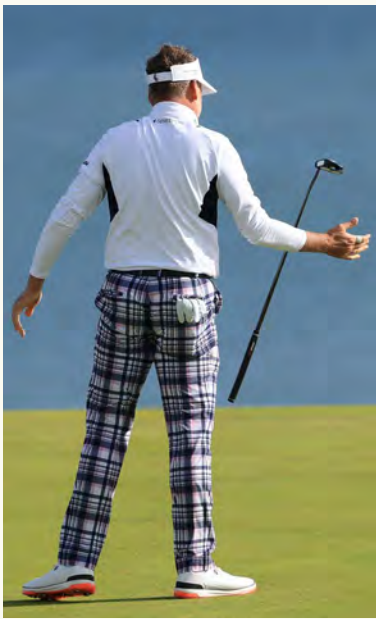
Alongside the unfolding drama of the final round there are lots of fun activities for fans of all ages to try at St Andrews

- **25-Year Paul Lawrie VR Putt** It's your last chance to relive our first champion's iconic 2001 putt in GOLF+ VR. Head to the spectator village, take on the putt, and scan the QR code for your shot at winning your own virtual reality headset.
- **Autograph Zone (kids only)** Younger spectators can go to the 1st tee to meet the golfers, get a photograph and an autograph. The first 150 will also receive a cap.
- **Tartan Golf Buggy** Track down the tartan buggy, at the Old Course – a standout St Andrews photo stop made for sharing.
- **Ice Cream** Enjoy a free ice cream from 12pm in the spectator village and the 18th green grandstand.
- **The Health & Wellbeing Village** Head on over and meet our charity partners and community organisations – take part in fun activities and learn about skills that can improve your physical and mental wellbeing.



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MEMORIES FROM A GREAT WEEK
AT THE 25TH DUNHILL LINKS







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