

# The Links Times

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## TOP DOG MANSELL LEADS PACK

*As his rivals chased him at St Andrews and Kingsbarns, overnight leader Richard Mansell tamed Carnoustie with a classy 67 – today he has the chance to cap a breakthrough year by winning the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship*

England’s Richard Mansell tees off in today’s final round of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship at St Andrews knowing full well this could be the greatest day of his golf career so far.

He began yesterday’s third round at the challenging Carnoustie course with a lead of two shots, while most of the chasing pack were playing at the easier Kingsbarns and St Andrews.

But far from being intimidated, he put together a courageous five-under-par round of 67, including a birdie at the very dangerous final

hole, to increase his lead to four shots over his fellow Englishman Daniel Gavins, Alex Noren of Sweden and New Zealand’s Ryan Fox. Denmark’s Niklas Nørgaard Møller and Antoine Rozner of France are a further shot behind.

On a sunny, breezy October day, the 27-year-old Mansell showed exactly why he is regarded as one of the most talked-about young golfers in Europe, with five top-ten finishes this year on the DP World Tour.

After he had celebrated his brilliant round with his fiancée Ellie and dog Arnie, he said: “I was look-

ing forward to the challenge of Carnoustie. My coach Mike Kanski was here at the start of the week and he’s helped massively. I feel really in control of my game right now.

“I’ve been in contention a lot this year and had chances on Sundays. They say in golf, every time you lose, you learn. That’s what I feel like I’ve done really well this year.

“This is Links golf, anything can happen. It’s St Andrews. People can shoot 60. I’m just really focused on myself right now. I’m going to try and shoot a good score and see where it puts me.”

### PRO LEADERS

Richard Mansell	-15
Alex Noren	-11
Daniel Gavins	-11
Ryan Fox	-11

### TEAM LEADERS

Burke/Mitchell	-30
Shinkwin/Acquavella	-28



# RORY LIGHTS UP THE OLD COURSE

*A swashbuckling 66 took the crowd favourite to the edge of contention, while Ryan Fox and Daniel Gavins have different motivations as they prepare for the final-round*

**W**orld No.2 Rory McIlroy jumped back into the field's top 20 with a superb third round 66 at the Old Course - but at seven-under-par for the tournament is a hefty eight shots behind runaway leader Richard Mansell.

Only four strokes separate the next 17 players in the chasing pack, including Billy Horschel, Padraig Harrington and big Scottish hope Robert MacIntyre, alongside McIlroy.

New Zealander Ryan Fox, meanwhile, one of three players sharing second place - on 11-under-par - has a strong personal incentive to push for victory: he is playing in honour of the memory of his friend Shane Warne, the cricket legend who died in March at the age of 52.

Sweden's Alex Noren and 31-year-old Englishman Daniel Gavins are alongside Fox, who regularly had Warne as his amateur partner and narrowly failed to win the Team Championship with him last year.

McIlroy is also relishing a final round playing once again alongside dad Gerry after the McIlroys qualified by shooting a spectacular team score of 59 in front of large crowds at St Andrews.

"I played some nice golf after

spinning it back into the burn on the first," said McIlroy. "I was just trying to keep up with my dad on the front nine. He took care of the front, I took care of the back, and it's great to be playing again."

Fox, who shot a third round 65 at Kingsbarns, said: "This is a tournament I've always enjoyed playing and to be in contention again is really nice. Especially with Shane [Warne] passing this year, this tournament means a little bit extra for me, so hopefully he's with me tomorrow and we can make a nice little charge."

Noren, who had a solid 69 at the Old Course, said: "It was very windy for the first 14 holes, but I think I played probably the best that I've played this week tee-to-green."

Gavins gave himself a chance of a maiden DP World Tour win by shooting a five-under-par 67 at Kingsbarns. He cannot wait to play the Old Course again, saying: "You can't beat St Andrews, it's just a gorgeous place to play golf."

Meanwhile, Belgium's Thomas Pieters carded a magnificent 64 at the Old Course - a remarkable 19 strokes better than his second round in the rain at Kingsbarns. "I've so far this week had a 65, an 83 and a 64 - I don't think that will ever happen again in my career!" said Pieters.



## BROTHERS FITZPATRICK LEAD CHEERS AS MUM TAKES A BOW

*Sue Fitzpatrick ended a memorable week with a unique par at the Old Course's final hole as the mother of the US Open champion challenged her boys as the crowd favourite*

**S**ue Fitzpatrick was cheered by spectators gathered around the 18th green at the Old Course after tapping in a short par putt to finish what she called "one of the best weeks of my life".

And Sue's sons Matt and Alex, her eldest the US Open champion and Alex one of an emerging group

of fine young English players after turning professional earlier this year, had minutes earlier led the applause for her second-shot approach to the green - a three-wood that hardly left the ground but bounded down into and through the Valley of Sin to within 15 feet of the flag.

"I also mis-hit my driver a bit off

the tee but it ran quite a long way and then that second shot didn't really leave the ground either," laughed Sue. "But to par the hole was lovely and it's been an amazing week. I've really enjoyed every minute - even in the second round's rain and wind!"

"Today was the most special part of the week. To be Matt's ama-





teur partner for three rounds, on such great courses, is special enough, but having Alex also in our group today was something I've been looking forward to. My husband Russell was following, and to have such a wonderful family experience is truly special."

The Fitzpatrick team score was 14-under-par, with Alex and Matt, pictured right with mum Sue, both shooting three-under-par 69s to stay locked together on five-under going into the final round.

"Starting off the first tee this morning was a memorable moment," added Sue. "I'd been long imagining what it would be like, and I'm now getting used to crowds so I was able to really enjoy it!"



## ART DEALER ALEX COULD LEAVE WITH SILVERWARE

Art dealer Alex Acquavella is in the frame for the Team Championship heading into the final round at the Old Course today. The American - partnered by Callum Shinkwin - posted a team score of 61 at Kingsbarns to finish on 28-under-par, two behind the leaders Bruce Mitchell and pro Christiaan Burke.

"Callum played great today. I hit it well too and we've been playing off each other well all week," said Acquavella. "Callum is such a disciplined and focused player and he hits the ball a mile. It's been fun to watch.

"Kingsbarns is the most beautiful place and it is a super-fun tournament. This is my eighth year. I made the cut once, in 2017 with Brandon Stone. The last day was crazy. We had a shotgun start because of the weather and I think we finished tied seventh.

"I'll be nervous [today]. I'll just try to do what I've been doing - swing easy and have fun."

Mitchell and Burke are two shots clear at the top after a great round of 59 at Carnoustie left them 30-under-par. US entrepreneur Will Ahmed and pro Johannes Veerman are tied for third with Jim Davidson and pro Marcel Siem, on 25-under-par. Nikesh Arora, pictured above, right, and pro partner Ewen Ferguson, left, posted a score of 59 at Kingsbarns to move into fifth.

"I had a spectacular day and holed lots of character-building putts between two and four feet," said Arora. "It'll be great to play St Andrews one more time."



# MACINTYRE BID DERAILED BY FAMILIAR FOES

**R**obert MacIntyre's bid to become the first Scottish champion since 2005 at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship hit the buffers with two bogeys in his last three holes. The 16th and notorious 17th on the Old Course proved the young Scot's nemesis and saw him slip back to seven-under-par, eight shots behind the leader.

The 26-year-old – who won the Italian Open last month – birdied 12 and 13 to reach nine-under-par, before hitting trouble on the closing stretch.

He cut a hugely frustrated figure at the end. "It's the same old story for me around the Old Course, I just can't score well," he said. "I knew coming in that holes 15, 16 and 17 are killers for me. The wind is off the right, out of bounds down the right and with modern golf clubs you can't draw it enough to hold the wind.

"I'll give it my best shot [today] but when it comes to crunch time, [I know] I'll be finishing on those holes."

MacIntyre's countryman, Connor Syme, had a much more positive day at Kingsbarns, where he shot a superb 65 to move level with MacIntyre on seven-under-par. It was particularly impressive from 27-year-old Syme given his round the previous day at Carnoustie, where he shot a four-over-par 76 in the worst of the weather.

"It was a brilliant day [at the Old Course]," said Syme. "I holed more putts. I actually played well [at Carnoustie] even though the conditions were awful. But I kept leaving putts short and my goal was to be more positive with my putting. The turnaround in score was all about the putting and being more positive on the greens."

Another Scot, Grant Forrest, also enjoyed a productive day at Kingsbarns, posting a score of 67 to lie two shots behind MacIntyre and Syme on five-under-par.

Other Scots in the field include David Law and former Dunhill champion Stephen Gallacher who are on three-under-par, with Richie Ramsay two shots further back.



## BOGEY-BOGEY FINISH BAD NEWS FOR BILLY

*Billy Horschel who teams up with ex West Ham captain Mark Noble in the team finale, was left to rue a missed opportunity*

**D**espite a third round 67 at the Old Course, popular American Billy Horschel was still cross with himself for allowing another bad finish to harm, possibly fatally, his chances of winning the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship title.

Horschel, pictured with his wife and caddie Brittany, is still tied for 11th place going into the final day, but at seven-under-par for the tournament is eight shots adrift of leader Richard Mansell.

"The 17th here is a tough hole, obviously, but I shouldn't have bogeyed the last two holes because it wasted a really good day of golf," said Horschel. "Yes, five-under-par is still a good day, but I've now fin-

ished the last two days bogey-bogey.

"I bogeyed the last two holes yesterday at Kingsbarns and also bogeyed my 17th hole at Carnoustie on day one. So I have not finished off all three rounds very well and I'm very ticked off right now. But in 20 minutes' time I'll look back on a really good day of golf in some really tough conditions.

"It's hard, though, because although I'm playing well, those two bogeys today really killed me with having a legitimate chance to win, because now there are more guys between me and the leaders."

Horschel, however, is happy that he and amateur partner Mark Noble, the former West Ham United captain, are placed joint fifth in the



Team Championship after posting a score of 60 at St Andrews. They are 23-under-par overall and qualify to play again today as one of the top 20 teams.

"I really wanted to make the

team cut with Mark and it's going to be awesome to play one more day at the Old Course," added Horschel, whose support of the Hammers sparked off what has become a close friendship.





# MIKE SAW BEST OF DUNHILL

*The former Mayor of New York may seek a second term at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship*

Michael Bloomberg yesterday completed play in his first Alfred Dunhill Links Championship at the age of 80, but he has been so impressed by the experience that he says he “would be honoured” if he gets an invite to come back in 2023 and do it all again.

“I’ll be dining out for the next ten years on what we all went through in the terrible weather we had on day two, because that is definitely something I’ve never done before,” he said at the completion of his third round in the company of English professional Eddie Pepperell. “I would never choose to play in those kind of conditions – ever!

“But the whole week has been wonderful. Eddie has been so nice, and what I’ve really liked is just how respectful everyone has been to each other. Amateurs and professionals, we are all rooting for each other.

“My caddie, James McAlpine, has also been great – he and his wife came out to dinner with me last night.”

Pepperell and Bloomberg, the mayor of New York City for 11 years from 2002 and also a candidate for the 2020 Democratic Presidential Nomination, losing to Joe Biden, finished with a team score of 8-under-par.



# SHINKWIN SHINES IN THE SUN

Callum Shinkwin has proven himself an all-weather act this week. The 29-year-old English pro followed up his battling 71 in dreadful conditions at Carnoustie with an excellent four-under-par 68 at sunny Kingsbarns yesterday.

Shinkwin sits on nine-under-par, six shots behind leader Richard Mansell, with Daniel Gavins, on 11-under-par, completing a trio of Englishmen eyeing victory.

“It was still breezy, but just no rain, no waterproofs, no wet arms, no wet and cold hands. It was just a more pleasant day,” said Shinkwin.

“I played at Carnoustie in the wind and rain, and other people weren’t shooting good scores at the slightly easier courses, which was a bonus.”





Rory McIlroy



Antoine Rozner



Daniel Gavins



Ryan Fox

# TODAY’S ORDER OF PLAY

## OLD COURSE 10th TEE

Game No	Tee	Tee Time	Professional/Amateur	Professional's Score					Team Score
				R1	R2	R3	Total	+/- Par	
1	10	09.19	Adri ARNAUS/ <i>Nicholas JONSSON</i>	67	80	66	213	-3	-21
			Sebastian SÖDERBERG	70	75	68	213	-3	
2	10	09.30	Stephen GALLACHER/ <i>Alison WHITE</i>	69	76	68	213	-3	-23
			Julien BRUN	66	73	74	213	-3	
			Marcel SCHNEIDER	71	74	68	213	-3	
3	10	09.41	Marcel SIEM/ <i>Jim DAVIDSON</i>	66	74	73	213	-3	-25
			Sami VÄLIMÄKI	70	73	70	213	-3	
			Romain LANGASQUE	61	80	72	213	-3	
4	10	09.52	Joakim LAGERGREN	70	75	68	213	-3	
			Tommy FLEETWOOD	70	72	72	214	-2	
			Thorbjørn OLESEN	69	76	69	214	-2	
5	10	10.03	Maverick ANTCLIFF	68	74	72	214	-2	-21
			Benjamin HEBERT/ <i>Andrew WHITE</i>	68	76	70	214	-2	
6	10	10.14	Matthew JORDAN	67	76	71	214	-2	
			George COETZEE	67	75	72	214	-2	
			Francesco MOLINARI	68	73	73	214	-2	
7	10	10.25	Daan HUIZING	68	74	73	215	-1	
			Richard BLAND	70	78	67	215	-1	
			Jaco AHLERS	67	78	70	215	-1	
8	10	10.36	Casey JARVIS	67	76	72	215	-1	
			Victor PEREZ	69	74	72	215	-1	
			Jorge CAMPILLO	70	79	66	215	-1	
9	10	10.47	Richie RAMSAY	70	79	66	215	-1	
			Richard STERNE	69	72	74	215	-1	
			Nacho ELVIRA	64	76	75	215	-1	
10	10	10.58	Johannes VEERMAN/ <i>Will AHMED</i>	69	73	73	215	-1	-25
			Hennie DU PLESSIS/ <i>Schalk BURGER</i>						-21
11	10	11.09	Ewen FERGUSON/ <i>Nikesh ARORA</i>						-23
			Lucas BJERREGAARD/ <i>Ric KAYNE</i>						-22
12	10	11.20	Francesco LAPORTA/ <i>Shantanu NARAYEN</i>						-21
			Danny WILLETT/ <i>Jimmy DUNNE</i>						-21
13	10	11.31	Thriston LAWRENCE/ <i>Gaynor RUPERT</i>						-23
			Sam BAIRSTOW/ <i>Oliver BAKER</i>						-22

OLD COURSE 1st TEE

PRO  
LEADERBOARD



TEAM  
LEADERBOARD



Game No	Tee	Tee Time	Professional/Amateur	Professional's Score					Team Score
				R1	R2	R3	Total	+/- Par	
14	I	09.19	David LAW	68	78	67	213	-3	
			Louis DE JAGER	68	75	70	213	-3	
			Adrian MERONK	71	70	72	213	-3	
15	I	09.30	David MICHELUZZI	69	73	70	212	-4	
			Frédéric LACROIX	62	78	72	212	-4	
			Thomas PIETERS	65	83	64	212	-4	
16	I	09.41	Eddie PEPPERELL	68	74	70	212	-4	-
			Laird SHEPHERD	67	74	71	212	-4	
			Daniel VAN TONDER	70	73	68	211	-5	
17	I	09.52	Alejandro CAÑIZARES	67	74	70	211	-5	
			Grant FORREST	70	74	67	211	-5	
			Alex FITZPATRICK	73	69	69	211	-5	
18	I	10.03	Matt FITZPATRICK	71	71	69	211	-5	
			Tyrrell HATTON	68	76	66	210	-6	
			Hurly LONG	70	71	69	210	-6	
19	I	10.14	Louis OOSTHUIZEN	72	73	65	210	-6	
			Maximilian KIEFFER	66	74	70	210	-6	
			Peter UIHLEIN	65	77	68	210	-6	
20	I	10.25	Dale WHITNELL	66	77	67	210	-6	
			Robert MacINTYRE	68	70	71	209	-7	
			Oliver BEKKER/Matthew STILLMAN	66	74	69	209	-7	
21	I	10.36	Matthew SOUTHGATE	67	73	69	209	-7	
			Padraig HARRINGTON	69	71	69	209	-7	
			Rory McILROY/Gerry McILROY	68	75	66	209	-7	
22	I	10.47	Sebastián GARCÍA RODRÍGUEZ	68	73	68	209	-7	
			Billy HORSCHER/Mark NOBLE	71	71	67	209	-7	
23	I	10.58	Connor SYME/Ronan KEATING	68	76	65	209	-7	-23
			Christiaan BURKE/Bruce MITCHELL	66	77	65	208	-8	
24	I	11.09	Rasmus HØJGAARD	67	74	67	208	-8	
			Tapio PULKKANEN	66	73	69	208	-8	
			Callum SHINKWIN/Alex ACQUAVELLA	68	71	68	207	-9	
25	I	11.20	Antoine ROZNER	63	74	69	209	-10	
			Niklas Nørgaard MØLLER/John HEGARTY	63	74	69	206	-10	
			Daniel GAVINS	65	73	67	205	-11	
26	I	11.31	Ryan FOX	66	74	65	205	-11	
			Alex NOREN	67	69	69	205	-11	
			Richard MANSELL/Anthony WREFORD	66	68	67	201	-15	



Richard Mansell



Niklas Nørgaard Møller



Callum Shinkwin



Alex Noren



# MORE GOLF? IT'S BASS-IC

*Musician Mike has more time to play golf since Genesis stopped touring this year*

Rock legend Mike Rutherford says the best thing for his golf game has been hanging up his bass guitar. Genesis played their last-ever shows at the O2 arena in London earlier this year - and Rutherford says that stepping back from life on tour has revitalised his golf game.

“My golf is always colourful, but I’ve played a lot more since I finished the Genesis tour,” said Rutherford, who was paired with Scottish pro Richie Ramsay in this year’s Team Championship - they were not among the teams to make the cut for today’s final round.

“On tour, I do two shows, then have a day off but my wrists are old and creaky, so I now need the day off to rest. It’s a shame because golf is the best way to spend



a day off, but I’ve got a lot more time to play now.”

One musician who did make the cut was Ronan Keating who is tied fifth on 23-under-par with his professional partner, young Scottish star Connor Syme.

Other musicians to have missed the cut in the Team Championship include Keane lead singer Tom Chaplin, Linkin Park’s Dave Farrell and Tico Torres, the Bon Jovi drummer who has been coming to St Andrews since 1996.

“It’s a pleasure to meet people from all walks of life,” he said. “You get to share food, golf and stories together, and music - we still jam on the Saturday night.”

Hollywood actress Kathryn Newton, making her first appearance at the Dunhill alongside pro partner Matt Wallace, also failed to make the final day.

# NET ZERO BY NATURE

Greenkeepers at our host courses are stewarding course management for sustainability. With a background in conservation, Ranald Strachan, Lead West Sands Ranger for St Andrews Links Trust, works with his team to develop nature-based solutions for golf course management.

“We view the courses and their environment as one ecosystem. This way we can use the nature surrounding us in our favour,” said Ranald.

At the Home of Golf, grass trimmings are converted into compost for public donation and rainwater is collected for irrigation. Wildflower fields grown for ground-nesting birds in the spring are ‘mowed’ by sheep post-breeding season. This circular management has enabled bird populations to thrive.

Thanks to funding from The Links Trust, the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, and the community, the greenkeeping team are committed to achieving their aims of net-zero waste.

# LONGITUDE. LATITUDE. ATTITUDE.

Portugieser Chronograph. Ref. 3716:  
The Portugieser’s functional design took its inspiration from the nautical deck watches once used on ships to assist marine navigation. The Portugieser Chronograph, with its clean, eminently legible dial, is a direct reminder of this heritage. At the same time, the two recessed subdials and the flange with its printed quarter-second

scale imbue this timelessly elegant watch with a distinctive, sporty flair. This design classic is now powered by the IWC-manufactured 69355 calibre, which is visible through a transparent back cover. And with a precision instrument like this on your wrist, you can be sure of navigating your way through life with stylish understatement.

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# FLEETWOOD HAPPY WITH SMALL STEPS

*Tommy Fleetwood sees progress in his game even though he fell out of contention on the Old Course yesterday – and still relishes the camaraderie unique to this event*

Tommy Fleetwood continued his solid progress at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship this week with a round of 72 at the Old Course to finish two-under-par. The 31-year-old Englishman's round was moving along smoothly until the 16th and 17th, where he picked up consecutive bogeys. He made some amends with a birdie on the 18th and is looking forward to shooting a low round today.

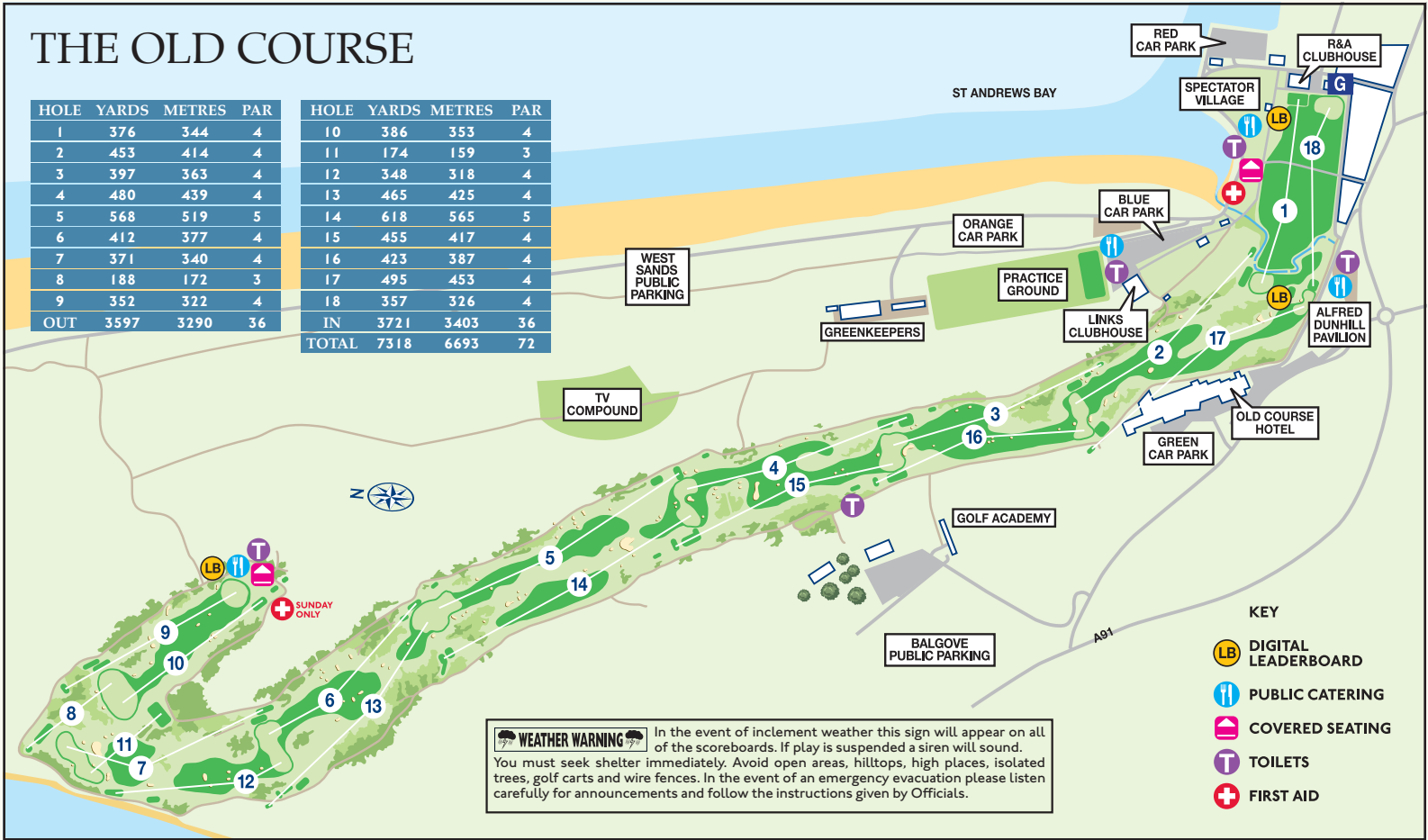
"I played OK," he said. "I know there's been some really good scores, but I thought it was really tricky. I didn't make a score at the par 5s, which meant I didn't get the round going.

"I was one under up until 16 – one birdie and all pars – and was on the edge of making pars at 16 and 17 but ended up with bogeys. But at least I birdied the last and so I finished level par [for the round]."

Fleetwood is always a popular figure with the Scottish galleries and particularly enjoys the team element of this event.

He won the Team Championship in 2019 with his amateur partner, Ogden Phipps II, who he was paired with again this year. Unfortunately for them, their score of 11-under-par was not enough to make the cut and return to the Old Course today. "I enjoy the week, the golf courses and spending time with Ogden and my group of friends. It's always a really good week," he said.

"I'm happy to be playing again – this is the start of a good spell of travelling for me. I think I've been playing all right. There are certain things I could sharpen up but I'm just taking it day by day. I'm not miles away. If I go out [today] and shoot a low one then I'll think it's been a nice week."





# MEMORIES FROM A GREAT WEEK AT THE LINKS



*Caddysback star Bill Murray makes a surprise visit to the St Andrews greenkeeping team*







*Former England cricket captains Kevin Pietersen, Joe Root and Michael Vaughan join Piers Morgan to drink a toast to the late, great Shane Warne*





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