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Dunne's glorious return

Two years after leading The Open on the Old Course at St Andrews as an amateur, the Irishman shares the lead as he chases a second straight victory

Paul Dunne returned to St Andrews, the scene of one of his most unforgettable moments, to share the first round lead in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship with Nicolas Colsaerts.

In 2015, on the Old Course, Irish star Dunne became the first amateur since 1927 to lead The Open after 54 holes.

Now he has given himself the perfect start in his attempt to win his second straight professional tournament, following his success in the British Masters last week.

After his five-under 67 yesterday,

he will go out at Carnoustie today in a positive frame of mind.

He said: "Life is pretty good at the moment. The Open was great because it opened so many doors. How many times are you going to lead The Open at St Andrews with one round to go? It was a situation I wasn't used to and it overwhelmed me a bit. It was one that slipped away, but I'm in a better place to deal with it now."

Dunne had four birdies and an eagle at the 9th, where he drove the green and sank a 30-foot putt. His only blemish was a bogey at the 17th.

Belgian Colsaerts' 67 at Kingsbarns proved eventful. He had a triple bogey seven at the 3rd but fought back with seven birdies.

The Team Championship is proving thrilling with a three-way tie on 11-under-par involving Ryan Fox and Shane Warne, Aron Price and Ross Desmond and Thomas Detry and Rob Louw.

Cricketer Warne said: "We're trying to have fun, even though we're a Kiwi and an Aussie. It was a pleasure to watch Ryan play his brilliant round of 68 "

PRO LEADERS after Round 1

Paul Dunne	-5
Nicolas Colsaerts	-5
Ryan Fox	-4
Shane Lowry	-4
Joël Stalter	-4
Oliver Fisher	-4
Tvrrell Hatton	-4

TEAM LEADERS after Round 1

Price / Desmond	-11
Fox / Warne	-11
Detry / Louw	-11









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Vampire act makes Goode cover up

It's not easy being a vampire.

Yesterday, standing on the first tee, Downton Abbey's Matthew Goode turned to his playing partners, Australian Shane Warne and Ryan Fox of New Zealand and asked for sunscreen.

"In Scotland? In October? No, mate." Goode then asked: "Are there no South Africans here?" and sure enough, one was on hand with some sunscreen.

As the actor covered his face, he explained to the crowd: "I need this because the role I'm playing at the moment is a vampire – I can't go back with a suntan!"

The actor is filming A Discovery of Witches, a supernatural series adapted from the novels of Deborah Harkness. Despite his pallor, there was plenty of life in Goode's game as he finished at 8-under with David Howell in the Team Championship.





Changes pay off for eagle-powered Ben

After bouncing between tours, a new coach and a revamped swing put Evans in top form at Carnoustie

Ben Evans tamed Carnoustie in some style yesterday, hitting two eagles on the back nine for a 69 that was unbeaten on the course and left him two shots off the lead overall.

The 30-year-old from Maidstone has been in form leading up to the Championship, with a third-place finish in Denmark six weeks ago and a fifth-placed on the Challenger Tour in his last outing.

Evans plays on both tours but believes changes to his game can make weeks like this a regular experience.

"I've kind of had some swing changes," he said. "I've changed coach and done a few things, which

has made an immediate impact. I'm playing a lot, lot better.

"It's been difficult to play well enough to earn enough money on the main tour, to keep a category out there. But since Denmark, I've tried to concentrate more on the main tour but then last week, I finished fifth on The Challenge Tour, which played my way into China. So I'm going to go to China on Monday. Doesn't matter where you play; if you play well, it sorts itself out.

"Today I had short irons in [for the eagles] and the pins are quite accessible, so gives you a chance of making some."





Redknapp recalls dream day on the Old Course

Former football star insists playing with Rory McIlroy and Luke Donald is one of his sporting highlights

Jamie Redknapp played in some massive football matches, yet he rates a unique round on the Old Course in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship in 2009 as one of the best experiences in his sporting life.

Former England international Redknapp, now a TV and newspaper football analyst, played with this year's partner Luke Donald, left, and made the cut.

He said: "It was something very, very special, and I'll never forget it.

"I remember looking up at the leaderboard after the third round. Luke was leading the tournament and Rory McIlroy was second. "I knew what that meant - 'I'm going to be out in the last group with Rory McIlroy and Luke Donald in the final round on the Old Course!'

"I've had some real sporting highs in my life, but that was up there with my best. Playing for my country at football was my highlight, but this was one of the best days of my life.

"Rory was playing with his dad Gerry, who is a great guy. It was brilliant. I've been lucky enough to play at Wembley and at St Andrews, these are special places in the history of sport. You keep thinking back to all the great things that have happened there."



Yesterday Donald and Redknapp ended their first round at the Old Course on 6-under.

Redknapp has twice made the cut in the six events he's played, both with Donald. He also partnered with professionals Justin Rose, Simon Khan, Thomas Bjorn and last year with Rikard Karlberg.

He added: "It's a great format and I think the pros enjoy it. Back in 2009, Luke and Rory were trying to win, so Gerry and I kept out of the way, but Luke was a real gentleman. Even if he hit a bad shot, he would come and give me some advice, about maybe the club I was taking. He was the perfect partner."

Redknapp played golf as a youngster with his famous football manager father Harry. However, he only really fell in love with the game when he retired because of injuries aged 31 after a glittering career with Liverpool, Tottenham, Bournemouth,

Southampton and England.

He said: "It filled a massive void in my life. When you play football, you have that buzz and passion. I think that's why so many sportsmen turn to golf.

"I can't get enough, though the first time I played the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship I was so nervous I didn't think I was going to get the ball on the tee. I still get nervous, it's ridiculous."

And he revealed what his targets are this year.

He said: "I would love to make the cut again, but I just go there to have a great week, meet some fantastic, interesting people, hopefully hit some good shots and just enjoy it.

"Though once the competitive juices are flowing, you certainly get interested on the last day if you are in sight of making the cut. Alan Hansen and I always used to have a bet on who would finish higher."



Hello baby! Ronan Keating and his wife Storm proudly show off baby Cooper to his pro partner Lee Westwood and his girlfriend Helen Storey



The Alfred Dunhill Links Championship celebrates links golf at its finest and is played over the Old Course at St Andrews, the Championship Course at Carnoustie and Kingsbarns Golf Links. The final round, after the cut is made on Saturday, is played over the Old Course.

With a total prize fund of US\$5 million, there are two separate competitions - an individual professional tournament and the Team Championship, in which each professional is paired with an amateur.



...and another Kelly with a winning habit

Kelly Slater isn't just the greatest surfer the world has seen – he's also a lucky charm for professional golfers at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

In 2009 Slater was Simon Dyson's amateur partner and in 2015 he was paired with Thorbjorn Olesen, left.

And both England's Dyson and Denmark's Olesen won the individual titles in those years.

American Slater, an 11-times world

Kelly living the dream

Golf fan and Baywatch actress is won over by St Andrews and its iconic course after making her first appearance at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship

Model Kelly Rohrbach has fallen in love with the Old Course's famous double greens, as well as its iconic looks, on her first visit to St Andrews.

It's a dream come true for a girl from a golfing family – and one good enough to win a college golf scholarship in her native America before turning to acting.

"I started playing golf when I was very young and played competitively as a junior," said Kelly after she helped her professional partner, Australian Nathan Holman, to a six-under-par first round Team Championship score of 66.

She added: "It has been so great to play the Old Course. And I liked the double greens that you get on so many holes. It means you can be wide of the hole you're aiming at but still be on the green!"

Holman shot a level-par 72 and Kelly said: "I'd never met him before today but he is a very sweet guy and also a very good putter! We played well as a team."



surfing champion, said: "Yes, I've only played in this event twice before – and both times my professional partner ended up winning it!

"Both of them were fantastic experiences, and Simon and I also finished third in the Team Championship in 2009."

South African professional Dylan Frittelli, winner of the Lyoness Open in Austria in June – his maiden European Tour victory – is Slater's partner this week. So can he make it a hat-trick with Frittelli? He quipped: "Hopefully Dylan doesn't know my record – I don't want to put more pressure on him!"

Slater confirmed he had not met

Frittelli, 27, before teeing off with him at the Old Course in round one but said he was looking forward to playing with his new partner.

They finished the day on 5-under before they play their second round at Carnoustie today.

Slater added: "As someone who avidly watched Open Championships on the television for many years, to be able to come here and play in this event and get to play the Old Course and Carnoustie is just incredible.

"This is the greatest pro-am tournament in golf and such a fun week. It's a special opportunity for us amateurs to play with great pros and on these three wonderful courses."





Ernie rolls back years with super 80ft eagle

Ernie Els holed an 80-foot putt from off the front of the 18th green to wow the opening day crowds with a spectacular eagle two.

The moment of magic made it a memorable finish to a round of two-over par 74 on the Old Course.

The popular South African, 47, said: "I have had a two at the 18th before, and it came in this event when I hit it on to the green and holed the putt, but this one was a much longer putt!"

He and amateur partner Rurik Gobel also shot an eight-under round in the Team Championship.

Els, who enjoyed a light moment with Rory McIlroy during a break in his round, above, is a four-times Major winner.

He is passionate about keeping in shape and has a gym at his Florida home.

And he's working with personal trainer Vern McMillan to keep him competitive.

The star, nicknamed Big Easy, said: "I haven't played my best the last couple of years, but I still love the challenge, the practising, working hard on my game and competing. I've still got the hunger. I still believe I have the game to win."

He added: "You need to stay in good shape to play your best golf and keep niggles to a minimum.

"That gets even more important as you get a bit older. Vern puts me through a lot of pain, but tells me it's good for me."

Today's Order of Play

Old Course

Game	Tee	Tee	Professional/Amateur			sional'			Team
		Time		R1	R 2	R 3		+/- Par	Score
1	1	09.00	Kiradech Aphibarnrat/Barry Sternlicht	70			70	-2	-7
			Thorbjørn Olesen/Donald Colleran	73			73	+1	-9
2	2 1 09.11		Stephen Gallacher/Sir Martyn Arbib	72			72	par	-1
			Wu Ashun /Michael Wang	78			78	+6	+2
3	1 09.22		Alexander Björk/lan Snow	72			72	par	-6
			Andrew Dodt/Dan Martin	73			73	+1	-4
4	1	09.33	Liam Johnston/Jay Varkey	72			72	par	-6
			Luca Cianchetti/Pierre-Henri Dentressangle	70			70	-2	-7
5	1	09.44	Phachara Khongwatmai/Liam Botham	74			74	+2	-6
			Gavin Moynihan/Brett Desmond	70			70	-2	-6
6	1	09.55	Alexander Knappe/David Kilburn	73			73	+1	-1
			Grant Forrest/Wilhelm van Zyl	75			75	+3	-3
7	1	10.06	Paul Lawrie/Jim Hawkins	71			71	-1	-8
			José-Filipe Lima/Michael Lund	74			74	+2	-4
8	1	10.17	Adrian Otaegui/Dillie Malherbe	73			73	+1	par
			Sebastian Heisele/John van Wyk	72			72	par	-7
9	1	10.28	Florian Fritsch/Jean Malherbe	79			79	+7	+1
			Soomin Lee/Giuseppe Ciucci	72			72	par	-4
10	1	10.39	Paul Peterson/Charles Bertucio	75			75	+3	-5
			Eduardo De La Riva/Bob Israel	74			74	+2	par
11	1	10.50	Felipe Aguilar/Miguel Dueñas	74			74	+2	-5
			Sébastien Gros/Joseph Lopez	76			76	+4	-2
12	1	11.01	SSP Chawrasia/Dilip Thomas	72			72	par	-2
			Byeong Hun An/Sandy Dawson	74			74	+2	-3
13	13 1		Thomas Bjørn/Pascal Grizot	73			73	+1	-5
			Matthew Southgate/Peter Dawson	78			78	+6	-2
14	14 1	11.23	Richie Ramsay/Chris Goodwin	71			71	-1	-3
		Peter Hanson/William Heyman	71			71	-1	-2	
15	15 10		Sam Walker/Cian Foley	75			75	+3	par
			Scott Gregory/John Hegarty	71			71	-1	-6
16	10	09.11	Nacho Elvira/Gerard Rupert	71			71	-1	-2
			Darren Fichardt/Harry van Dyk	74			74	+2	-4
17	10	09.22	Scott Jamieson/Duncan Simpson-Craib	70			70	-2	-6
			Yikeun Chang/Erwee Botha	72			72	par	-9
18	10	09.33	Duncan Stewart/Eleanor Cannon	82			82	+10	-2
			Marcus Armitage/Darren Howie	71			71	-1	-4
19	10	09.44	Stuart Manley/Maeve Danaher	72			72	par	-1
			Pep Angles/Greg Dalziel	72			72	par	-2
20	10	09.55	Alvaro Quiros/Rob Hersov	71			71	-1	-1
			Johan Carlsson/Scott Desano	78			78	+6	-6
21	10	10.06	Marcel Siem/Robert Hissom	69			69	-3	-7
			Thongchai Jaidee/Graham Head	74			74	+2	-4
22	10	10.17	Bernd Ritthammer/Hilgon van Breda	70			70	-2	-4
			Anthony Michael/Charlie van Dyk	73			73	+1	-6
23	10	10.28	Brett Rumford/Sean Summers	73			73	+1	par
			Jbe Kruger /Johan van Zyl	71			71	-1	-8
24	10	10.39	Nathan Kimsey/Michael Bunker	76			76	+4	-3
			Mike Lorenzo-Vera/Ahmed Tayeb	74			74	+2	-1
25	10	10.50	Niclas Fasth/John Tyson	73			73	+1	-6
			Nicolas Colsaerts/Ferdinand Groos	67			67	-5	-6
26	10	11.01	Nino Bertasio/Sergio Balbinot	70			70	-2	-4
			Jorge Campillo/Beltrán Gómez-Acebo	73			73	+1	-2
27	10	11.12	Gary Stal/Ludovico del Balzo	72			72	par	-5
2/ 10			Joël Stalter/Philippe Bucheton	68			68	-4	-9
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28	10	11.23	Pavit Tangkamolprasert/Alexander Mehran Sr	75			75	+3	-3

Carnoustie

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Game No	Tee	Tee Time	Professional/Amateur
29	1	09.00	Robert Karlsson/Dermot Desmoi
			Austin Connelly/Greg Kinnear
30	1	09.11	Ryan Fox/Shane Warne
			Matthew Fitzpatrick/Jeremy Ord
31	1	09.22	David Howell/Matthew Goode
			Luke Donald/Jamie Redknapp
32	1	09.33	Dylan Frittelli/Kelly Slater
			Daniel Im/Heidi Ueberroth
33	1	09.44	Thomas Detry/Rob Louw
			Nathan Holman/Kelly Rohrbach
34	1	09.55	Chris Hanson/Nikesh Arora
			Martin Kaymer/Philip Kaymer
35	1	10.06	JB Holmes/Todd Wagner
			Maximilian Kieffer/Wladimir Klitse
36	1	10.17	Tyrrell Hatton/Jamie Dornan
			Shane Lowry/Gerry McManus
37	1	10.28	Brandon Stone/Paul O'Connell
			Lee Westwood/Ronan Keating
38	1	10.39	Ross Fisher/Anthony Wreford
			Paul Dunne/Jeff Kelter
39	1	10.50	George Coetzee/Brian Higgins
			Ernie Els/Rurik Gobel
40	1	11.01	Branden Grace/Johann Rupert
			Richard Sterne/Paul Harris
41	1	11.12	Rory McIlroy/Gerry McIlroy
			Tommy Fleetwood/Ogden Phipp
42	1	11.23	Graeme McDowell/Sir Anthony N
			Padraig Harrington/JP McManus
43	10	09.00	Benjamin Hebert/Manish Chopra
			Patrick Newcomb/Ryan Smith
44	10	09.11	Paul Waring/Matt Woolf
			Aron Price/Ross Desmond
45	10	09.22	Alfie Plant/Oliver Baker
			Jamie Donaldson/Kieran McMan
46	10	09.33	Fabrizio Zanotti/Mike Fascitelli
			Romain Langasque/Wayne Quas
47	10	09.44	Brett Quigley/Scott Mahoney
			Jeunghun Wang/Ashton Curtis
48	10	09.55	Zander Lombard/Gaynor Rupert
			Justin Walters/Leigh Ord
49	10	10.06	Andrew Evans/Tony Bird
			Damien Perrier/Stephen Marks
50	10	10.17	Jason Scrivener/Billy Dewsall
			Chris Paisley/Richard Bevan
51	10	10.28	Daniel Brooks/Graeme Paton
			Ashley Chesters/Ian Marshall
52	10	10.39	Richard Bland/Moss Ngoasheng
			Aaron Rai/Karlheinz Muhr
53	10	10.50	Carlos Pigem/Andrew Sturdy
			Oliver Fisher/Gerry Tvedt
54	10	11.01	Matthieu Pavon/Andrew White
			Julien Quesne/Norbert Dentress
55	10	11.12	Jordan Smith/Art Moossmann
			Matt Wallace/David Walsh
56	10	11.23	Lasse Jensen/David Kohler
			Rhein Gibson/Mark Madden



Kingsbarns

	R 1	Profes R 2	sional's	s Score		Team Score
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nd	75			75	+3	-7
	81			81	+9	-3
	68			68	-4	-11
<u>'</u>	73			73	+1	-2
	72			72	par	-8
	70			70	-2	-6
	70			70	-2	-5
	76			76	+4	-5
	71			71	-1	-11
	75			75	+3	-2
	74			74	+2	-6
	71			71	-1	-5
	73			73	+1	-7
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	71			71	-1	-5
	71			71	-1	-3
	67			67	-5	-7
	69			69	-3	-6
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	71			71	-1	-8
	74			74	+2	-4
	74			74	+2	-5
	72			72	par	-1
	72			72	par	-6
	74			74	+2	-7
	72			72	par	-7
	71			71	-1	-7
	73			73	+1	par
	70			70	-2	-4
	71			71	-1	-5
	68			68	-4	-8
	72			72	par	-5
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	70			70	-2	-4
	69			69	-3	-4
	71			71	-1	-2
	70			70	-2	-6

Game	Tee	Tee	Professional/Amateur		Profes		s Score		Team
No		Time		R 1	R 2	R 3	Total	+/- Par	Score
57	1	09.00	Stephen Leaney/Marius Barnett	75			<i>7</i> 5	+3	+2
			Edoardo Molinari/Tim Webster	73			73	+1	-5
58	1	09.11	Joost Luiten/Wijnand Pon	70			70	-2	-3
			Romain Wattel /Geoff Beattie	70			70	-2	-4
59	1	09.22	Anthony Wall/Martin Slumbers	73			73	+1	-8
			Marc Warren/Martin Gilbert	70			70	-2	-3
60	1	09.33	Stuart Appleby/Lothar Estein	78			78	+6	-4
			Matteo Manassero/Ric Kayne	74			74	+2	par
61	1	09.44	Julian Suri/John Fry	72			72	par	-4
			Simon Dyson/Walter Hussman Jr	82			82	+10	+5
62	1	09.55	Bradley Dredge/Jabu Mabuza	70			70	-2	-5
			Thomas Aiken/Bill Terlato	73			73	+1	-2
63	1	10.06	Sam Brazel/Alan Quasha	71			71	-1	-3
			Joakim Lagergren/Billy Getty	69			69	-3	-4
64	1	10.17	Raphaël Jacquelin/Ernesto Bertarelli	71			71	-1	-3
			Lucas Bjerregaard/Nick Acquavella	76			76	+4	par
65	1	10.28	Pablo Larrazábal/ Pasco Alfaro	76			76	+4	-2
			Rikard Karlberg/Hans Kertess	75			75	+3	-1
66	1	10.39	Connor Syme/Pat Battle	72			72	par	-1
			Renato Paratore/lan Todd	77			77	+5	-2
67	1	10.50	James Morrison/Hugh Roberts	71			71	-1	DQ
			Grégory Havret/Frank Quattrone	70			70	-2	-2
68	1	11.01	Lee Slattery/Selwyn Nathan	73			73	+1	-3
			Dean Burmester/Sam Hackner	77			77	+5	+1
69	1	11.12	Tom Lewis/Daniel Nathan	77			77	+5	-1
			Oliver Bekker/Gary Hackner	70			70	-2	-7
70	1	11.23	Matthew Giles/Glynn Burger	73			73	+1	-2
			Jacques Kruyswijk/Frank Vivier	73			73	+1	-3
71	10	09.00	Ben Evans/Tom Chaplin	69			69	-3	-5
			Robert Rock/Brian McFadden	71			71	-1	-5
72	10	09.11	David Drysdale/Mike Rutherford	69			69	-3	-3
			Scott Hend/Tico Torres	73			73	+1	-2
73	10	09.22	Cliff Kresge/Huey Lewis	72			72	par	-3
			Alejandro Cañizares/Rob Light	75			75	+3	-3
74	10	09.33	Graeme Storm/Sir Steve Redgrave	75			75	+3	-1
			Magnus A Carlsson/Franz Klammer	74			74	+2	+1
75	10	09.44	Anders Hansen/Alan Hansen	74			74	+2	+2
			Jack Davidson/Peter Jones	71			71	-1	-2
76	10	09.55	Jaco Ahlers/Schalk Burger	71			71	-1	-7
			Todd Sinnott/Allan Lamb	80			80	+8	-5
77	10	10.06	Haydn Porteous/Fourie du Preez	74			74	+2	-3
_			Eddie Pepperell/Mark Nicholas	72			72	par	-4
78	10	10.17	Victor Dubuisson/Shantanu Narayen	74			74	+2	-3
			Jens Fahrbring/Ric Lewis	71			71	-1	-2
79	10	10.28	Alexander Levy/Tom Jermoluk	70			70	-2	-8
			David Horsey/Jan Bengtsson	75			75	+3	-4
80	10	10.39	Marcus Fraser/Sir Ian Botham	74			74	+2	-1
		10 =	Wade Ormsby/lan Bishop	74			74	+2	-4
81	10	10.50	Ricardo Gouveia/Luis Figo	71			71	-1	-3
		44.	Jack Singh Brar/Brian O'Driscoll	79			77	+7	+1
82	10	11.01	Laurie Canter/Mark Boucher	72			72	par	-3
		44.1	Callum Shinkwin/Kevin Pietersen	76			76	+4	-1
83	10	11.12	Christiaan Bezuidenhout/Jacques Kallis	73			73	+1	-5
	1.5	44.0=	Ulrich Van Den Berg/Allan Stanton	73			73	+1	-3
84	10	11.23	Mikko Ilonen/Dave Farrell	74			74	+2	-7
			Ashley Hall/Johnathan Joseph	75			75	+3	-3







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Farrell's tough regime

US rocker takes fresh approach to tackling unique links game as he predicts a repeat of the 'ton of fun' he enjoyed in last year's tournament

Linkin Park bassist Dave Farrell hopes his new 'Scottish' practice regime will help inspire a challenge in the Team Championship.

Last year the Californian rocker found that all the practice he had put in counted for nothing when he was confronted with the unique challenges of links.

Farrell, known as Phoenix, said: "On the first day I arrived in Scotland last year I realised that I had been spending all this time practicing at home in 85-degree heat and two mile-an-hour winds.

"Then you come here and it's a bit different! This year I did hit some balls at home and put in the work, but instead I found the tightest lie I could and practiced clipping balls off of that."

Following their first round at Carnoustie yesterday, Farrell and Finnish pro partner Mikko Illonen finished on seven under par, leaving them well placed on the Team Championship leaderboard.

Farrell added: "In 2016 Carnoustie beat me up, it was an absolute disaster. But today I hit some good shots and got rewards, and some bad shots and didn't get punished.

"I'm really happy with our score.

I'd love to make the cut, it'd be such a blast to play on Sunday."

Farrell also revealed he planned to use the week to "unplug" and repeat the "ton of fun" he had in his first appearance last year.





Rutherford takes on links challenge without his guitar

Musician Mike holds off pre-round nerves on debut a year after performing on championship party stage

Rock legend Mike Rutherford made his first appearance at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship in 2016 – but with a guitar in hand rather than golf clubs.

The Genesis and Mike and the Mechanics musician had declined an invitation to play in the tournament and instead took to the stage at the annual Saturday night party last year.

He said: "I was invited to play in the tournament but I didn't think my golf was good enough. So I came last year to play my guitar on Saturday.

"I had great fun, the atmosphere was fantastic and I thought 'why not? I'll come back next year and play'.

"I was a polo player for 25 years so I didn't play much golf. I started again around 15 years ago and I now play at Sunningdale. My ambitions for this week are to stay out of trouble.

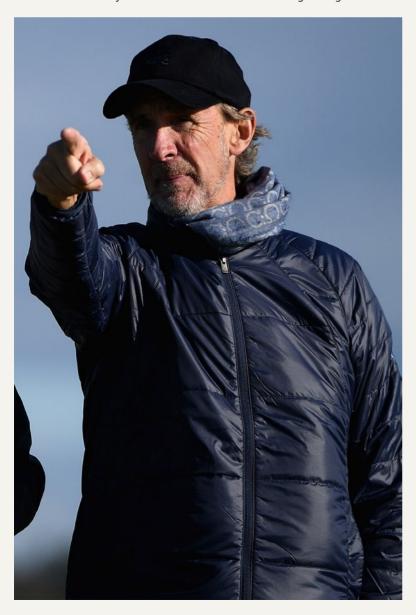
I'd like to play well for my pro's sake, but I can only do the best I can."

Rutherford – who finished 3-under in the Team Championship with Scottish pro David Drysdale after yesterday's first round - had never played links golf before teeing up at Carnoustie. He admitted to feeling a little daunted at the prospect of tackling the infamous Angus course.

He said: "I have to admit I was a little nervous, having never played links golf or played at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

"I loved it, really enjoyed myself. We had a great team – Huey Lewis and our two pros – and it was a lot of fun. The links golf wasn't the problem today, it was my swing and my game, but it was lovely weather and I really enjoyed it."

Rutherford and Drysdale tee of at 9:11 this morning at Kingsbarns.





Hansen offers advice

Liverpool and Scotland legend Alan Hansen paid a visit to Dundee West Football Club as part of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship week.

He met with a number of coaches, youth players and parents at the community football club, where he spoke about his playing career and the need for hard work and determination to succeed in professional sport.

Hansen also told the audience how he initially wanted to pursue a golf career before opting for football and revealed the best player he encountered on the pitch was Brazil's Zico. After making his professional debut in 1973 with Partick Thistle, Hansen's career took him to the highest levels of English and international football. He was signed by Liverpool in 1977 where he spent 14 years, winning eight English top-tier titles, three European Cups and two FA Cups. He also secured 26 caps for Scotland.

After retiring as a player, Hansen enjoyed a successful 22-year career as a BBC football pundit. He was partnered with Denmark's Anders Hansen yesterday in the Team Championship and finished the day on 2-over at Carnoustie.

Teen Crystal promises to be golf gem

While the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship is being played this week, 16-year-old Crystal Beukes will be competing against some of the world's top amateurs in the Jack Newton International Junior Classic in Cypress Lakes, Australia.

Beukes, from Somerset West, is one of the rising stars of South Africa's junior golf scene.

From the age of eight she has been benefiting from the help of the South African Golf Development Board (SAGDB), which receives support from the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation. She's undaunted by the challenges she will face with this step up in class.

The teenager said: "You must not be afraid to play with better players,



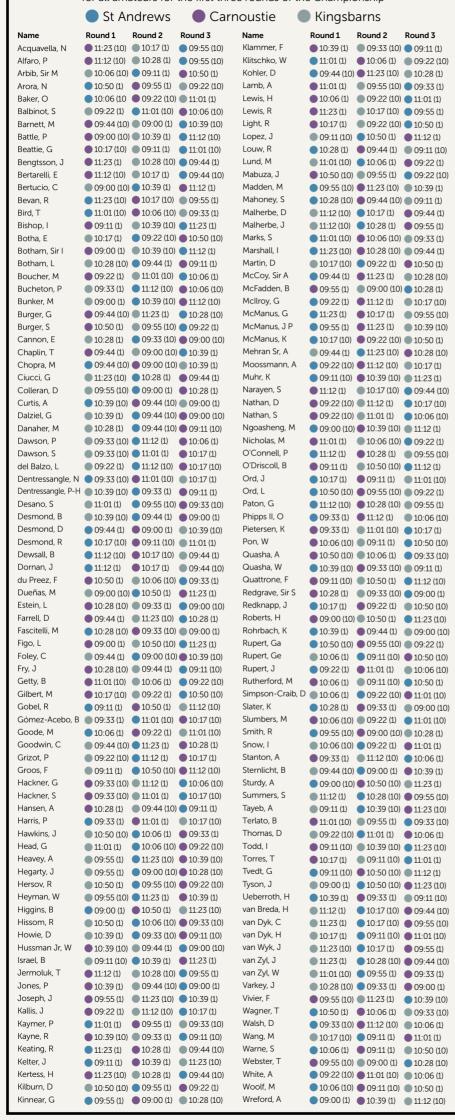
because it will improve your game." Beukes, whose hero is 2014 US

Women's Open champion Michelle Wie, rates winning the Boland Senior Women's Matchplay Championship last year as a career highlight.

Academics are a priority and she aims to secure a golf scholarship to a US college. She was top of her grade 8 class at Hottentot's Holland High before earning a scholarship to Reddam House Somerset West, where she is excelling.

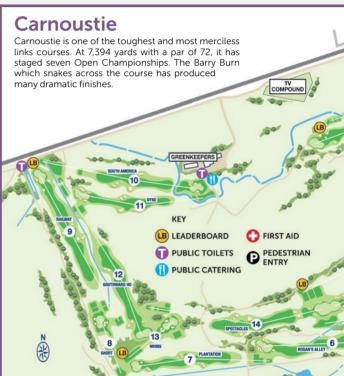
Amateurs

This alphabetical list shows the course, starting time and tee for all amateurs for the first three rounds of the Championship



Old Course St Andrews is the Home of Golf and the Old Course is at its heart. The most famous golf course in the world, it measures 7,305 yards, has a par of 72 and radiates a sense of history. As the weather changes, it can be benign one day and a mighty challenge the next but throughout it remains the greatest stage on which golf is played. YARDS METRES PAR HOLE YARDS METRES 376 174 348 453 414 12 318 46! 618 412 377 15 455 417 371 423 160 18 357 326 3278

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