

# Leopard Creek Times

Alfred Dunhill Championship Daily News



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## Strydom and Jamieson share lead at Leopard Creek



*Ockie Strydom and Scott Jamieson both share a deep passion for Leopard Creek and their desire to win the Alfred Dunhill Championship as they share the lead going into Sunday's final round.*

Strydom equalled the course record with a third round of 63 to climb to 15 under par, and Jamieson – the man who a day earlier had set that course record – signed for a 70 on Saturday to join him at the top of the leaderboard.

They are two strokes clear of the trio of Dean Burmester, Oliver Bekker and Dale Whitnell. Former champion Branden Grace is in a group just three shots off the lead.

Strydom, who has 19 runner-up finishes to his name, credits his caddie with changing his mental approach and leading to the kind of form that last week saw him set the course

record at Blair Atholl during the Investec South African Open, and then challenging again this week for a maiden DP World Tour title.

“Jaris (Kruger) my brother-in-law has made a huge difference on the bag. We understand each other and he keeps me positive. He doesn’t just go for it out there, like I would always do. I’ve always played aggressively. If I could hit driver on a par three I would. Now I’m playing more strategically.

“This is a trophy you want, and to win here at Leopard Creek would be so special. The course is more beautiful than I’ve ever seen it. I’m staying in a house on the golf course. It’s so

calm, and that always makes me play my best golf.”

Jamieson is equally determined to complete his love for Leopard Creek with a title on its fairways. “It’s my favourite week of the year,” he said.

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Scott Jamieson.



Dale Whitnell.



Oliver Bekker.



Dean Burmester.

The faster green speeds certainly tested the field on Saturday.

“When I saw the green speeds on the first tee box and it was something like 13.7 I thought, ‘Ok. Here we go,’” said Strydom.

“Luckily on the first green I hit a downhill putt about four feet past to get the hang of it. Overall my wedges were close and I didn’t go for dangerous shots. The course was set up quite tough but I hit it in the right places on these greens. Leopard Creek can’t be attacked. It’s either going to come to you and then if it does, well done. If it doesn’t, you’re in big trouble.”

Jamieson struggled to find his form on the front nine and turned one over. But his patience was rewarded on the back nine. “As expected, the course was a little tougher. The green speeds were up a bit. I knew there would be chances on the back nine and then I had three birdies in a row. I was really disciplined out there. I stuck to my gameplan and got my reward with those three birdies. But we all know the tournament begins on the back nine on Sunday.”

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Game	Time	Tee	Name	Country	Attachment	R1	R2	R3
1	08:30	1	Wynand DINGLE	RSA	Silver Lakes CC	70	67	74
			Matthew BALDWIN	ENG	The Royal Birkdale GC	72	70	69
2	08:40	1	Alejandro CAÑIZARES	ESP	Real Club Valderrama	69	69	73
			Niklas Nørgaard MØLLER	DEN	Kokkedal GC	70	71	70
			Christian MAAS (AM)	RSA	Pretoria CC	71	70	70
3	08:50	1	Jaco AHLERS	RSA	Fancourt	67	73	71
			Kristian Krogh JOHANNESSEN	NOR	Drammen GK	68	72	71
			Lukas NEMECZ	AUT	Murhof GC	66	70	74
4	09:00	1	JC RITCHIE	RSA	Serengeti Estates	72	66	72
			Daniel VAN TONDER	RSA	Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate	72	67	71
			Jacques BLAAUW	RSA	The Els Club Copperleaf	73	68	69
5	09:10	1	Ernie ELS	RSA		70	69	71
			Jayden SCHAPER	RSA	Eboste Golf Estate	69	68	72
			Christiaan BEZUIDENHOUT	RSA	Serengeti Wildlife & Golf Estate	70	72	67
6	09:20	1	Laurie CANTER	ENG	Cumberwell Park GC	68	69	72
			Jorge CAMPILLO	ESP	Norba Club de Golf de Caceres	69	69	71
			Joshua LEE	USA	Timuquana CC	71	69	69
7	09:30	1	Nathan KIMSEY	ENG	Stoneham GC	70	64	74
			Alexander KNAPPE	GER		68	68	72
			Bryce EASTON	RSA	Hillside Golf Club	69	69	70
8	09:40	1	Jaco PRINSLOO	RSA	Serengeti golf and wildlife estate	70	68	70
			George COETZEE	RSA	Pretoria CC	73	68	67
			Joost LUITEN	NED	Bernardus Golf	69	70	69
9	09:50	1	Wilco NIENABER	RSA	Costaterra G&OC	68	73	67
			David RAVETTO	FRA	RCF la Boule	67	67	73
			Eddie PEPPERELL	ENG	Frilford Heath GC	69	65	73
10	10:00	1	MJ DAFFUE	RSA	GC of Houston	69	66	72
			Louis OOSTHUIZEN	RSA	Albertinia Golf lub	70	66	71
			Ross FISHER	ENG		71	65	71
11	10:10	1	Aaron COCKERILL	CAN	The Els Club Dubai	70	65	70
			Dylan FRITTELLI	RSA	UT GC	70	66	68
			Brandon GRACE	RSA	Fancourt G&CC	67	70	67
12	10:20	1	Adrian OTAEGUI	ESP	Golburu Golf	70	69	65
			Dean BURMESTER	RSA	Mont Choisy Le Golf	65	70	68
			Oliver BEKKER	RSA	Stellenbosch GC	69	66	68
13	10:30	1	Dale WHITNELL	ENG	Crondon Park	69	68	66
			Scott JAMIESON	SCO		68	63	70
			Ockie STRYDOM	RSA	Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate	68	70	63

Game	Time	Tee	Name	Country	Attachment	R1	R2	R3
14	08:30	10	Darren FICHARDT	RSA	Centurion CC	67	70	74
			Tom MCKIBBIN	NIR	Galgorm Castle GC	68	73	71
15	08:40	10	Thriston LAWRENCE	RSA	Neispruit GC	69	71	72
			James Hart DU PREEZ	RSA	Pretoria CC	70	69	73
			Gary HURLEY	IRL	Saadyat Beach GC	73	68	71
16	08:50	10	Matthew SOUTHGATE	ENG	Thorpe hall GC	71	71	70
			Jean HUGO	RSA	The Els Club, Cooperleaf	70	72	70
			Joachim B HANSEN	DEN	The Scandinavian	73	68	72
17	09:00	10	Shaun NORRIS	RSA	Silver Lakes CC	71	70	72
			John AXELSEN	DEN	Smoerum GK	75	66	72
			Scott VINCENT	ZIM	Colorado GC	70	72	71
18	09:10	10	JJ SENEKAL	RSA	Stellenbosch GC	70	70	74
			Daniel BROWN	ENG	Romanby Golf Club	71	70	73
			Santiago TARRIO	ESP	Val de Rois	69	69	76
19	09:20	10	Martin SIMONSEN	DEN	Aalborg GK	72	70	72
			Sami VÄLIMÄKI	FIN	Nokia River Golf	74	69	71
			Dylan MOSTERT	RSA	Modderfontein GC	70	65	79
20	09:30	10	Marcel SIEM	GER	Heritage Mauritius	71	72	71
			Ryo HISATSUNE	JPN		71	72	71
			Chase HANNA	USA	Wolf Creek GC	74	69	71
21	09:40	10	CJ DU PLESSIS	RSA	Silver Lake CC	72	70	73
			Merrick BREMMER	RSA	Silver Lakes CC / Betway_sa	78	65	72
			Grant FORREST	SCO	The Renaissance Club	72	70	74
22	09:50	10	Neil SCHIETEKAT	RSA	Royal Johannesburg and Kensington	70	72	74
			Dan BRADBURY	ENG	Wakefield GC	74	68	75
			Jovan REBULA	RSA	George GC	70	72	75
23	10:00	10	Kyle DE BEER (AM)	RSA	Port Elizabeth GC	72	70	75
			Adam BREEN	RSA		71	72	74
			Jbe KRUGER	RSA	Serengeti Estates	71	72	74
24	10:10	10	Tobias EDÉN	SWE	Karlstad GC	68	74	76
			Luke JERLING	RSA	Royal Johannesburg and Kensington	70	72	76
			Nick BACHEM	GER	Marienburger GC	72	71	75
25	10:20	10	Erik VAN ROOYEN	RSA		69	72	78
			Deon GERMISHUYS	RSA	Serengeti Estates	67	72	80
			Jens FAHRBRING	SWE	Sollentuna GK	70	72	77
26	10:30	10	Will BESSELING	NED	Tetherow Bend Oregon	71	72	76
			Combrinck SMIT	RSA	Eshowe Hills Golf Estate	72	71	76
			Justin WALTERS	RSA	CC Johannesburg	72	70	79

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*It is no wonder that golfers from all over the world relish the opportunity to compete in the Alfred Dunhill Championship.*



*Jacquin Hess gives the thumbs up to another memorable week at Leopard Creek.*



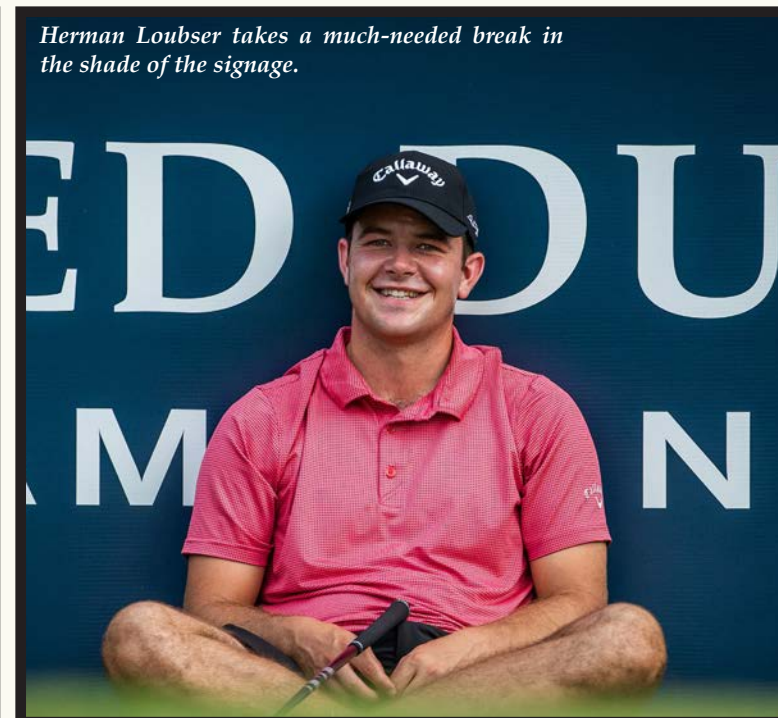
*The greens had MJ Viljoen a bit baffled.*



*One of the iconic bronze leopard statues dotted accross the Leopard Creek grounds.*



*Scott Jamieson looking for some reprieve from the midday sun.*



*Herman Loubser takes a much-needed break in the shade of the signage.*



*The magnificent 13<sup>th</sup> in all its splendour.*



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The development clinic during the Alfred Dunhill Championship is an invaluable experience for the children and professional golfers.

## Golf, the SAGDB, and the game of life

The South African Golf Development Board's (SAGDB) Riverside Farm clinic at the spectacular National Junior Development Centre at Leopard Creek during this week's Alfred Dunhill Championship. The young golfers form part of the Malalane Chapter of the SAGDB and were privileged to have internationally-renowned golf coach Grant Veenstra giving them instruction. "What GolfRSA and the SAGDB do is amazing. It's so nice to see the young talent come through and be able to contribute to that," said Veenstra, who works with many of South Africa's leading international golfers. Grant Hepburn, the CEO of GolfRSA and the SAGDB, was delighted to be able to expose the

young golfers to the overall atmosphere of an international golf tournament. "Many of these youngsters have in a few short years gone on to play provincial golf and some of them are our top juniors in the country. It's fantastic for them to be able to also attend the Alfred Dunhill Championship and watch some of the best golfers in the world in action. "When the SAGDB was established in 1999 it was an ambitious project. We've now produced close to 300 provincial golfers selected on merit, three or four of our golfers have played for South Africa, and we have about 30 players who are professionals on the Sunshine Tour and Altron Big Easy Tour. We aim to produce golfers at the highest level, but the by-product of that is the wonderful life skills that golf

teaches. It gives them hope and exposes them to things they'd never have been exposed to before. We are also so fortunate to get support from The Links Trust which forms the backbone of our funding. Without that we wouldn't be able to produce what we do. We have a system based on good structures." Edwin Compton, the Mpumalanga Regional Manager for the SAGDB, said the tournament plays a key role in the aspirations of their young golfers. "Our golfers get to see the best players in the world compete, and also show everybody what they have learned. The inspiration that the Alfred Dunhill Championship carries for us is immeasurable."



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