

Leopard Creek Times

Alfred Dunhill Championship Daily News

ROUND 3, SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER, 2023



Casey Jarvis



Jarvis leads into weekend at Leopard Creek

Casey Jarvis believes he knows the secrets of Leopard Creek, and it showed as the young South African signed for a 67 and a one-stroke lead heading into the weekend of the Alfred Dunhill Championship.

“Somebody here once said to me that at Leopard Creek the flag is a destination but you have to pick your targets. I’ve played a lot of golf here and I do know some secrets out there, and I’m using it to my advantage this week,” said Jarvis after reaching the halfway stage of this tournament on 10 under par. His nearest challenger is England’s Marco Penge on nine under following a second round of 66 on Friday. South African amateur Christo Lamprecht kept himself in the hunt on eight under par with a second round of 69, while four-time Alfred Dunhill Championship winner Charl Schwartzel also finished the day on eight under par with a 68 including five birdies in six holes over the turn. Jarvis has been in good form over the past few weeks as he’s challenged on numerous occasions but has yet to fully capitalise and claim a win. He was in contention for last week’s Investec South African Open before a

disappointing weekend. “I had to get over it quickly. It’s a new week this week at a golf course I really like. I left that in the past and worked hard at the beginning of the week and it seems to be paying off,” said Jarvis, who looked incredibly comfortable on this course on Friday, especially on his chip-in for birdie on the 10th hole. “I played really well and managed my game nicely. I’m hitting the ball great so I’ll keep doing what I’m doing and hopefully it pays off. The wind was swirling the whole day but I kept the ball in play off the tee and hit a lot of good approach shots.”





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ALFRED DUNHILL CHAMPIONSHIP - DRAW FOR ROUND 3

Game	Time	Tee	Name	Country	Attachment	R1	R2	R3	R4	Agg	Par
1	06:32	1	Doug MCGUIGAN	SCO	Fancourt G&CC	73	70			143	-1
			Anthony MICHAEL	RSA	Randpark GC	71	72			143	-1
2	06:41	1	Jaco PRINSLOO	RSA	Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate	67	76			143	-1
			Zander LOMBARD	RSA	Pearl Valley GC	73	70			143	-1
3	06:50	1	Daniel VAN TONDER	RSA	Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate	72	71			143	-1
			Alejandro DEL REY	ESP	RCG La Moraleja	72	71			143	-1
4	06:59	1	Dylan FRITTELLI	RSA	UT GC	72	71			143	-1
			Will ENEFER	ENG	Trinifold Sports	72	71			143	-1
5	07:08	1	Adrien SADDIER	FRA	Esery GC	68	75			143	-1
			Chase HANNA	USA	Wolf Creek GC	72	71			143	-1
6	07:17	1	Thomas AIKEN	RSA	The Abaco Club	71	72			143	-1
			Alexander LEVY	FRA		71	72			143	-1
7	07:26	1	Mike LORENZO-VERA	FRA	Golf International du Cap d'Agde	74	69			143	-1
			Joshua BERRY	ENG	Doncaster GC	70	73			143	-1
8	07:35	1	Jean HUGO	RSA	The Els Club, Cooperleaf	72	71			143	-1
			Scott JAMIESON	SCO		67	76			143	-1
9	07:49	1	Edoardo MOLINARI	ITA	Edoardo Molinari Golf Academy	70	73			143	-1
			James MORRISON	ENG	St Georges Hill	69	73			142	-2
10	07:58	1	Samuel JONES	NZL	Manaia GC	67	75			142	-2
			Darius VAN DRIEL	NED		70	72			142	-2
11	08:07	1	Jeff WINTHER	DEN		74	68			142	-2
			Kristian Krogh JOHANNESSEN	NOR	Drammen GK	70	72			142	-2
12	08:16	1	Thriston LAWRENCE	RSA	Pretoria CC	73	69			142	-2
			Dean BURMESTER	RSA	Stinger GC	69	73			142	-2
13	08:25	1	Nikhil RAMA	RSA	Bryanston CC	71	71			142	-2
			Wilco NIENABER	RSA	Costaterra G&OC	72	70			142	-2
14	08:34	1	Jaco VAN ZYL	RSA	Benoni CC	68	74			142	-2
			Pieter MOOLMAN	RSA	Benoni Lake GC	70	72			142	-2
15	08:43	1	Ugo COUSSAUD	FRA	Golf de Arcangues	68	74			142	-2
			Søren KJELDSEN	DEN	The Scandinavian	71	71			142	-2
16	08:52	1	Matthew BALDWIN	ENG	The Royal Birkdale GC	74	68			142	-2
			Darren FICHARDT	RSA	Centurion CC	69	73			142	-2
17	09:01	1	Antoine ROZNER	FRA	RCF la Boulie	71	71			142	-2
			Dylan NAIDOO	RSA	The Club at Steyn City	70	71			141	-3
18	09:15	1	Francesco LAPORTA	ITA	San Domenico Golf	70	71			141	-3
			Matthis BESARD	BEL	Waregem GC	70	71			141	-3
19	09:24	1	Matthias SCHWAB	AUT	Schladming GC	70	71			141	-3
			Espen KOFSTAD	NOR	Oslo GC	69	72			141	-3
20	09:33	1	Malcolm MITCHELL	RSA	Kloof CC	69	72			141	-3
			Aaron COCKERILL	CAN	The Els Club Dubai	69	72			141	-3
21	09:42	1	Johannes VEERMAN	USA		70	71			141	-3
			Matti SCHMID	GER	GC Herzogenaurach	72	69			141	-3
22	09:51	1	Andrew JOHNSTON	ENG		69	72			141	-3
			Jamie DONALDSON	WAL		71	70			141	-3
23	10:00	1	Neil SCHIETEKAT	RSA	Royal Jhb. & Kensington GC	72	69			141	-3
			Dale WHITNELL	ENG	Crondon Park	71	69			140	-4
24	10:09	1	Andrea PAVAN	ITA	TPC Craig Ranch	70	70			140	-4
			JC RITCHIE	RSA	Serengeti Estates	73	67			140	-4
25	10:18	1	Christiaan MAAS (AM)	RSA	Pretoria CC	67	73			140	-4
			Joakim LAGERGREN	SWE		68	71			139	-5
26	10:27	1	Renato PARATORE	ITA		69	70			139	-5
			Keenan DAVIDSE	RSA	Stellenbosch GC	73	66			139	-5
27	10:41	1	Louis DE JAGER	RSA	VEA Group	70	69			139	-5
			Wynand DINGLE	RSA	Silver Lakes CC	70	68			138	-6
28	10:51	1	Erik VAN ROOYEN	RSA		68	70			138	-6
			Louis OOSTHUIZEN	RSA	Stinger GC	70	68			138	-6
29	11:01	1	Jayden SCHAPER	RSA	Ebotse Golf Estate	66	72			138	-6
			Ashun WU	CHN		68	70			138	-6
30	11:11	1	Luca FILIPPI	RSA	Milnerton GC	68	70			138	-6
			Christiaan BEZUIDENHOUT	RSA	Serengeti Wildlife & Golf Estate	68	70			138	-6
31	11:21	1	Manuel ELVIRA	ESP	R.S.H.E. Club de Campo	66	71			137	-7
			Andy SULLIVAN	ENG	Stratford-on-Avon GC	68	69			137	-7
32	11:31	1	Sam BAIRSTOW	ENG	Hallowes GC	71	66			137	-7
			Kyle BARKER	RSA	Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate	70	67			137	-7
33	11:41	1	Robin WILLIAMS	RSA	Peterborough Milton GC	65	71			136	-8
			Charl SCHWARTZEL	RSA	Maccawlei GC	68	68			136	-8
34	11:51	1	Paul WARING	ENG	Bromborough GC	68	68			136	-8
			Christo LAMPRECHT (AM)	RSA		67	69			136	-8
35	12:01	1	Marco PENGE	ENG	The Caversham	69	66			135	-9
			Casey JARVIS	RSA	State Mines CC	67	67			134	-10



The clubhouse welcoming back golfers after the second round of this year's event.



Casey Jarvis and his caddie discussing strategy.



Who is watching whom?



Paul Waring getting the lay of the land during the second round.



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The 18th hole at the end of Round 2.



Wildlife of many shapes are visible on the course.



Christo Lamprecht crosses a stream on the ninth hole.



Jamie Donaldson of Wales teeing off on the 16th hole



Sebastian Friedrichsen preparing for his next shot.



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Schwartzel starting to master his game

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It felt like a meeting of old friends again on Friday as Charl Schwartzel played his way into contention in the Alfred Dunhill Championship on a Leopard Creek course he's now starting to find his feet on again. Schwartzel was the undisputed master of this golf course when he won this title four times and finished runner-up four times. He still owns the record tournament total of 24 under par and the biggest margin of victory of 12 strokes.

But that was before the golf course underwent significant changes. Schwartzel has repeatedly said he's had to learn how to play the new course, and on Friday he certainly looked like he'd found a way with a round of 68 in which he made five birdies in six holes over the turn to place him just two shots off the lead going into the weekend.

"It's the best I've played for a while. I'm feeling really good. It was nice to get on a run of birdies there. I took a few shots on which I'm happy about because lately I had been bailing on shots. Overall I felt really good," said Schwartzel.

"I'm trying to learn how to play the new course. Today was nice in the heat and more like I remember the course playing. I was getting more distance out of it and it was more familiar as to where I played the old course from."

Within touching distance of the lead and feeling as comfortable as he is with no injury niggles, Schwartzel issued a warning for the rest of the field.

"It's two rounds to go and if I can keep striking it like this we'll definitely be competing on Sunday."

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GolfRSA amateurs ready for weekend challenge

It will be a good weekend for two of the three GolfRSA amateurs competing in the Alfred Dunhill Championship as Christo Lamprecht and Christiaan Maas both made the halfway cut in this Sunshine Tour and DP World Tour co-sanctioned tournament. Lamprecht followed up his opening 67 with a solid 69 that puts him within two shots off the leaderboard on eight under par as he continues his quest to become the first amateur to ever win the Alfred Dunhill Championship.

“Tee to green hasn’t been what I wanted. I’ve been a bit lucky on a few shots. But I’ve used that luck and played smart golf. My swing isn’t where I want it to be, but I’ve been scoring pretty good. I’m missing it in the right places at the moment. But I’m looking forward to playing this weekend and giving it a good run,” said Lamprecht, who is thoroughly enjoying playing South Africa’s number one ranked golf course at the end of a year in which he became the number one ranked amateur in the world.

“The par fives are obviously where I can take advantage, but this course is a true test. It’s just so beautiful out here.”

Maas will join him on the weekend after his rounds of 67 and 73 for a 36-hole total of 140.

Daniel Bennett was unable to make the halfway cut of one under par as he finished on one over par with rounds of 75 and 70.



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