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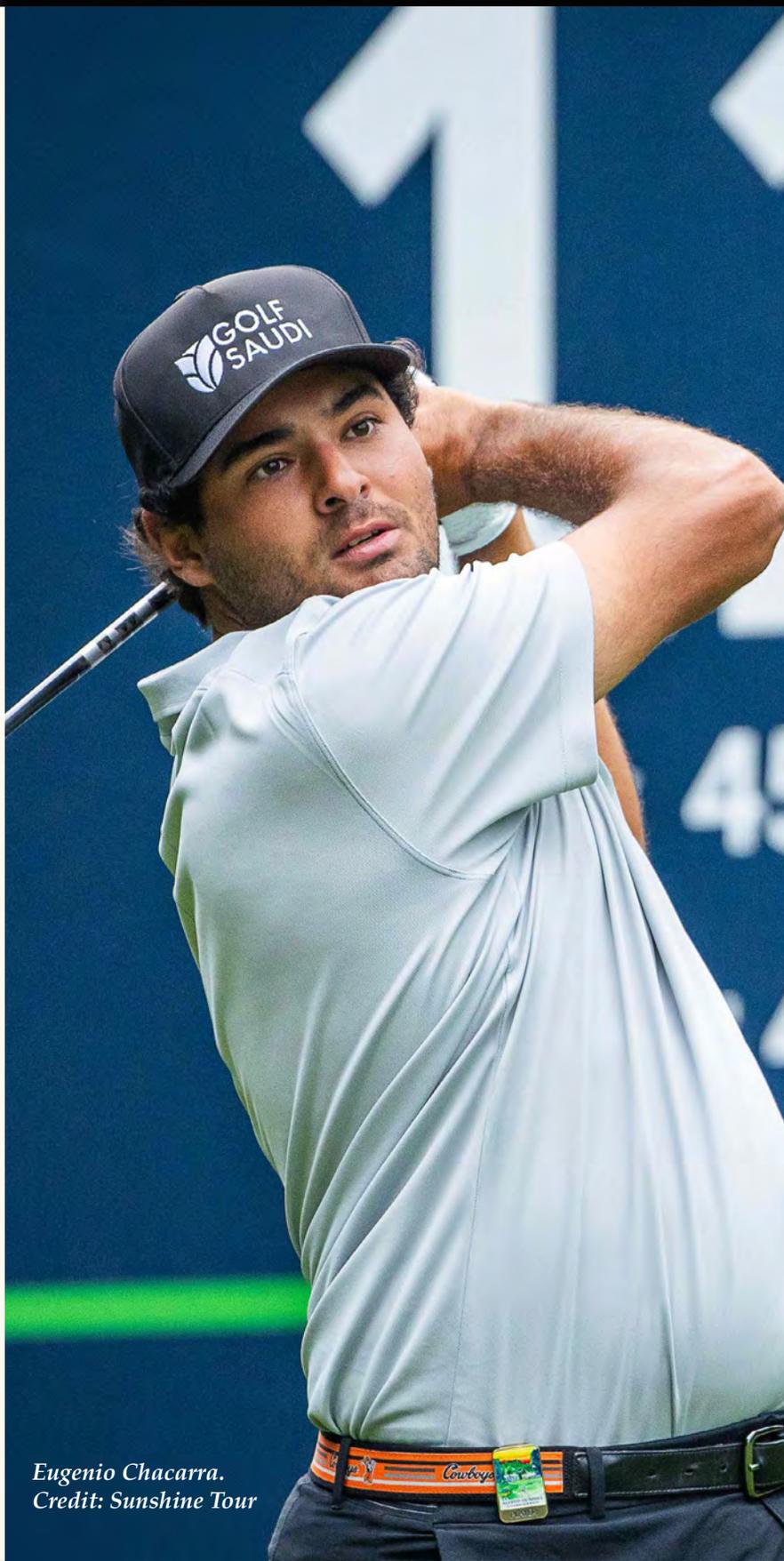
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ROUND 2, FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER, 2025

Burke, Chacarra leading the pack



Christiaan Burke.
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Eugenio Chacarra.
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*Brandon Stone.
Credit: Sunshine Tour*



*Thriston Lawrence.
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South Africa's Christiaan Burke and Spain's Eugenio Chacarra took advantage of a receptive East Course at Royal Johannesburg and signed for rounds of 63 to lead the first round of the Alfred Dunhill Championship on Thursday.

They head the field on nine under par and are one stroke clear of the South African duo of former Alfred Dunhill Championship winner Brandon Stone and Thriston Lawrence.

The first round produced a tantalising leaderboard that also includes another former champion in Branden Grace just two strokes off the lead, and a group of former champions in Louis Oosthuizen, Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Shaun Norris, Marcel Siem and Pablo Larrazabal joining Aldrich Potgieter and Dean Burmester four shots behind the leaders. It's the kind of quality leaderboard that, as well as he played with an opening stretch of six consecutive birdies and a closing eagle, sent Burke straight to the driving range after his round.

"My ball striking wasn't there at all today so that's why I needed some range work, but I've never seen my putter this hot," said Burke. "I had a good start and only figured out after the seventh hole that I made six birdies in a row. Then I had back-to-back bogeys on 15 and 16 and my caddie said just finish strong. So we did with a birdie and an eagle. I like this golf course. I play here a lot and it suits my game."

His co-leader Chacarra was just as pleased with his start.

"I played really good golf. I've been playing well but the score hasn't been there. But I trusted the plan I have with my caddie and I think we did a tremendous job. The course is playing a little easier being so soft, but you still have to hit the shots out there. With the soft greens you can attack a little more than you normally would."

Just one stroke behind them, both Stone and Lawrence didn't drop a single shot. Stone in particular was delighted with his putting performance as he chases a second Alfred Dunhill Championship title.

"That was amazing. It's the first time my putter's worked in about 18 months to two years. Hopefully that continues," Stone said.

"The goal for me was to go out and play with a bit more freedom and trust my natural ability, and almost channel that inner child that used to play this course when I was a kid."



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Lawrence chasing a boyhood dream

It is one of the first tournaments Thriston Lawrence remembers going to watch as a young boy with his father, and the Alfred Dunhill Championship remains a tournament he desperately still wants to win in his career.

Lawrence's opening 64 for a share of second place has given him the perfect start in this Sunshine Tour and DP World Tour co-sanctioned event.

He's one stroke off the lead, but with three rounds remaining he knows better than to get ahead of himself.

Yet the thought of lifting the famous leopard trophy on Sunday to cap off a year when he won his fifth DP World Tour title is certainly in the back of his mind.

"This is a very special tournament for me. The Alfred Dunhill Championship was the first professional tournament I ever came to support. I remember seeing Ernie Els and all the others win it, and as a young amateur golfer standing next to the green asking for a ball," Lawrence said before this week.

Now he's the one posing with young fans at Royal Johannesburg as he looks to push for what would be an emotional victory for him. "There is still loads of golf left this week.

But this trophy is obviously what everybody wants. Having said that, whether it's a Sunshine Tour, DP World Tour or PGA TOUR event I'm playing, I want to win every single tournament I play. Winning here would be nice, but for now it's just stick to the basics and get back here for the second round and focus on my job."

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*Working hard to find the best vantage point.
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*Spectators enjoying watching Martin Couvra up close.
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*Jacob Skov Olesen and his caddie discussing strategy.
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*Daniel van Tonder displaying his enjoyment of this week's
Alfred Dunhill Championship. Credit: Sunshine Tour.*



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Jean Roi
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Aldrich Potgieter teeing off on the 9th during the first round.
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Wilco Nienaber
enjoying playing
in South Africa.
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John Parry.
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Royal Johannesburg in all its glory.
Credit: Sunshine Tour.

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ALFRED DUNHILL CHAMPIONSHIP - DRAW FOR ROUND 1 & 2

Round 1			Round 2			Name	Country	Attachment
Game	Time	Tee	Game	Time	Tee			
1	06:20	1	40	11:20	10	Stals SWART Quim VIDAL Jacquin HESS	RSA	GC Sant Cugat
2	06:30	1	41	11:30	10	Bryan NEWMAN (AM) Félix MORY Jason ROETS	RSA FRA RSA	Golf du Sart
3	06:40	1	42	11:40	10	George COETZEE Jack SENIOR Heinrich BRUNINERS	RSA ENG RSA	Pretoria CC Fleetwood GC Fancourt
4	06:50	1	43	11:50	10	Jeff WINTHER Louis DE JAGER Deon GERMISHUYS	DEN RSA RSA	VEA Group Plettenberg Bay CC
5	07:00	1	44	12:00	10	Angel HIDALGO Oliver BEKKER Robson CHINHOI	ESP RSA ZIM	RCG Las Brisas Stellenbosch GC Zimbabwe
6	07:10	1	45	12:10	10	Austin BAUTISTA Ockie STRYDOM Robin WILLIAMS	AUS RSA RSA	Randwick Golf Club South Africa Peterborough Milton GC
7	07:20	1	46	12:20	10	Romain LANGASQUE Yuto KATSURAGAWA Jean HUGO	FRA JPN RSA	Golf Old Course Cannes Mandelieu The Els Club, Cooperleaf
8	07:30	1	47	12:30	10	Ivan CANTERO Jovan REBULA Louis ALBERTSE	ESP RSA RSA	Barceló Montecastillo Golf George GC Dundee GC
9	07:40	1	48	12:40	10	Joe DEAN Pietter MOOLMAN Lyle ROWE	ENG RSA RSA	College Pines GC Benoni Lake GC Humewood GC
10	07:50	1	49	12:50	10	Jens DANTORP Daniel CRONJE Jonathan BROOMHEAD	SWE RSA RSA	Hills G&S Serengeti GC Serengeti Estates
11	08:00	1	50	13:00	10	Oihan GUILLAMOUNDEGUY Jaco PRINSLOO Charl BARNARD (AM)	FRA RSA RSA	Seignosse GC Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate
12	08:10	1	51	13:10	10	Björn ÅKESSON Sebastian GARCIA Werner DEYZEL	SWE ESP RSA	Barseback Resort El Robledal Golf Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate
13	08:20	1	52	13:20	10	Toto THIMBA JNR Joshua KOEKEMOER (AM) Danie VAN NIEKERK	RSA RSA RSA	Silverlakes Golf Estate Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate Paul Lawrie Golf Centre
14	06:20	10	27	11:20	1	Marcus KINHULT Kyle BARKER David LAW	SWE RSA SCO	Skafto GC Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate Paul Lawrie Golf Centre
15	06:30	10	28	11:30	1	Michael HOLLICK Eugenio CHACARRA Wilco NIENABER	RSA ESP RSA	Mount Edgecombe CC Southern Hills G&CC Costaterra G&OC
16	06:40	10	29	11:40	1	Ryan VAN VELZEN Junghwan LEE Herman LOUBSER	RSA KOR RSA	Benoni CC Woori Financial Group Modderfontein GC
17	06:50	10	30	11:50	1	Antoine ROZNER Jacques KRUYSHUIK Dan BRADBURY	FRA RSA ENG	RCF La Boulie Centurion CC Wakefield GC
18	07:00	10	31	12:00	1	Aldrich POTGIETER John PARRY Branden GRACE	RSA ENG RSA	Pinnacle Point Golf Estate Harrogate GC Fancourt G&CC
19	07:10	10	32	12:10	1	Dean BURMESTER Martin COUVRA Christiaan BEZUIDENHOUT	RSA FRA RSA	Stinger GC Serengeti Wildlife & Golf Estate
20	07:20	10	33	12:20	1	Jacob Skov OLESEN Francesco LAPORTA Jorge CAMPILLO	DEN ITA ESP	Næstved GC San Domenico Golf Norba Club de Golf de Caceres
21	07:30	10	34	12:30	1	Todd CLEMENTS JC RITCHIE Richard STERNE	ENG RSA RSA	Serengeti Estates Serengeti Estates Pearl Valley Golf Estate
22	07:40	10	35	12:40	1	Julien GUERRIER JJ SENEKAL Marcel SIEM	FRA RSA GER	Golf de la prée La Rochelle Stellenbosch GC Heritage Mauritius
23	07:50	10	36	12:50	1	Nacho ELVIRA Ryggs JOHNSTON Jacques BLAAUW	ESP USA RSA	Cabinet View GC Blair Atholl Golf & Equestrian Estate
24	08:00	10	37	13:00	1	Haydn PORTEOUS Andrea PAVAN Yurav PREMLALL	RSA ITA RSA	Albatross GC Glendower GC
25	08:10	10	38	13:10	1	Adam BLOMME Daniel BENNETT (AM) Luke BROWN	SWE RSA RSA	AIK GC Silver Lakes Golf and Wildlife Estate CC Johannesburg
26	08:20	10	39	13:20	1	Trevor MAHONEY Hennie O'KENNEDY Altin VAN DER MERWE	RSA RSA RSA	Silver Lakes Golf and Wildlife Estate Silver Lakes Golf and Wildlife Estate Silver Lakes Golf and Wildlife Estate

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27	11:20	1	14	06:20	10	Manuel ELVIRA James MORRISON Zander LOMBARD	ESP ENG RSA	R.S.H.E. Club de Campo St Georges Hill Pearl Valley GC
28	11:30	1	15	06:30	10	Brandon STONE Marcel SCHNEIDER Grant FORREST	RSA GER SCO	Durban CC The Renaissance Club
29	11:40	1	16	06:40	10	Brandon ROBINSON THOMPSON Dylan NAIDOO Guido MIGLIOZZI	ENG RSA ITA	The Club at Steyn City
30	11:50	1	17	06:50	10	Daniel VAN TONDER Aaron COCKERILL Marcus ARMITAGE	RSA CAN ENG	Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate The Els Club Dubai Howley Hall GC
31	12:00	1	18	07:00	10	Louis OOSTHUIZEN Angel AYORA Jayden SCHAPER	RSA ESP RSA	Stinger GC La Hacienda GR Ebotse Golf Estate
32	12:10	1	19	07:10	10	Shaun NORRIS Joost LUITEN Thriston LAWRENCE	RSA NED RSA	Silver Lakes CC Pretoria CC
33	12:20	1	20	07:20	10	Hennie DU PLESSIS Oliver LINDELL Darren FICHARDT	RSA FIN RSA	Sesambos GC Virvik Golf Centurion CC
34	12:30	1	21	07:30	10	Alejandro DEL REY Casey JARVIS Pablo LARRAZÁBAL	ESP RSA ESP	RCG La Moraleja State Mines GC 11:am Golf
35	12:40	1	22	07:40	10	Dylan MOSTERT Calum HILL Benjamin FOLLETT-SMITH	RSA ZIM ZIM	Royal Johannesburg Gleneagles Hotel Royal Harare GC
36	12:50	1	23	07:50	10	Albin BERGSTROM MJ VILJOEN Jaco AHLERS	SWE RSA RSA	Falsterbo GC Serengeti golf estate Fancourt
37	13:00	1	24	08:00	10	Hugo TOWNSEND Christiaan BURKE Tobias JONSSON	SWE RSA SWE	Stockholms GK Serengeti golf and wildlife estate Haninge Strand GK
38	13:10	1	25	08:10	10	Warwick PURCHASE Ben SCHMIDT Makhetha MAZIBUKO	ENG ENG RSA	Rotherham GC
39	13:20	1	26	08:20	10	Jordan BURNAND Ronald RUGUMAYO Musiwalo NETHUNZWI	RSA UGA RSA	Dundonald Links
40	11:20	10	1	06:20	1	Justin WALTERS Euan WALKER Marcus TAYLOR	RSA SCO RSA	Dundonald Links
41	11:30	10	2	06:30	1	Martin VORSTER Daniel YOUNG Graham VAN DER MERWE	RSA SCO RSA	Mossel Bay GC Kingsbarns
42	11:40	10	3	06:40	1	Ruan KORB Rhys ENOCH Ricky HENDLER	RSA WAL RSA	Silver Lakes CC Cumberwell Park GC
43	11:50	10	4	06:50	1	Joshua BERRY Neil SCHIETEKAT Luke JERLING	ENG RSA RSA	Doncaster GC Royal Johannesburg Royal Jhb. & Kensington GC
44	12:00	10	5	07:00	1	Scott JAMIESON David RAVETTO Jamie RUTHERFORD	SCO FRA ENG	RCF La Boulie Knebworth GC
45	12:10	10	6	07:10	1	Joel GIRRBACH Sam BAIRSTOW Keenan DAVIDSE	SUI ENG RSA	Lipperswil GC Club de Golf Alcanada Stellenbosch GC
46	12:20	10	7	07:20	1	Darius VAN DRIEL Luis CARRERA Stephen FERREIRA	NED MEX POR	Hacienda Borrowdale Brooke G&CC
47	12:30	10	8	07:30	1	Dylan FRITTELLI Ross FISHER Nathan KIMSEY	RSA ENG ENG	UT GC Stoneham GC
48	12:40	10	9	07:40	1	Mikael LINDBERG Rupert KAMINSKI Malcolm MITCHELL	SWE RSA RSA	Svartinge GC Parkview GC Kloof CC
49	12:50	10	10	07:50	1	Nick BACHEM Luca FILIPPI Kieran VINCENT	GER RSA ZIM	Marienburger GC Milnerton GC
50	13:00	10	11	08:00	1	Niklas LEMKE Jake BOLTON Samuel SIMPSON	SWE ENG RSA	Ojared GK Ogbourne Downs GC
51	13:10	10	12	08:10	1	Rocco REPETTO TAYLOR Wynand DINGLE Stuart KROG	ESP RSA ZIM	Guadalhorca GC Chapman GC
52	13:20	10	13	08:20	1	Nikhil RAMA Pierre VIALLANEIX Karabo MOKOENA	RSA FRA RSA	Bryanston CC Modderfontein GC



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Dean Burmester.
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How the Comrades Marathon inspired Dean Burmester

Dean Burmester revealed an unlikely source of inspiration for getting out of his own slump in form in the middle of this year.

Speaking about the struggle he went through to regain the form he started the year with, Burmester said, "I don't care who you are, you will never master this game. This game will break you eventually, and it's how you respond to that. This year was a learning curve for me. I had a great start to the season and then hit a real low in the middle, and really struggled for form."

And the inspiration he needed to turn that corner came from his wife.

More specifically, what she achieved this year.

"I was looking for a lot of perspective. Then my wife finished her first Comrades Marathon, and that gave me perspective. I felt that if my wife could go through that and run 90 kilometres from Pietermaritzburg to Durban, and I'm just chasing a little white ball around, well then I could get through it as well. Then boom, at the back end of the season I picked up and played great."

And Burmester says he's determined to bear this in mind for the rest of his career.

"I'm excited and I have a different perspective now because I know there are tougher things you can do in life."

PETER MILLAR



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