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## Oosthuizen excited to be back in Joburg chasing Alfred Dunhill Championship glory



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*Aldrich Potgieter getting his eye in for this week.*



*Dean Burmester.*

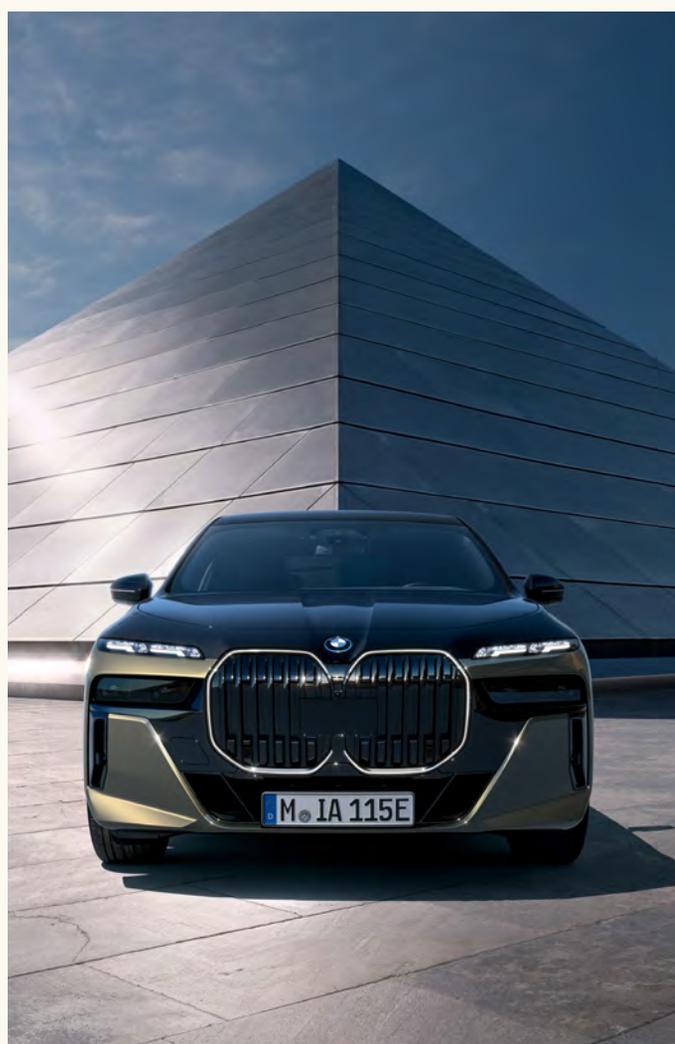


*Defending champion, Shaun Norris.*

*Louis Oosthuizen is looking forward to rekindling his memories of a Royal Johannesburg East Course which he played early in his career before he became a Major champion, and where he starts his quest for a second Alfred Dunhill Championship title in Thursday's first round.*

"I do like this golf course and it's just nice being back in Johannesburg and playing where the golf ball goes a bit further. I'm looking forward to the week. It's nice being back on a golf course I played a long time ago," said the 2023 winner of the Alfred Dunhill Championship. It may have been a long time ago, but Oosthuizen's performance back then should serve as a warning to the rest of the field this week as the South African seeks to become only the third player in Alfred Dunhill Championship history to win multiple titles. In a stretch of professional tournaments he played here in 2007, 2009 and 2010 – the year he won The Open – Oosthuizen finished tied 19th, tied 10th and tied 12th respectively. The golf course is now considerably longer than he remembers it, especially with the par-five first hole playing as a strong par four this week. All of which has convinced Oosthuizen about what he'd like for a Christmas present. "I'd like about 20 more yards on my

driver," he joked. Dean Burmester is equally excited as he goes in search of a maiden victory in a tournament he desperately wants to win. "If you look at the list of winners, it's a really special championship. I would love to add that leopard trophy to my cabinet. I've been working really hard to get ready for this week. I'm excited and the game is taking shape again. But I'm also just pleased to be playing in South Africa again. The Sunshine Tour is where we started and it's important to go back to your roots," he said. And Branden Grace, the 2014 Alfred Dunhill Championship winner, is delighted to be back on a golf course where he won his first DP World Tour title in 2012. "This is where it all kicked off for me. I haven't been back here in a long time, and I'm excited to go. This golf course gets your attention from the very first hole. It will also play longer than usual in the wet conditions," he said.



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# Siem takes a trip down Joburg memory lane

**T**he Alfred Dunhill Championship returns to its roots in Johannesburg this week and is being played in the city of gold again for the first time in two decades.

That has brought with it many memories of the championship's earliest winners.

Australian star Adam Scott won his first professional title in this event in Johannesburg in 2001.

A year later in Johannesburg England's Justin Rose followed suit and also made the Alfred Dunhill Championship his first professional title.

And then in 2004, Germany's Marcel Siem became another first-time winner on the DP World Tour with his playoff victory in the Alfred Dunhill Championship.

It's a significant victory in the context of this week because Siem was the last winner of the Alfred Dunhill Championship when it was played in Johannesburg before it moved to its traditional home of Leopard Creek.

All of which has given Siem an interesting take on this week's tournament, as he tees it up in Johannesburg once again.

"It's pretty cool. It feels like I'm defending my title 21 years later. It feels great to come home so to speak," he said.

Reflecting on what that win meant for his career, Siem said, "I mean, I was still a baby back then. I was 24. I remember the playoff against Gregory Havret and Raphael Jacquelin. So that was the kickstart to my career. All the people in Joburg were so nice to me and I remember the party we had in the clubhouse quite well. It meant a lot."



# WHAT A YEAR 2025 WAS



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The weather may have cut short the Alfred Dunhill Championship Pro-Am, but there were still more than enough smiles on the course. Credit: Perfect Exposure.





*The traditional South African Golf Development Board (SAGDB) Kids' Clinic at the Alfred Dunhill Championship had to be brought indoors because of the inclement weather. But this certainly didn't dampen the spirits of the enthusiastic young golfers who were still able to meet some of their golf heroes and get a glimpse into life as a professional golfer. Credit: Tyrone Winfield.*



*The stage is set.  
Credit: Sunshine Tour.*



# 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 ESP RSA	RSA GC Sant Cugat
2	06:30	1	41	11:30	10	Bryan NEWMAN (AM) Félix MORY Jason ROETS	RSA FRA RSA	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&SC 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
12	08:10	1	51	13:10	10	Björn ÅKESSON Sebastian GARCIA Werner DEYZEL	SWE ESP RSA	Barseback Resort El Robledal Golf
13	08:20	1	52	13:20	10	Toto THIMBA JNR Joshua KOEKEMOER (AM) Danie VAN NIEKERK	RSA RSA RSA	Silverlakes Golf Estate
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 KRUYSWIJK 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 Pearl Valley Golf Estate
22	07:40	10	35	12:40	1	Julien GUERRIER JJ SENEKAL Marcel SIEM	FRA RSA GER	Golf de la prairie 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	

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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 RSA RSA	Rotherham GC
39	13:20	1	26	08:20	10	Jordan BURNAND Ronald RUGUMAYO Musiwalo NETHUNZWI	RSA UGA RSA	
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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# The challenge of the East

*Royal Johannesburg's East Course has established itself as a championship layout through its hosting of some of the biggest South African amateur and professional tournaments in its illustrious history.*

**T**he walkway of fame leading to the clubhouse is a testament to the champions that have walked these fairways.

And in this week's Alfred Dunhill Championship it will provide a stern test for this Sunshine Tour and DP World Tour field.

"It's always been a great golf course, and all of us South Africans enjoy it," says defending champion Shaun Norris. "It's a demanding layout. You really have to think carefully about when to take on a pin or when to go for the centre of the green.

The East Course was designed with championship golf foremost in mind, and this week it will certainly meet that expectation, with the traditional par-five first playing as a par four.

"With the first now playing as a par four I think the opening stretch of holes is very strong," says Casey Jarvis, who won the 2020 SA Amateur title here.

"I think if you can get through the first four or five holes in level par, and then start attaching from there. The opening stretch is very key."

Sunshine Tour professional Rupert Kaminski has also enjoyed amateur success on this golf course and is looking forward to the challenge this week.

"It's one of the best courses in the country. Ball striking is important here. I think there are a couple of key holes here. The first playing as a par four is key, then the second is a strong par three so it's important to get off to a solid start there. Midway through the course there are a couple of holes that you've just got to pay a little bit more attention to because it's quite easy to slip up and walk away with some big numbers. It's a strong golf course."

## PETER MILLAR





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