ALFRED DUNHILL CHAMPIONSHIP

Leopard Creek Times

DAILY NEWS

ROUND 1

THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2016



ven Charl Schwartzel, as humble as he is, has to acknowledge that he really is the man to beat when the Alfred Dunhill Championship tees off at Leopard Creek today. He has won the tournament four times already, and, should he win again, he will join a very exclusive club of players who have won the same European Tour event on five or more occasions, joining the group consisting of Tiger Woods, Tom Watson and Bernhard Langer.

Schwartzel is 122-underpar for the Alfred Dunhill Championship in his career. That's 77 strokes better than the next-best man. "There's a lot going for me around here, and I've had some good time off. I've played just enough to be tournament-ready and not over-played. So I'm in a good position going into this week," he said. Branden Grace, the 2014 champion who got married last week, is also in a great frame of mind.

"It's always nice to come back as a past champion at

this place. But, you know, it's just one of those places too, whether you've won here or not, it is just such a nice place to come back to."

And BMW SA Open champion Brandon Stone has also found form, finishing in second place in last week's Lion of Africa Cape Town Open.
"My game feels good. I

"My game feels good. I always enjoy coming here to Leopard Creek. It suits a ball-striker's game so I'm looking forward to it."



Cayeux realising his dream at Leopard Creek

s he stood on the first tee at Leopard Creek in a practice round ahead of this week's Alfred Dunhill Championship, Zimbabwean professional Marc Cayeux couldn't quite believe he had reached this point. In 2010 Cayeux was involved in a horrific car accident that put him in hospital for three months. After 27 operations there was doubt that he would ever walk properly again, never mind play golf. But his perseverance has

been rewarded with a place in this week's Alfred Dunhill Championship, a tournament he returns to for the first time in six years.

"There's always the question, are you going to make it back? I had my bad days. But I kept saying to myself, in golf it's about how you bounce back," said Cayeux.

While in hospital Cayeux longed to simply see blue sky again, and he admits it's still somewhat

surreal to be walking this magnificent golf course in a major tournament. "I remember watching on TV, going through the motions and putting myself in a situation of watching the other golfers and pretending that it's actually me playing. Now we're here.

"To have a great week will be nice, but it's just great to be here and participate. It's been six years, so no matter what happens I'm going to enjoy it."













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Bezuidenhout wins Par 3 Challenge

One of the highlights of the 2016
Alfred Dunhill Championship has been the new Par 3 Challenge on the Tribute Course at Leopard Creek.
The nine-hole course includes holes capturing the spirit of some of the most famous par-threes in the world.
The Par 3 Challenge featured a full field of professionals, and made its debut in this tournament in thrilling fashion.
South Africans Erik van Rooyen,
Christiaan Bezuidenhout and Jean-Paul Strydom all finished tied for the lead on four under, and it was Bezuidenhout who eventually took the title with a birdie on the first playoff hole.





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ROUND 1 ROUND 2

Game	Time	Tee	Game	Time	Tee	Name	Country	Attachment
<u> </u>								
1	06:20	1	40	11:20	10	Graeme STORM	ENG	Rockliffe Hall
						Anthony MICHAEL Colin NEL	RSA RSA	Randpark GC Maritzburg GC
2	06:30	1	41	11:30	10	Jeff INGLIS	ENG	John Deere
~	00.50	-				Matt WALLACE	ENG	Moor Park GC
						Jake ROOS	RSA	Arabella GC
3	06:40	1	42	11:40	10	JC RITCHIE Steven FERREIRA	RSA RSA	GFG Academy Reading CC
						Tyrone MORDT	RSA	Royal Jhb & Kensington GC
4	06:50	1	43	11:50	10	Pontus WIDEGREN	SWE	Stockholms Golfklubb Kevinge
						Mark FOSTER	ENG	Kingswood Golf Estate/ Lumenrock CC
F	07:00		44	12:00	10	Vaughn GROENEWALD Jeff WINTHER	RSA DEN	Kokkedal
5	07:00	1	**	12.00	10	Rourke VAN DER SPUY	RSA	Durban CC
						Clayton BRIDGES	AUS	
6	07:10	1	45	12:10	10	Pep ANGLES	ESP	White Rose Sports Management
						Morten Ørum MADSEN Dale BRANDT-RICHARDS	DEN AUS	Silkeborg GC Mona Vale GC
7	07:20	1	46	12:20	10	Simon GRIFFITHS	ENG	
1		-			•	Shaun NORRIS	RSA	Silver Lakes GC
\vdash						Jens FAHRBRING	SWE	Sollentuna GK
8	07:30	1	47	12:30	10	Christofer BLOMSTRAND Neil SCHIETEKAT	SWE RSA	Falsterbo GK Royal Jhb & Kensington GC
L_						Scott VINCENT	ZIM	Chapman GC
9	07:40	1	48	12:40	10	Madalitso MUTHIYA	ZAM	Lusaka GC
1						John PARRY	ENG RSA	The Els Club, Copperleaf
10	07:50	1	49	12:50	10	Chris SWANEPOEL Callum MOWAT	RSA	The Els Club, Copperleat Modderfontein GC
10	07:50	1	43	12.30	10	Tim HART	AUS	
\vdash						Ockie STRYDOM	RSA	GFG Academy
11	08:00	1	50	13:00	10	Andrew CURLEWIS	RSA	Margate CC
						Bryce EASTON Jean-Paul STRYDOM	RSA RSA	Cotswold Downs Durbanville Golf Club
12	08:10	1	51	13:10	10	Warren ABERY	RSA	Simbithi CC
1						Tyrone FERREIRA	RSA	Reading CC
<u></u>						Jake REDMAN	RSA	Fancourt CC
13	08:20	1	52	13:20	10	Teboho SEFATSA Andre DE DECKER	RSA RSA	Glendower GC Westlake Golf Club
						Jason FRONEMAN	RSA	Kempton park Country Club
14	06:20	10	27	11:20	1	Michael HOLLICK	RSA	Mount Edgecombe CC
						Thomas DETRY Jamie RUTHERFORD	BEL ENG	Royal GC of Belgium Knebworth GC
15	06:30	10	28	11:30	1	Erik VAN ROOYEN	RSA	Royal Cape GC
123	00.30	10	20	11.50	1	Heath SLOCUM	USA	Hawks Ridge
<u> </u>						Justin HARDING	RSA	Stellenbosch GC
16	06:40	10	29	11:40	1	Matthieu PAVON Titch MOORE	FRA RSA	Golf du Médoc St Francis Links
						Clément SORDET	FRA	Lyon Salvagny GC
17	06:50	10	30	11:50	1	Zander LOMBARD	RSA	Woodhill CC
						Daniel IM	USA	Hacienda CC
15	07.00	10		42.55		Richard MCEVOY	ENG	Thorpe Hall GC Zwartenhosch GC
18	07:00	10	31	12:00	1	Wallie COETSEE Lasse JENSEN	RSA DEN	Zwartenbosch GC The Scandinavian
L_						Adrien SADDIER	FRA	Esery GC
19	07:10	10	32	12:10	1	Jaco AHLERS	RSA	Koro Creek CC
1						Nathan KIMSEY Grégory HAVRET	ENG FRA	Brocket Hall Golf du Médoc Hotel & Spa
20	07:20	10	33	12:20	1	Thomas AIKEN	RSA	CC Johannesburg
آ ا	JLU	-5	55		-	David DRYSDALE	sco	Eyemouth GC
\vdash						Brandon STONE	RSA	Mount Edgecombe CC
21	07:30	10	34	12:30	1	Richard STERNE Grégory BOURDY	RSA FRA	Pearl Valley Golf Estate Golf Bordelais
L						Adrian OTAEGUI	ESP	Goiburu GC
22	07:40	10	35	12:40	1	Dylan FRITTELLI	RSA	CC Johannesburg
1						Alvaro QUIROS	ESP	Victoria Clube de Golfe
122	07,50	10	20	13,50		Gary STAL	FRA	GC de Lyon
23	07:50	10	36	12:50	1	Chris HANSON Jbe KRUGER	ENG RSA	Woodsome Hall GC Serengeti Golf Estate
<u> </u>						Joël STALTER	FRA	Lake Merced GC
24	08:00	10	37	13:00	1	Richard S JOHNSON	SWE	
1						Keith HORNE Matthew NIXON	RSA ENG	Eye of Africa Ashton under Lyne GC
25	08:10	10	38	13:10	1	Steven TILEY	ENG	Royal Cinque Ports GC
"	00.10	10	30	15.10	-	Albert VENTER (AM)	RSA	Centurion
<u> </u>						Rhys WEST	RSA	Glendower GC
26	08:20	10	39	13:20	1	Dayne MOORE	ZIM	Ndola GC
1						Irvin MAZIBUKO Leorin PILLAY	RSA RSA	Kempton Park CC Umdoni Park GC
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27	11:20	1	14	06:20	10	Mark WILLIAMS Jason KING	ZIM AUS	Pecanwood Golf Estate
l						Max ORRIN	ENG	North Foreland
28	11:30	1	15	06:30	10	Scott HENRY	sco	The Carrick
ľ°	11:50	1	13	00.30	10	Adilson DA SILVA	BRA	THE CONTEX
l						Christiaan BEZUIDENHOUT	RSA	Silver Lakes CC
29	11:40	1	16	06:40	10	Jacques KRUYSWIJK	RSA	Centurian County Club
						Carlos PIGEM	ESP	Raimat GC
						Scott JAMIESON	sco	
30	11:50	1	17	06:50	10	Garth MULROY	RSA	Umkomaas GC
l						Sébastien GROS	FRA	
<u> </u>						Pablo MARTIN BENAVIDES	ESP	Bro Hof Slott GC
31	12:00	1	18	07:00	10	Jean HUGO Eddie PEPPERELL	RSA	Frilford Heath GC
l						Daniel BROOKS	ENG ENG	Mill Hill GC
32	12:10	1	19	07:10	10	Dean BURMESTER	RSA	Schoeman Park GC
32	12:10	1	19	07.10	10	Paul DUNNE	IRL	Greystones GC.
						Darren FICHARDT	RSA	Centurion Golf Estate
33	12:20	1	20	07:20	10	George COETZEE	RSA	Pretoria CC
		-				Darren CLARKE	NIR	The Astbury
<u> </u>						Haydn PORTEOUS	RSA	Country Club Johannesburg
34	12:30	1	21	07:30	10	Charl SCHWARTZEL	RSA	
1						Pablo LARRAZÁBAL	ESP	El Prat GC
\vdash						Branden GRACE	RSA	Fancourt G&CC
35	12:40	1	22	07:40	10	Benjamin HEBERT	FRA	Golf de Moliets
1						Justin WALTERS Bernd RITTHAMMER	RSA GER	CC Johannesburg Global Charity Sports
1	42.55			07	45			
36	12:50	1	23	07:50	10	Tjaart VAN DER WALT Alex HAINDL	RSA SA	Fancourt
1						Rafa ECHENIQUE	ARG	l
37	13:00	1	24	08:00	10	Merrick BREMNER	RSA	Investec / Els Club @ Copperleaf
J"	13.00	•		00.00	10	Ross McGOWAN	ENG	Abu Dhabi GC
						Alexander BJÖRK	SWE	Vaxjo GK
38	13:10	1	25	08:10	10	Danie VAN TONDER	RSA	GFG Academy/Ebotse Links
l						Marcus ARMITAGE	ENG	Howley Hall GC
						Jack HUME	IRL	Naas GC
39	13:20	1	26	08:20	10	DJ LOYPUR	AUS	Kingston Heath
l						Keenan DAVIDSE	RSA	De Zalze Golf Estate Openheimer Park GC
_						Omar SANDYS	RSA	
40	11:20	10	1	06:20	1	Toto THIMBA JNR Braden BECKER	RSA AUS	Silver Lakes CC Mandurah CC
l						Brett LIDDLE	RSA	ERPM Golf Club
41	11:30	10	2	06:30	1	Christopher CANNON	ENG	East Sussex National
**	11.50	10	-	00.50	-	Dwayne BASSON	RSA	Kuils River GC
						Hennie DU PLESSIS	RSA	Sesambos GC
42	11:40	10	3	06:40	1	Sebastian HEISELE	GER	Ergopack
l						Marc CAYEUX	ZIM	Serengeti Golf Estate
<u> </u>						Ryan BERNARD	AUS	Killara GC
43	11:50	10	4	06:50	1	Louis DE JAGER	RSA	The Els Club, Copperleaf CORDON GOLF TEAM
l						Damien PERRIER Ryan CARTER	FRA USA	COMPON GOLF TEAM
44	12:00	10	5	07:00	1	Oliver BEKKER	RSA	Stellenbosch GC
Ι"	12.00		,		-	Espen KOFSTAD	NOR	Oslo GK
<u> </u>						Ulrich VAN DEN BERG	RSA	Glendower GC
45	12:10	10	6	07:10	1	Lyle ROWE	RSA	Port Elizabeth GC
l						Anton KARLSSON	SWE	Upsala GK
<u> </u>						Ashley CHESTERS	ENG	Hawkstone Park GC
46	12:20	10	7	07:20	1	Michael HOEY Paul MADDY	NIR ENG	Galgorm Castle Gog Magog GC
l						Jared HARVEY	RSA	Mount Edgecombe CC
47	12:30	10	8	07:30	1	Laurie CANTER	ENG	Cumberwell Park GC
l "	12.50		-			Lindsay RENOLDS	CAN	Laguna Phuket GC
<u> </u>						Ruan DE SMIDT	RSA	Krugerdorp GC
48	12:40	10	9	07:40	1	Alex PITTY	AUS	Wyong GC
l						Pieter KRUGER	RSA	GFG Academy
<u> </u>	40					Andrew GEORGIOU	CYP	Erinvale GC
49	12:50	10	10	07:50	1	Christiaan BASSON Tung-hung HSIEH	RSA TPE	I
l						Peter KARMIS	RSA	Clovelly CC
50	13:00	10	11	08:00	1	PH MCINTYRE	RSA	Heidelberg GC
آ						Doug McGUIGAN	RSA	Ebotse Links
						Fei-Hao YANG	TPE	
51	13:10	10	12	08:10	1	Allistair DE KOCK	RSA	Uitenhage GC
l						Chun Kang HUNG	TPE	Devel Colorette CC
\vdash						Rahil GANGJEE	IND	Royal Calcutta GC
52	13:20	10	13	08:20	1	Heinrich BRUINERS	RSA	Dainfern CC/Oubaai
l						Ben WHARTON Arthur HORNE	AUS SWZ	Royal Swazi Sun
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Luropean Ryder Cup captain Darren Clarke is no stranger to South Africa and has been playing here since the early 90s. And Leopard Creek still impresses him every time.

"The golf course is spectacular. The only other one you can compare it to is Augusta National. It's pristine, the greens are wonderful, and the whole layout is tough but fair.

"When I turned pro I was told you must go down and play in South Africa. So I came down here in 1990 and I've loved it ever since. I've made some unbelievable friendships down here and it's almost like South Africa is a second home to me."

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Sunshine Tour's new development drive tees off

The Sunshine Tour has launched its most holistic development initiative yet as it seeks to tackle golf as well as social challenges for its previously disadvantaged professionals.

The Gary Player Class of 2017 has seen the selection of 30 previously disadvantaged professionals for a high performance programme aimed to give them the best possible opportunity to succeed on Tour.
These golfers then gathered at the Momentum World of Golf in Midrand where they were addressed by Gary Player before undergoing the first of three training camps.
During these camps they were given everything from technical coaching to fitness and nutrition advice, mental coaching and even advice on how to

develop their own brand and interact with amateurs during a pro-am. Going forward, they will have free access to the practice facilities at the World of Golf as well as Virgin Active membership, and they are accommodated at a nearby hotel whenever they are in Johannesburg. They will also be given financial support to

assist with transport and

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accommodation costs when they travel to tournaments, and there have been playing opportunities created for them on the main Sunshine Tour, the Big Easy Tour which includes the co-sanctioned tournaments with the MENA Tour, and the IGT Tour for emerging professionals.
"This programme has the infrastructure to make

it work," says Selwyn

Nathan, the Executive

Director of the Sunshine Tour.

"It's about levelling the playing field in all respects, not just in a golf sense, to allow these players the same opportunity other professionals have to go out there and compete on an equal footing."

The idea of taking a more holistic approach to golf development is one that has been perfected by the South African Golf Development Board

(SAGDB) where the message to the young golfers is simple – to stay in the SAGDB programme, you need to stay in school. Theo Manyama, South Africa's most decorated rules official, is the chief executive of this group of players and also believes that for the first time South African golf has its most workable solution to the development questions. "You can't just sponsor individual golfers. You need to give them access to gyms, proper coaching, clubfitting, practice facilities and everything a professional needs to get better. It's not about the money. It's about a black professional standing on the tee in a major summer tournament feeling like he can win because of the training and opportunities a programme like this has given him."



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The Black Knight was on hand with some advice and experience at the launch of the Gary Player Class of 2017.



