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Gallacher's making his point

The Scot moves to within three shots of Tyrrell Hatton, who is chasing a historic treble at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, as a late stumble from Tommy Fleetwood stalls the Ryder Cup star's charge on the Old Course

Can anyone catch Tyrrell Hatton today? It's dawning on the passionate galleries at St Andrews that it could be one of their own.

Hatton's mission to win a third straight Alfred Dunhill Links title looks in good shape after an impressive third round 66 at the Old Course, but Scotland's local hero Stephen Gallacher is just three shots behind.

It had looked as if Tommy Fleetwood would be right up there with his Ryder Cup colleague Hatton. He

was seven-under-par after 15 holes, but bogeys at the 16th, 17th and a weak par at the 18th, where he drove the green, undermined his charge, and he ended level with Gallacher.

The 2004 champion admitted he would have his work cut out to produce an emotional victory.

"They're two top lads, playing well, flying high after the Ryder Cup. Tyrrell loves this place. They are the boys to beat. I like the event. I like the courses. I grew up playing here.

"I know the weather is going to be brutal, so the more you can claw back on a day like this the better."

Australia's Marcus Fraser is another in the mix, one shot behind Hatton after finishing with three birdies for a 67 at Kingsbarns.

The highlights of Hatton's 66 were two eagles, at the 5th and 9th. He said: "I've been pretty calm all week. I'm not really thinking about the hat-trick too much. So far, so good, but a lot can happen in 18 holes."

PRO LEADERS after Round 3

Tyrrell Hatton	-14
Marcus Fraser	-13

TEAM LEADERS after Round 3

Elvira / van Wyk	-24
Li / Zhang	-24
Dawson / O'Driscoll	-23
Jaidee / Desano	-23
Fleetwood / Phipps II	-23
Quiros / Harris	-23
Pulkkanen / Hissom	-23

Shotgun start at 8.30 am today because of expected high winds



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Fraser fights for face-off with Hatton

Marcus Fraser of Australia will join hat-trick seeking Tyrrell Hatton in the final group at the Old Course today after he recovered from a slow start to shoot a 67 at Kingsbarns. The 40-year-old is a single shot behind Hatton and has a landmark result in his sights.

After a bogey at the second, Fraser never dropped another shot and finished birdie-birdie, including a monster putt at the final hole. Fraser claimed early estimates of 80 feet did not do his finale justice.

"It might have been even further I think," he said. "Probably closer to 100. It was a nice way to finish and it will make dinner taste a bit nicer.

"I actually played a little bit better than yesterday and it was nice to get a few putts at the end to justify that."

Fraser and his amateur partner, Harry van Dyk, also made the cut in the Team Championship, finishing on 12-under. "I'm loving playing with Harry," added Fraser. "We're pumped that we made the cut. I'm enjoying hanging out with him and having a good laugh - it's fun"

The overnight leaders, Lucas Bjerregaard and Andrea Pavan, still could not be separated after a further 18 holes at Carnoustie. Both shot 71 and sit at 10-under, four off the lead.

The round of the day belonged to a rookie on the European Tour, the 28-year-old Finn Tapio Pulkkanen. Easy to spot in his trademark pork-pie hat, Pulkkanen replicated Hatton's second round at Carnoustie, with a blistering 64 which featured an eagle at the 14th 'Spectacles' hole.

Koepka creeps up playing for laughs

The unusual pairing of the three-time Major winner and his caddie has produced plenty of banter and birdies

Banter on the first tee, before a ball is struck, is as old as golf itself, but when it's from a three-time Major champion and aimed at his amateur playing partner – who is usually employed as his caddie – then it becomes just that little bit different.

Brooks Koepka, the reigning US Open and US PGA champion, is pictured here trying to get Ricky Elliott, the popular Northern Irishman who has been on Koepka's bag for more than five years, to hit a driver off the first tee at the start of their third round at the Old Course.

"He was trying everything to get me to hit driver and Brooks' brother Chase, and his amateur partner Scott Mahoney, were egging him on," said Elliott. "But there was no way! I was nervous about hitting it out of bounds on the right – or going into the Swilken Burn – so I just hit three iron, and then three iron again, and I was on the green putting for birdie! Unfortunately, I didn't get it because that would have been nice."

A highly sociable round ended in much laughter, too, when Elliott did opt to take driver on the 18th. "Why

didn't you do that on the first?" asked Brooks. "I'm warmed up now," replied Elliott, resplendent in a USA Ryder Cup woolly hat.

The result? Elliott's ball flying out of bounds to the right – leaving Brooks almost doubled-up with delight.

Elliott was playing in the team competition as a special treat from Koepka and added: "It was brilliant of Brooks, and everything about this experience has been tremendous. I'll never get the chance to do this again and today, standing on that first tee at St Andrews, was a really special moment for me as someone who loves all the history of the game at the Old Course and in the town of St Andrews."

Koepka, who shot a superb third round 65 to trail leader Tyrrell Hatton by just five strokes, said: "It has been awesome this week, with Chase and I having our family here too and Ricky having his. He's so much fun to be around and that's part of the reason why he's my caddie. It's a long relationship and I'm sure it will stay that way."



O'Driscoll is up for chase

Brian O'Driscoll was delighted to make the cut for only the second time at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship – particularly as he is firmly in contention this time around. The Irish rugby legend last made the cut in 2014 but was well behind the pack leaders entering the final round. This time, in the company of pro partner Robin Dawson, he is tied second and more hopeful of victory over the Old Course.

"It's lovely to be able to go out on the Sunday," said the former Lions captain. "We scraped in in 2014. We were eight or 10 shots behind, but to be only one behind is exciting. It means we can go bold. We'll go after everything and if we fall off a cliff, so be it. But it could be terrific.

"We dovetailed unbelievably [at Carnoustie]. We got going early on the second where I got a birdie-net eagle and that gave us momentum."



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@TyrrellHatton as he bids to join an exclusive club of players who have won the same tournament 3 times, and the first to win the #dunhilllinks 3 times.

A vision in blue... Greg Kinnear enjoying the afternoon rays at the dunhill Links. Via @alfreddunhill

Fleetwood looks for better finish

Ryder Cup hero Tommy Fleetwood said he would have to up his game today if he is to catch leader Tyrrell Hatton in the final round of the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

Fleetwood finished with bogeys on the 16th and 17th and only a par on the 18th, despite driving the green,

for a 67, and he said: "I need to drive it better than I did those last few holes. There's stuff I can do better and whether that's good enough, we'll see."

"My game's been good, especially today. It was just a disappointing finish. I should be a lot closer than

I am. There's other guys up there as well as Tyrrell. I'll just keep concentrating on my game."

Fleetwood says the Alfred Dunhill Links is one of the events he would most like to win. He received an invitation when he was on the Challenge Tour and has loved it ever since.

"It was the only Tour event I got into on the Challenge Tour," he said. "There's quite a few tournaments you want to win, but this one is right up there, and it's the Home of Golf. I'd like to tick this one off. It would be great to get this one on my resumé."





Old Course experience is big reward for Finau

Tony Finau admits he has much to learn about the unique demands of links golf, but he is looking forward to returning to the Old Course for today's final round in a bid to better yesterday's 71. That was his first competitive round at St Andrews and it left him six-under-par for the tournament.

"The one big thing I'm learning this week is that I need to play more links golf if I'm going to get better at it!" said the giant, affable American.

"It will be great to have another chance here tomorrow. I was leaking a bit of oil coming in today but I'm enjoying this whole week hugely – it's been so much fun both on and off the course."

Finau and his close friend Ryan Smith have also made the cut in the team competition, on 20 under par, tied for 11th and four off the lead.



Warne the competitor comes out swinging to break pro jinx

Ryan Fox praises the under-pressure performance of his partner as cricket great Shane finally ends a 12-year wait to play with a professional who made the cut

Shane Warne enjoyed a double celebration after making the cut in the Team Championship with Ryan Fox and seeing his partner do likewise in the pro tournament at the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship.

In the Team Championship, the pair finished tied 16th on 19-under-par, five behind the leaders. Fox, meanwhile, managed to secure his first cut in three attempts by finishing on seven under.

"In 12 years, this will be the first time my pro has made the cut," said the Aussie cricket legend, after their third round at Carnoustie. "I think it'll be windy [at St Andrews] but it's always nice to play on that final day and say you made the cut. We should be 22 or 23 under, but I was happy with the way I played."

The pair have formed a strong bond since teaming up for the first time last year and Fox praised Warne's competitive spirit. "He really wants to play well. Under pressure he is phenomenal," said Fox.



Is this route 66 to history?

Tyrrell Hatton tees off on the 18th at the Old Course yesterday on the way to his second successive 66. He hopes today to become the first to win three straight Alfred Dunhill Links Championships. He said: "it would be pretty surreal. I'm going to go out and give it my best."



Dave tunes in to podcast

Linkin Park bass player Dave Farrell has relished every moment of this year's Alfred Dunhill Links, despite missing the cut in the Team Championship – though he admitted that playing golf in his native southern California is far from the ideal preparation for links golf.

"It's almost a different sport," said Farrell, who has been paired with young Scottish pro Connor Syme in the Team Championship. "Everything is different here to California – the lies are tighter, the wind is up, the greens are not as receptive. There's

a lot of shots I don't have, but you have to be creative and I like that."

Farrell's twin passions of golf and music inspired him to set up a podcast. "The podcast is called Member Guest," said Farrell, who plays twice a week in the States. "It's loosely music and golf-based. It's me, my buddy Mark and Brendan Steele, who plays on the PGA Tour.

"On most episodes we'll have a guest. We've had everyone from PGA Tour player Keegan Bradley to guys from Linkin Park and Green Day. I've loved podcasting for a long time."



Today's Order of Play

Shotgun Start 08.30

Game No	Starting Tee	Professional/Amateur	Professional's Score					Team Score	
			R 1	R 2	R 3	Total	+/- Par		
1	2	Chris Wood/Ric Lewis						-20	
		Freddie Jacobson/Kieran McManus						-20	
2	3	Richie Ramsay/Moss Ngoasheng						-21	
		Marcel Siem/John Tyson						-21	
3	4	Alvaro Quiros/Paul Harris						-23	
		Robin Dawson/Brian O'Driscoll						-23	
4	5a	Deyen Lawson	76	69	68	213	-3		
		Chris Paisley	72	70	71	213	-3		
		Pablo Larrazábal	75	69	69	213	-3		
5	5b	Eddie Pepperell	75	71	67	213	-3		
		Jason Scrivener	71	72	70	213	-3		
		Louis Oosthuizen	74	69	70	213	-3		
6	6a	Darren Fichardt	77	63	73	213	-3		
		Alejandro Cañizares	74	71	68	213	-3		
		Matt Wallace	68	71	74	213	-3		
7	6b	Adrien Saddier	75	71	67	213	-3		
		Renato Paratore	72	68	73	213	-3		
		Robert Rock	76	69	67	212	-4		
8	7	Christiaan Bezuidenhout	74	70	68	212	-4		
		Jake McLeod	74	70	68	212	-4		
		Haotong Li /Allen Zhang	75	69	68	212	-4		-24
9	8	Julien Guerrier	74	70	68	212	-4		
		Thomas Pieters/Brian Higgins	73	71	68	212	-4		-20
		Jordan Smith	73	71	68	212	-4		
10	9	James Morrison	73	70	69	212	-4		
		Branden Grace	73	74	65	212	-4		
		Søren Kjeldsen	72	68	72	212	-4		
11	10a	Thongchai Jaidee/Scott Desano	72	69	71	212	-4		
		Mikko Ilonen	74	63	75	212	-4		
12	10b	Trevor Immelman	75	69	68	212	-4		
		Thomas Detry	72	71	69	212	-4		
		Ernie Els	72	71	69	212	-4		
13	11	Pep Angles	75	69	67	211	-5		
		Clément Sordet	74	70	67	211	-5		
		Ashley Chesters/Erwee Botha	73	64	74	211	-5		-20

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Game No	Starting Tee	Professional/Amateur	Professional's Score					Team Score
			R 1	R 2	R 3	Total	+/- Par	
14	12	Oliver Fisher	73	69	69	211	-5	
		Alexander Levy	71	68	72	211	-5	
		Peter Hanson	70	71	70	211	-5	
15	13	Nacho Elvira/John van Wyk	75	67	69	211	-5	-24
		Lee Slattery	71	67	73	211	-5	
		Andy Sullivan	72	71	67	210	-6	
16	14a	Peter Karmis	71	67	72	210	-6	
		Oliver Bekker	71	68	71	210	-6	
		Matthew Jordan/Fourie Du Preez	77	67	66	210	-6	
17	14b	Matt Kuchar	73	68	69	210	-6	
		Tony Finau/Ryan Smith	73	66	71	210	-6	
18	15a	Padraig Harrington	69	72	69	210	-6	
		Tom Lewis	71	71	67	209	-7	
		Matthieu Pavon	74	67	68	209	-7	
19	15b	Lucas Herbert	70	70	69	209	-7	
		Nicolas Colsaerts	72	70	67	209	-7	
		Ross Fisher	75	68	66	209	-7	
20	16	Marcus Kinhult/Frank Quattrone	70	70	69	209	-7	-19
		Ryan Fox/Shane Warne	71	67	71	209	-7	
21	17a	Benjamin Hebert	72	72	64	208	-8	
		Tapio Pulkkanen/Robert Hissom	76	67	64	207	-9	
22	17b	Edoardo Molinari	73	66	68	207	-9	
		Matthias Schwab	69	67	71	207	-9	
		Brooks Koepka	70	72	65	207	-9	
23	18	Brandon Stone/Alex Acquavella	71	71	65	207	-9	-22
		Lucas Bjerregaard/Dan Friedkin	70	65	71	206	-10	
24	1a	Andrea Pavan	72	63	71	206	-10	
		Tommy Fleetwood/Ogden Phipps II	71	67	67	205	-11	
25	1b	Stephen Gallacher	71	68	66	205	-11	
		Marcus Fraser/Harry van Dyk	68	68	67	203	-13	
		Tyrrell Hatton	70	66	66	202	-14	



The Old Course

HOLE	YARDS	METRES	PAR
1	376	344	4
2	453	414	4
3	397	363	4
4	480	439	4
5	568	519	5
6	412	377	4
7	371	340	4
8	188	172	3
9	352	322	4
OUT	3597	3290	36

HOLE	YARDS	METRES	PAR
10	386	353	4
11	174	159	3
12	348	318	4
13	465	425	4
14	618	565	5
15	455	417	4
16	423	387	4
17	495	453	4
18	357	326	4
IN	3721	3403	36
TOTAL	7318	6693	72

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It needs only a glance at the list of past Open Champions at the Old Course to understand why St Andrews holds such an illustrious place in golfing history. The majestic setting, with the 18th green in particular providing an iconic sporting scene, just adds to the unique appeal of the Home of Golf.

Among the winners of the 28 Open Championships staged here since 1873 are both modern masters and older legends of the game. Tiger Woods won in both 2000 and 2005, Jack Nicklaus in 1970 and 1978, Severiano Ballesteros in 1984 and Bobby Jones in 1927. The most recent winner was Zach Johnson three years ago.

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Golf geeks in the surf set staying out of the water

Kelly Slater has founded a group of golfing surfers and discovered golf pros who dream of riding the waves

Kelly Slater is so obsessed with golf that he has formed an Instagram group called @golfgeek with fellow surfing pros. The multiple world surfing champion, making his fourth appearance in the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, admitted that even when he is out riding the waves, his thoughts are never far from the links.



"There is a bunch of the surf pros who love to golf - we have our little group and call ourselves 'the geeks'" said Slater, who missed the cut in the Team Championship after posting a 13-under-par total along with pro partner Matt Wallace.

"We all play golf and we just have fun with it. There's also a few golfers who love to surf – Rafa Cabrera Bello, Alvaro Quiros, Adam Scott, Geoff Ogilvy. Ricky Fowler has done a bit of surfing and Dustin Johnson tells me he wants to try it."

Slater has admired the "great surf" on Scotland's east coast as he has strolled the links this week, but admitted that his focus has been on enjoying the experience of another memorable week on the links.

"In my first two years, my pro won the tournament," he said. "This is probably the best amateur tournament in the world. All the history, getting to walk alongside your pro, it's such great fun."

Students take a bow

Young golfers from across Scotland are at the Old Course today attending the prize-giving ceremony for this year's Alfred Dunhill Schools Challenge.

The event, featuring competitors from over 30 schools across Scotland, was staged on The Duke's course, St Andrews on September 23. Fourteen-year-old Cormac Sharpe, pictured, from Blairgowrie High School took the overall scratch prize and the junior boys title, shooting an impressive gross 70.

Following today's prize-giving, all students who competed in the schools tournament will attend an



exclusive golfing clinic with the internationally renowned golf coach Robert Baker.

Rotary's 30 years

Since 1988 the Rotary Club of St Andrews has held an annual raffle at the Championship, which has raised over £150,000 for causes it supports locally and nationally. Today three prizes are on offer, plus this year's star prize: dinner for

two, including wine, with accommodation and breakfast at the Old Course Hotel Resort and Spa, overlooking the 17th fairway. Look out for Rotarians in the blue tabards. This could be your lucky day!

Virtual reality can't help McCoy beat windy links

The 20-time champion jockey can transport himself to world's greatest courses on high-tech simulator

AP McCoy has a golf simulator in his house which allows him to walk the fairways of St Andrews, Kingsbarns and Carnoustie. However, after missing the cut in the Team Championship with Jamie Donaldson, he admits that the virtual experience is a world away from the reality of taking on the three famous links courses at the Alfred Dunhill Links.

"It's just a nice thing for when people are in the house," said McCoy. "It's a big screen and it gives you lots of detail like your club head speed – or lack of it, in my case. "You can programme in these courses, but I played the Old Course in the wind this week and I don't think any simulator could prepare you for that."



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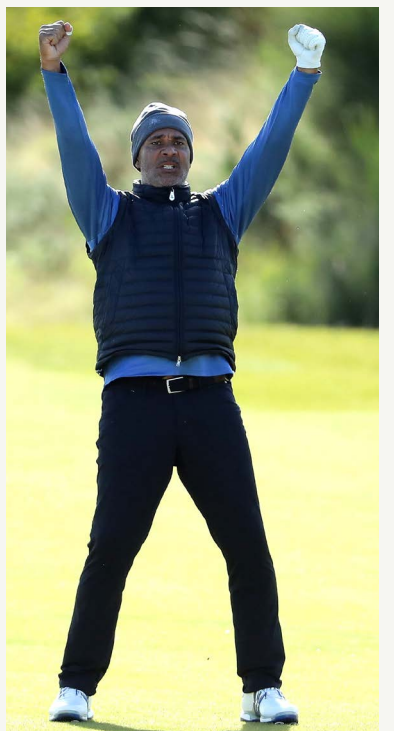
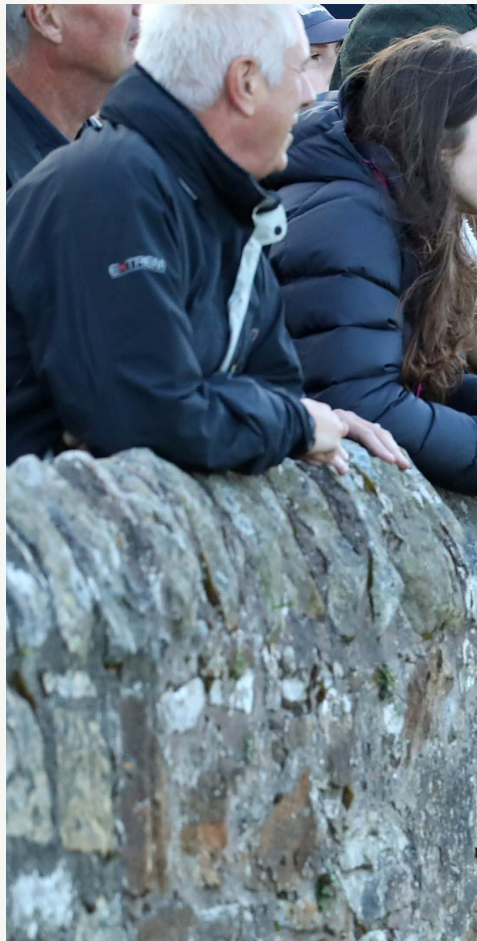
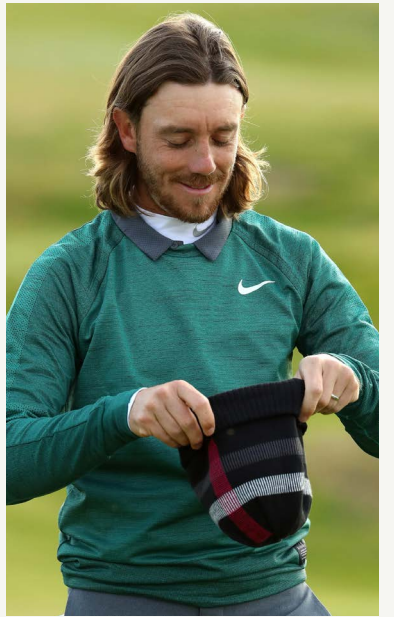
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