

# Last 10 Open Championships



**1999**  
**Paul Lawrie** SCO  
**290 (+6) AFTER PLAY-OFF**  
Carnoustie

**Local Winner:**  
Aberdeen-born Paul Lawrie seals the Championship with a birdie on the 18th hole after a tense 3-way play-off with Leonard and Van de Velde



**2000**  
**Tiger Woods** USA  
**269 (-19)**  
St Andrews

**Terrific Tiger:**  
A superb Woods secures an eight stroke victory over Els and Bjorn – shooting all four rounds under 70 – only the third Open champion to do so



**2001**  
**David Duval** USA  
**274 (-10)**  
Royal Lytham and St Annes

**Duval's Delight:**  
A brilliant last round of four under – together with rounds of 69 and 65 – leads an inspired Duval to claim the Claret Jug at the 130th Open



**2002**  
**Ernie Els** RSA  
**278 (-6) AFTER PLAY-OFF**  
Muirfield

**Play-off Thriller:**  
Els, Levet, Elkington and Appleby contest the first ever four-man play-off – Els seals a sudden death victory over Levet with a 4ft uphill putt



**2003**  
**Ben Curtis** USA  
**283 (-1)**  
Royal St George

**Debut Champion:**  
A consistent Curtis holds off Woods, Singh, and most notably, Bjorn, to become the first first-time Open winner since Tom Watson in 1975



**2004**  
**Todd Hamilton** USA  
**274 (-10) AFTER PLAY-OFF**  
Royal Troon

**Major Surprise:**  
Partnered up for the final round, Hamilton and Els contest a tense battle for the Claret Jug, the American sealing victory with a 2ft putt



**2005**  
**Tiger Woods** USA  
**274 (-14)**  
St Andrews

**End of an Era:**  
Supreme Woods leads from start to finish – somewhat overshadowed by three-time winner Jack Nicklaus making his final Open appearance



**2006**  
**Tiger Woods** USA  
**270 (-18)**  
Royal Liverpool

**Three Woods:**  
Leading from the 2nd round, Woods holds off challenges from Els, Di Marco and Furyk to clinch a hat-trick of Open titles – his 11th Major success



**2007**  
**Padraig Harrington** IRE  
**277 (-7) AFTER PLAY-OFF**  
Carnoustie

**European Euphoria:**  
Leading Garcia by one shot going up the 18th, Harrington hits a six on the last, sending the Open into a play-off – the Irishman holds his nerve to win



**2008**  
**Padraig Harrington** IRE  
**283 (+3)**  
Royal Birkdale

**Irish Double:**  
Harrington becomes the 16th player to successfully defend his Open title, sealing a four-shot victory with a 3ft eagle putt on the 17th hole



*Tiger Woods, absent last year due to a knee injury that threatened to end his career, is competing for his fourth Open championship title*

