

The Open Championship returns home



The Open Championship celebrates its 150th anniversary this year with a return to the “home of golf” – the *Old Course* at St. Andrews in Scotland. It will be the 28th occasion that the historic venue has hosted golf’s oldest major tournament

OLD COURSE HISTORY

- **c. 1400**
First golf played on links at St. Andrews
- **1552:** Archbishop of St. Andrews confirms rights of townspeople to play golf on Old Course



- **1764**
Society of St. Andrews Golfers – later *The Royal and Ancient Golf Club* – decides to reduce number of holes from 22 to 18*, creating standard for world’s golf courses
- **1857:** Second holes cut on eight greens, creating proper round of 18 holes and course’s famous double greens
- **1857:** First and 17th greens separated, making today’s anti-clockwise play possible
- **1873:** Open Championship played on Old Course for first time

*10 holes, eight of them played twice

CARD OF THE COURSE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	36
Yards	376	453	397	480	568	412	371	175	352	3,584
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In
Par	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	36
Yards	386	174	348	465	618	455	423	495	357	3,721

Total Par 72 7,305 yards

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



HOLE 17 “Road”

Par 4 – 495 yards

Forty yards has been added to one of golf’s most celebrated and feared holes. Players require a 260-yard drive over old railway sheds to reach the right side of the fairway

Green set at 45 degrees to fairway, protected by deep bunker

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