

# The Open Championship 2023

JULY 20-23, ROYAL LIVERPOOL, HOYLAKE

The 151st Open Championship, the world's oldest golf tournament, returns to the challenging, undulating, windswept links of Royal Liverpool for the first time since 2014



## Champion Golfers

Jersey-born **Harry Vardon** (left) stands alone with six titles, followed by many of golf's most famous names. **Tiger Woods** (2006) and **Rory McIlroy** (2014) are most recent winners at Royal Liverpool

### LEGENDS OF THE OPEN\*

\*Selected players only

6	Harry Vardon JCY	1896, 98, 99, 1903, 11, 14
5	Peter Thomson AUS	1954, 55, 56, 58, 65
5	Tom Watson USA	1975, 77, 80, 82, 83
4	Walter Hagen USA	1922, 24, 28, 29
3	Jack Nicklaus USA	1966, 70, 78
3	Tiger Woods USA	2000, 05, 06

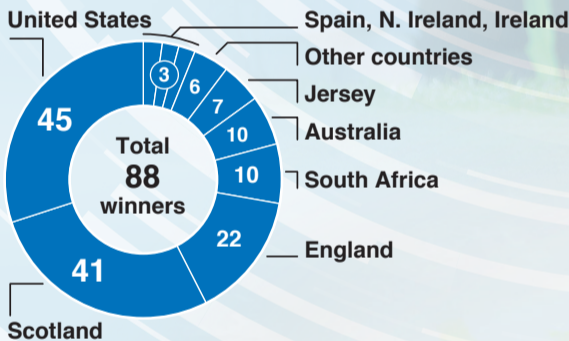
## RECENT CHAMPIONS

### Score

2022	Cameron Smith	AUS	-20	2017	Jordan Spieth	USA	-12
2021	Collin Morikawa	USA	-15	2016	Henrik Stenson	SWE	-20
2020	Tournament cancelled			2015	Zach Johnson	USA	-15
2019	Shane Lowry	IRE	-15	2014	Rory McIlroy	NIR	-17
2018	Francesco Molinari	ITA	-8	2013	Phil Mickelson	USA	-3

## OPEN CHAMPIONS BY COUNTRY

Inaugural 1860 tournament contested by eight professional golfers at Prestwick. Champion **Willie Park Sr** received **Challenge Belt**, bought from Edinburgh silversmith for £25 (around £3,890 / \$4,970 today)



## Hoylelake Course

Significant changes since 2014 event with overall par reduced to 71 and adjustments to back nine holes

- 10th hole: Converted to par-4 by moving tee position forward
- 15th hole: Previously 16th. Extended to 620-yard par-5 with new fairway bunker
- 17th hole: New par-3 with elevated "horizon" green



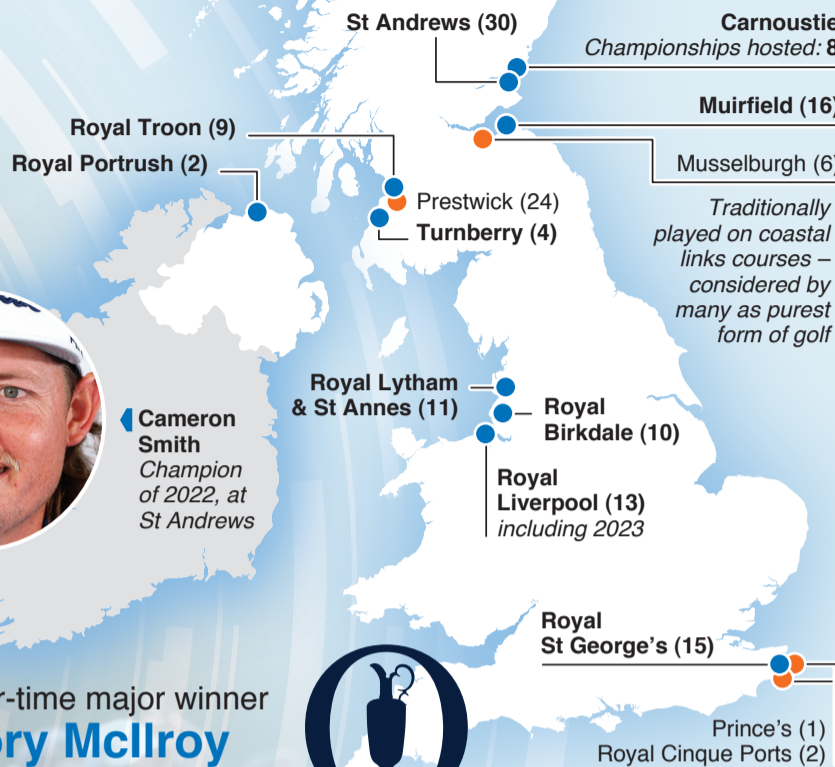
Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In
Par	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	35	Par	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	36
Yards	459	453	426	367	520	201	481	436	218	3,561	Yards	507	392	449	194	454	620	461	136	609	3,822

## Open venues

Championship currently hosted at 10 courses in rotation, and total of 14 over its history

### Host courses

### Discontinued



## Four-time major winner

## Rory McIlroy

Triumphed at Hoylelake at 2014 Open – aiming to end nine-year drought for major title



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## History at Hoylelake

1897: **Royal Liverpool** hosts Open Championship for first time

1907: **Arnaud Massy** becomes first non-British winner

1913: **John Henry Taylor** (ENG) wins fifth title to equal **James Braid** (SCO)

1924: **Walter Hagen** (right, USA) wins fifth of his 11 majors



2006: Hosts Open for first time in 39 years. **Tiger Woods** (USA, above) wins emotional victory soon after death of his father

2014: **Rory McIlroy** (NIR) becomes only sixth player to win championship wire-to-wire – sole leader after each round

1947: **Fred Daly** becomes first Northern Irish winner

## Claret Jug

Edinburgh silver, 20 3/4 inches tall. Introduced in 1872 after **Young Tom Morris** wins Challenge Belt outright with third Open victory

