

The 2007 Open Factsheet

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This two page factsheet tells you everything you need to know about the 2007 Open at Carnoustie

Carnoustie Winners

1931 - Tommy Armour (Sco)
 1937 - Henry Cotton (Eng)
 1953 - Ben Hogan (USA)
 1968 - Gary Player (RSA)
 1975 - Tom Watson (USA)*
 1999 - Paul Lawrie (Sco)*

*Tom Watson beat Jack Newton in a play-off

*Paul Lawrie beat Jean Van de Velde and Justin Leonard in a play-off

Did you know?

Both Ben Hogan and Tom Watson won at Carnoustie in their first ever Open Championship appearances. The last player to match their feat was Ben Curtis - the shock winner at Sandwich in 2003.

Jean Van de Velde

Before imploding on the 72nd hole Jean Van de Velde looked a sure fire winner in 1999. At one stage he enjoyed a five stroke lead - the biggest lead ever enjoyed by a non-champion.

Paul Lawrie

After 54 holes Paul Lawrie found himself 10 strokes behind the leader in 1999. Nobody else has ever staged such a big comeback to win the Open.

Card of the Course

Hole		Yards	Par
1	Cup	406	4
2	Gulley	463	4
3	Jockies Burn	358	4
4	Hillocks	412	4
5	Brae	415	4
6	Hogan's Alley	578	5
7	Plantation	410	4
8	Short	183	3
9	Railway	478	4
Out		3703	36
10	South America	466	4
11	Dyke	383	4
12	Southward Ho	499	4
13	Whins	176	3
14	Spectacles	514	5
15	Lucky Slap	472	4
16	Barry Burn	248	3
17	Island	461	4
18	Home	499	4
In		3718	35
Total		7421	71

Hogan's Alley: The par five 6th hole was officially renamed in 2003. In 1953 Ben Hogan took the most difficult line off the tee in each of his four rounds. Taking the tight route between the fairway bunkers and the out of bounds line, Hogan tamed one of the most difficult holes in golf.

Open Numbers

6 - Most Victories (Harry Vardon)

7 - Most Times Runner-Up (Jack Nicklaus)

13 - Largest winning margin (Old Tom Morris)

14 - Age of youngest competitor (Young Tom Morris)

267 - Lowest winning score (Greg Norman)

63 - Lowest round (Last matched by Nick Faldo and Nick Price - Royal St George's 1993)

35 - Highest number of rounds under 70 (Nick Faldo and Jack Nicklaus)

73,71,70,68 - Ben Hogan's scores at Carnoustie in 1953

78 - Worst round by a champion (Fred Daly in 1947)

46 - Most appearances at the Open (Gary Player)

32 - Most appearances on final day (Jack Nicklaus)

27 - Number of Opens held at St Andrews - the most frequently used Open venue

The Claret Jug

The iconic Open trophy was first awarded in 1873 to Tom Kidd - although Tom Morris Jnr, winner in 1872, has his name engraved on the **Claret Jug**. Previous winners received "**The Challenge Belt**" - which became the property of Tom Morris Jnr in 1870 when won the Open for the third time in a row.

The Money

The first cash prize for the Open Champions was awarded in 1864 when Old Tom Morris claimed £6 for the third of his four Open Triumphs. This year's winner will claim **£750,000** from a total prize fund of **£4.2 million**. In 2006 Tiger Woods won £720,000.

The Carnoustie Effect

"The degree of trauma experienced when what is undertaken in confident spirit founders on unforeseen difficulties. The phrase is not confined to golf, but can be applied to any undertaking which goes wrong when unsuspected difficulties are encountered. The term has been used of military operations which have gone awry after being started in expectation of easy victory, as well as to money lost on stock markets when gains had been anticipated."

Tiger @ The Open

1995 - Tied 68th
 1996 - Tied 22nd *Low Amateur*
 1997 - Tied 24th
 1998 - 3rd
 1999 - Tied 7th
 2000 - **Winner**
 2001 - Tied 25th
 2002 - Tied 28th
 2003 - Tied 4th
 2004 - Tied 9th
 2005 - **Winner**
 2006 - **Winner**

Did you know?

Tiger's 19 under par score of 269 at St Andrews in 2000 is the largest number of strokes under par ever achieved at the Open.

Tiger's 66 at Royal Lytham in 1996 is the joint lowest round by an amateur in the Open

In 2000 Tiger joined Greg Norman and Nick Price as the only champions to shoot four rounds under 70.

In 2005 his opening 66 equalled the best ever first round by a champion. Peter Thomson, Nick Faldo and Norman again share the distinction.

The Last 10 Champions

Year	Winner	Score
2006	Tiger Woods	270
2005	Tiger Woods	274
2004	Todd Hamilton	274
2003	Ben Curtis	283
2002	Ernie Els	278
2001	David Duval	274
2000	Tiger Woods	269
1999	Paul Lawrie	290
1998	Mark O'Meara	280
1997	Justin Leonard	272

History

1860 - The first Open kicks off at Prestwick. No Championship is played in 1871, from 1915 to 1919 and again from 1940 to 1945.

1873 - St Andrews hosts the Open for the first time - all previous Opens are played at Prestwick.

1889 - Musselburgh hosts the Open for the final time. In 1892 Muirfield replaces it on the roster.

1892 - The Open is played over 72 holes for the first time, HH Hilton's winning score is 350.

1894 - Sandwich hosts the Open - played outside Scotland for the first time

1904 - Jack White breaks 300 for the first time in the 72 hole event. He scores 296 at Sandwich.

1907 - Frenchman Arnaud Massy wins at Hoylake - the first foreign winner of the Open.

1922 - Walter Hagen becomes the first American winner of the Open, triumphing at Sandwich.

1931 - Tommy Armour wins the first Carnoustie Open - Scotland waits until 1985 for another winner when Sandy Lyle wins at Sandwich.

1951 - Max Faulkner wins at Royal Portrush - the only time the Open has left mainland Britain.

1964 - Play-offs are cut to 18 holes from 36 holes. It's cut to four holes, followed by sudden death, in 1985.

1980 - The Muirfield Open is the first to have a Sunday finish - ending the traditional Saturday finish.

Terror @ Carnoustie

7361 - The longest ever Open course was Carnoustie in 1999.....it's 60 yards longer now!

2 - The number of rounds under 70 in the 1968 Open at Carnoustie - an Open record.

16 - The sixteenth hole is called Barry Burn - thanks to Jean Van de Velde the burn is golf's most infamous water hazard. The burn eases through the 16th, 17th and 18th holes.

89 - Sergio Garcia's confidence was blown away in 1999 with this 18 over total on day one. In tears, he ran from the final green to the arms of his mother.

Carnasty - The name the media gave Carnoustie after the "Carn-age" of 1999

Are You Watching?

1926 - Admission charges are in place for the first time.

1955 - The BBC show the Open on TV for the first time.

1976 - Japanese golf fans watch live coverage for the first time.

2000 - St Andrew breaks its own record with 238,787 spectators at the Millennium Open

2006 - 57 broadcasters beam the Open to a global audience of 410 million people in over 160 countries.

Lawrie's Famous Four

Using all his experience and local knowledge (and a slice of generosity from Jean Van de Velde) Paul Lawrie had clawed himself back into contention and into the play-off at the 1999 Carnoustie Open. In the play-off with the Frenchman and American former champion Justin Leonard, Lawrie held his nerve - and kept control of his irons - to triumph over the four most important holes of his career.

Lawrie's Play-Off Scores: 15th: bogey five, 16th: bogey four, 17th: birdie three, 18th: birdie three