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LUKE TRUTER MAKES STRONG START ON BUSHVELD TOUR



Victoria Country Club’s 2026 Men’s Club Champion, **Luke Truter**, has made an encouraging start to his **Bushveld Tour** campaign at **Ruimsig** Golf Club, continuing the outstanding form that has made him one of the Midlands’ most exciting golfers.

Following his Club Championship victory at Victoria Country Club earlier this season, Truter has stepped onto a bigger stage, competing against a quality professional and elite amateur field.

His opening-round performance placed him firmly among the contenders and demonstrated the confidence and consistency that members have become accustomed to seeing.

Representing Victoria Country Club with distinction, Luke continues to showcase the talent being developed at one of South Africa’s Top 100 golf courses. Every strong performance on tour is another reminder of the quality of golf emerging from Victoria.

As the tournament heads into the remaining rounds, members will be watching with interest as Luke looks to climb even higher up the leaderboard.

Everyone at Victoria Country Club wishes Luke the very best for the remainder of the tournament.

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SPOTLIGHT

2026 MEN’S CLUB CHAMPION

BUSHVELD TOUR

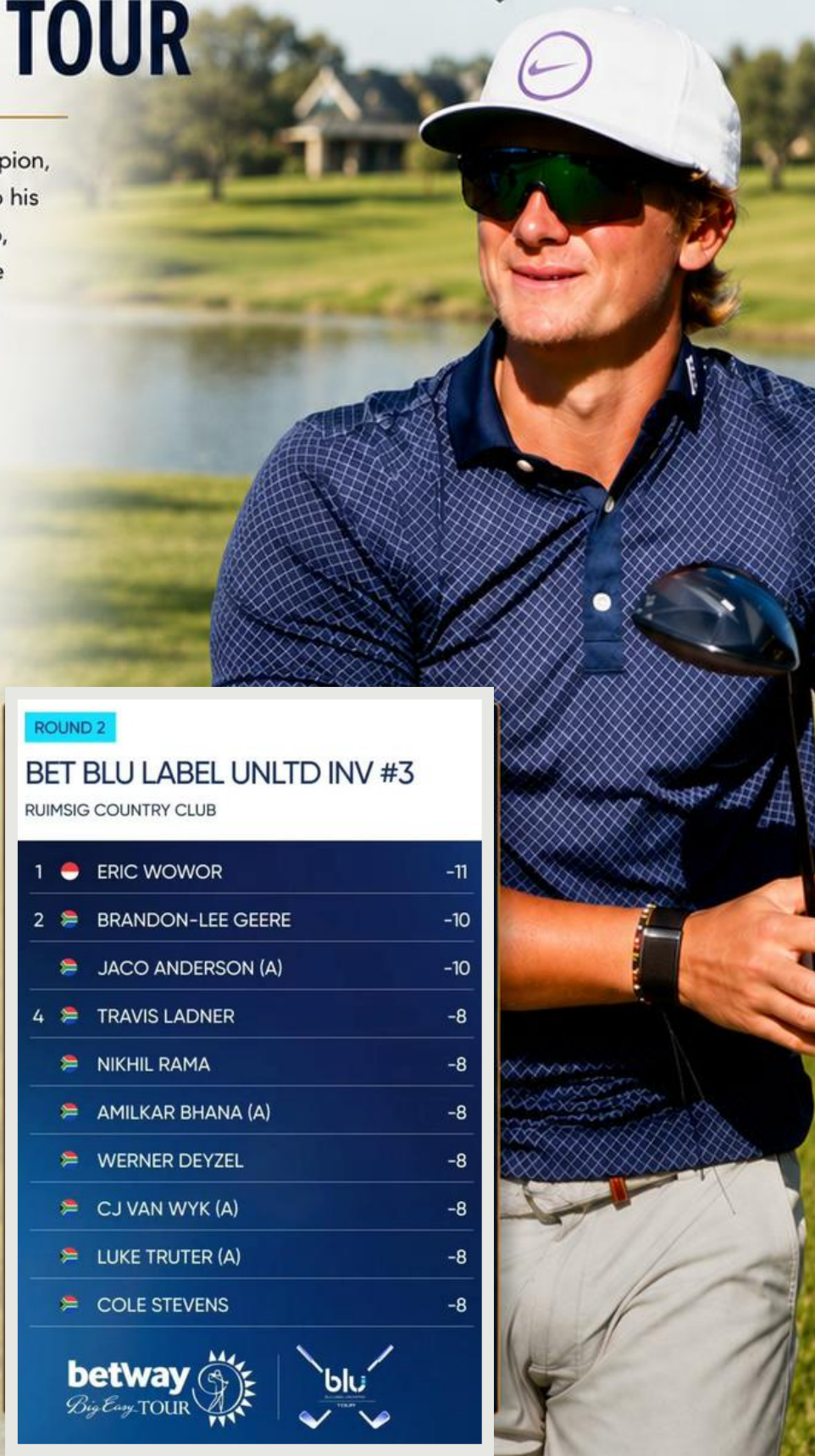
RUIMSIG GOLF CLUB

ROUND 2

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RUIMSIG COUNTRY CLUB

1	ERIC WOWOR	-11
2	BRANDON-LEE GEERE	-10
	JACO ANDERSON (A)	-10
4	TRAVIS LADNER	-8
	NIKHIL RAMA	-8
	AMILKAR BHANA (A)	-8
	WERNER DEYZEL	-8
	CJ VAN WYK (A)	-8
	LUKE TRUTER (A)	-8
	COLE STEVENS	-8



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MOUNT EDGECOMBE'S MICHAEL HOLLICK REACHES THE TOP OF EUROPEAN GOLF

SOUTH AFRICAN CLAIMS MAIDEN DP WORLD TOUR TITLE

KwaZulu-Natal golfer Michael Hollick, whose golfing journey is deeply rooted at Mount Edgecombe Country Club Estate, has achieved the biggest victory of his career after capturing the 2026 BMW International Open on the DP World Tour.

Hollick, who grew up at Mount Edgecombe, has long been a familiar face around the club as both a player and PGA teaching professional. After stepping away from tournament golf in 2022 to focus on coaching at Mount Edgecombe's Golf Academy, he reignited his competitive career through the Sunshine Tour before earning his DP World Tour card.

The 39-year-old completed his remarkable comeback in Germany with a breathtaking finish, birdieing the 17th before producing a tournament-winning eagle on the 18th to claim his maiden DP World Tour title. The victory also secured his place in The Open Championship and cemented his status as one of South Africa's leading golfers.

For golf fans across KwaZulu-Natal, Hollick's triumph is especially meaningful. Having developed his game on the fairways of Mount Edgecombe and later mentoring aspiring golfers there, his journey serves as an inspiring reminder that perseverance, patience and hard work can take local talent to the very top of world golf.

We salute Michael Hollick on an incredible achievement and wish him continued success as his career reaches exciting new heights.

“It's a dream come true. I grew up at Mount Edgecombe, spent more than 20 years there with my family and to now win on the DP World Tour is something I will never forget.”

— MICHAEL HOLLICK



MOUNT EDGECOMBE
COUNTRY CLUB ESTATE

From junior golfer to teaching professional, and now DP World Tour champion, Michael Hollick's story is a proud one for Mount Edgecombe Country Club and the entire KwaZulu-Natal golfing community.

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MICHAEL HOLLICK AT A GLANCE

HOMETOWN
Durban, South Africa

HOME CLUB
Mount Edgecombe
Country Club

PROFESSION
PGA Teaching Professional
at Mount Edgecombe
Driving Range &
Golf Academy

BORN
18 January 1987
(39 years old)

JOURNEY
From teaching pro
to DP World Tour
champion – a true
inspiration

A Champion's Journey

2024 FBC
ZIM OPEN

ZIMBABWE

SUNSHINE TOUR



2025 DNI
TOUR
CHAMPIONSHIP

SOUTH AFRICA

SUNSHINE TOUR



2025 FNB
ESWATINI
CHALLENGE

ESWATINI

SUNSHINE TOUR



2026 BMW
INTERNATIONAL
OPEN

GERMANY

DP WORLD TOUR

- Maiden DP World Tour victory
- Won by 1 stroke with eagle on the 18th
- South Africa's 7th DP World Tour winner of 2026
- Qualified for The Open Championship
- Jumped from 75th to 25th in the Race to Dubai Rankings





ROYAL BIRKDALE
GOLF CLUB

THE 154TH OPEN

GOLF'S ORIGINAL CHAMPIONSHIP

RETURNS TO ROYAL BIRKDALE

16 – 19 JULY 2026

ROYAL BIRKDALE GOLF CLUB

SOUTHPORT, ENGLAND



One of golf's greatest traditions returns this July as **The 154th Open** heads back to the magnificent links of Royal Birkdale.

Recognised as one of the world's premier championship venues, Royal Birkdale will host The Open for the 11th time, welcoming the game's finest players in pursuit of the famous Claret Jug.

Known for its towering dunes, strategic bunkering and demanding links layout, Royal Birkdale consistently produces memorable championships and dramatic finishes.

The Championship begins on Thursday 16 July and concludes on Sunday 19 July 2026, with thousands of spectators expected to line the fairways of one of England's most iconic golf courses.

CHAMPIONSHIP FACTS

	DATES	16 – 19 July 2026
	VENUE	Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, Merseyside, England
	FORMAT	72-hole Stroke Play
	PAR	72*
	DEFENDING CHAMPION	Scottie Scheffler (USA)
	TROPHY	The Claret Jug

**Par may be subject to change depending on championship setup.*



WHY ROYAL BIRKDALE?

Founded in 1889, Royal Birkdale is widely regarded as one of the finest links courses in the world.

Its spectacular dunes, firm fairways and fast, undulating greens demand precision, creativity and patience.

Since first hosting The Open in 1954, Royal Birkdale has become the most regular venue in the Open rota outside of St Andrews, staging unforgettable championships and crowning many of golf's greatest champions.



SOUTH AFRICAN INTEREST

South African golfers will once again feature among the international field competing for golf's oldest major.

The final list of competitors continues to be confirmed through exemptions and qualifying events ahead of Championship week.

We wish all South Africans in the field the very best as they take on one of golf's greatest challenges.



WATCH IN SOUTH AFRICA

Live coverage will be broadcast on SuperSport (DStv).

Daily broadcast channels and times will be announced by SuperSport closer to Championship week.



FIFA WORLD CUP 2026

THE STORIES THAT MOVED THE WORLD

From tearful goodbyes to stunning upsets and fierce controversies, the 2026 FIFA World Cup has already delivered unforgettable moments.

CONTROVERSY IN ATLANTA

HEARTBREAK FOR EGYPT

EGYPT'S DREAM ENDS IN CONTROVERSY

Egypt looked set for a historic victory with a two-goal lead against Argentina, but a late fightback saw Argentina win 3-2 and knock Egypt out.

The Egyptian FA questioned several VAR decisions after the match, calling for "greater transparency and fairness."

The debate continues...



BIGGEST SURPRISE

BELGIUM CRUSH! THE USA

Belgium ended the fairytale run of the co-hosts with a dominant 4-1 win.

Experience, quality and ruthlessness proved too much for a brave U.S. side, as Belgium booked their place in the last eight.



THE QUARTER-FINALS ARE SET

	FRANCE	VS	MOROCCO	
	SPAIN	VS	BELGIUM	
	NORWAY	VS	ENGLAND	
	ARGENTINA	VS	SWITZERLAND	

All quarter-final matches to be played from 10 - 12 July 2026.

END OF AN ERA

LEGENDS BOW OUT ON THE WORLD STAGE

Three icons. Three incredible journeys. Three final World Cup appearances.



CRISTIANO RONALDO

PORTUGAL'S LOSS TO SPAIN MARKED THE END OF RONALDO'S WORLD CUP JOURNEY.



NEYMAR JR.

A TEARFUL FAREWELL FOR BRAZIL'S GREATEST STAR AFTER THEIR EXIT AT THE LAST 16.



LUKA MODRIĆ

THE MAESTRO OF MIDFIELD PLAYS HIS FINAL WORLD CUP MATCH IN A CROATIA SHIRT.

“Football is more than a game. It's a story of dreams, passion, tears and moments that live forever.”

WORLD CUP TALKING POINTS



CONTROVERSY
VAR decisions continue to spark heated debate.



LEGENDS EXIT
An era ends as icons take their final bow.



NEW HEROES
A new generation is stepping up on the world stage.



ANYONE CAN WIN
Upsets, drama and surprises – that's what makes this World Cup special.



FOOTBALL UNITES
Emotions, rivalries and unforgettable stories from around the globe.



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BEFORE 9AM

R190



AFTER 9AM

R330



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NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

ONE TEAM. ONE NATION. ONE GOAL.



UPCOMING FIXTURES

SATURDAY

11 JULY 2026



VS



17:10

LIVE AT REGGIE'S BAR

SATURDAY

18 JULY 2026



VS



17:10

LIVE AT REGGIE'S BAR

LIVE AT

REGGIE'S BAR

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CLUB GOLF PRIZE GIVING

WILL TAKE PLACE AT 17:30

SO WE CAN ALL BE READY
FOR THE RUGBY ACTION!



#STRONGERTOGETHER

JULY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY VENNS ATTORNEYS	2	3	4 MONTHLY MUG  
5 	6	7  LADIES GOLF	8  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY SMG LEXUS UMHLAMGA	9	10  VOLTA OPEN	11  SA VS SCOTLAND 1740 Pretoria
12	13	14  LADIES GOLF	15	16	17  MIDLANDS HOSPICE GOLF DAY	18  SA VS WALES 1740 Durban
19	20	21	22  DICK'S DAY SPONSORED BY PAM GOLDING PROPERTIES	23	24	25
26	27	28  LADIES GOLF	29  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY HILTON QUARRY SPAR	30	31  CORDWALLES PREP GOLF DAY	



MORE THAN GOLF

MEMBERSHIP

COMMUNITY

HERITAGE



AUGUST 2026

Plan. Play. Enjoy.
MAKE EVERY MOMENT COUNT.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1  MONTHLY MUG
2	3	4 LADIES GOLF	5  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY ORYX ENERGIES	6	7  COWAN HOUSE GOLF DAY	8  08 th ARGENTINA VS SA 2000 Buenos Aires
9 Happy Women's Day! Celebrating the strength, grace and contribution of women everywhere.	10 Public Holiday	11  LADIES GOLF	12  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY MOFFATT OPTICAL	13	14  HILTON PRE PRIMARY GOLF DAY	15
16 VRYDER CUP GOLF DAY	17	18  LADIES GOLF	19	20	21  ALL SAINTS CHURCH GOLF DAY	22  22 nd SA VS NEW ZEALAND 1730 Johannesburg
23 	24	25  LADIES GOLF	26  WEDNESDAY SCHOOL BY SEEFF MIDLANDS	27	28  LADDSWORTH PRIMARY GOLF DAY	29  29 th SA VS NEW ZEALAND 1730 Cape Town
30 Spring Treatment	31 Spring Treatment					

Here's to strong women. May we know them. May we be them. May we raise them.

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NOTICE TO ALL PLAYERS

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION RULE

ROPES AROUND THE COURSE ARE CONSIDERED IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

In terms of the Rules of Golf set by The R&A, ropes are **immovable obstructions**.

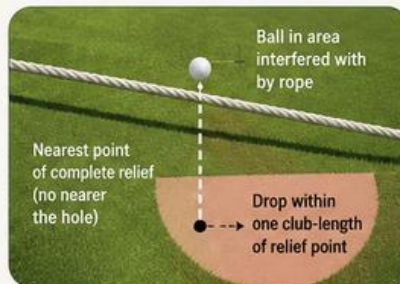
If your ball is in an area that you cannot play from because of a rope, you are entitled to take relief under **Rule 16.1 – Free Relief from Immovable Obstructions**.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

You may take free relief under Rule 16.1 as follows:

- Find the nearest point of complete relief from the rope (no nearer the hole).
- Drop your ball within one club-length of that point, not nearer the hole.
- The ball must come to rest in the relief area.

DIAGRAM: RULE 16.1



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Ropes are not to be moved or removed from their position.



Interference does not exist if you can play your ball as it lies.



Please respect the course set-up and play by the rules.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND FOR HELPING US
MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COURSE.

Play the Game. Respect the Course. Enjoy Your Round.

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RESULTS

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SATURDAY CLUB COMPETITION

4 JULY - TAKEALOT MONTHLY MUG & 4 BALL MEDAL ALLIANCE

A DIVISION

1st : Jonathan Akerman - 72 Nett

2nd : Izak Hanekom - 74

Best Gross: Jonathan Akerman - 75

C DIVISION

1st : Shabeer Essa - 68 Nett

2nd : Dan Moodley - 69

Best Gross: Shabeer Essa - 83

B DIVISION

1st : Mark Dixon - 71 Nett

2nd : Nigel Hemming - 72

Best Gross: Mark Dixon - 80

4 BALL MEDAL ALLIANCE

1st : Chris Cordier, Vihaan Chunthapursat,
Shabeer Essa, Mo Moolla - 123 oco

LADIES RESULTS

7 JULY - SAFIRE MEDAL & PUTTS COMPETITION

SILVER DIVISION

1st : Pippa Payne - 75 Nett oco

2nd : Wendy Carruthers - 75

3rd : Simone Raymond - 79

BRONZE DIVISION

1st : Karin Schroder - 69 Nett

2nd : Diana Smythe - 70 oco

3rd : Jenny Hallowses - 70

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

7 JULY - SMG LEXUS UMHLANGA - 4 BALL ALLIANCE

1st : Ashley Tarr, Berrick Wills, Michael Smith, Hector Wills -
86 Points

2nd : Jeff Walker, Peter Hayter, Dawie Louw, Peter Newman -
85

3rd : Pat Trimborn, Paul Trimborn, Dylan Allison Errol Taylor -
84



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UPCOMING GOLF DAYS

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We look forward to a great season of golf, giving back
and strengthening our community together.

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026	PLAY THE GREEN. SAVE THE BLUE. THE VOLTA OPEN 2026 	THE VOLTA OPEN 2026  Date: Friday, 10 July 2026  Venue: Victoria Country Club  WIN A R100 000 HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE  Entry Fee: R1 600 PER FOURBALL
THURSDAY 16 JULY 2026	 A NETWORK OF INVESTORS BUILDING OUR CITY TOGETHER INVEST PIETERMARITZBURG GOLF DAY 	INVEST PIETERMARITZBURG GOLF DAY  Date: Thursday, 16 July 2026  Venue: Victoria Country Club  Format: Stableford PRICE PER PLAYER R1350 PRICE PER 4 BALL R5000
FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026	 ONE ROUND. LASTING IMPACT. 	MIDLANDS HOSPICE  Date: Friday, 17 July 2026  Venue: Victoria Country Club R600/golfer (R2 400/4 ball) Includes: - Green Fees - Halfway House - Supper at prize giving
FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026	 Golf and Padel Day Victoria Country Club 31 July 2026 ENTRIES NOW OPEN 	CORDWALLES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GOLF AND PADEL DAY  Date: Friday, 31 July 2026  Venue: Victoria Country Club GOLF 4 Ball Entry R2600 per team PADEL Team Entry R500 per team
FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2026	 Golf & Padel Day 	COWAN HOUSE FOUNDATION GOLF & PADEL DAY  Date: Friday, 7 August 2026  Venue: Victoria Country Club Registration: 09h00 Shot Gun Start: 10h30 Registration: 10h00 Time: 11h00 - 17h00 4 BALL – R3 000 R600 per team
FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2026	 HILTON PRE-PRIMARY TRUST GOLF DAY 14 AUG 2026 VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB REG 9:00 AM SHOTGUN START 10:00AM	HILTON PRE-PRIMARY TRUST GOLF DAY  Date: Friday, 14 August 2026  Venue: Victoria Country Club Reg: 9:00 AM Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM Format: 4-Ball Alliance (2 scores to count)
FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2026	 LADDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST FUND GOLF DAY FRIDAY, 28 AUGUST 2026 VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB <i>Save the Date</i>	LADDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST FUND GOLF DAY  Date: Friday, 28 August 2026  Venue: Victoria Country Club

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT.

— Here's to many great days on the greens! —





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