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# daily NEWS

ROUND 3 | SATURDAY 06-12-2025



## Reitan leads as Bezuidenhout chases

Kristoffer Reitan.

Norway's Kristoffer Reitan will take a one-stroke lead into the weekend of the Nedbank Golf Challenge in honour of Gary Player, with Christiaan Bezuidenhout leading the South African challenge just three strokes behind him.



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Sheer Driving Pleasure



**R**eitan signed for a 69 on Friday that was more of a battle compared with his opening 63, and he leads this field on 12 under par overall.

"I'm pretty happy. I struggled with the approach shots, but my short game saved me a few times," said Reitan.

His nearest challenger is Frenchman Adrien Saddier, whose round elicited comments of "outrageous" from the commentators on more than one occasion as he produced sublime bunker shots on his way to a 67 and a total of 11 under par.

And Bezuidenhout produced a 65 to lead the South African challenge in joint third place on nine under par alongside France's Julien Guerrier.

Reitan again started strong with a birdie at the first, but he wasn't able to unlock all of the secrets of this Gary Player Country Club course as he stumbled with back-

to-back bogeys on 15 and 16 before finishing with a birdie on 18.

"It's a tough course and I'm happy to finish strong with a birdie at the last. It's difficult to stay patient out there. The wind goes in circles here so I had no idea what I was doing. It feels like it could be in any direction and that's not a huge confidence boost when you're standing over the golf ball. But I felt like I dealt with it as best as I could," he said.

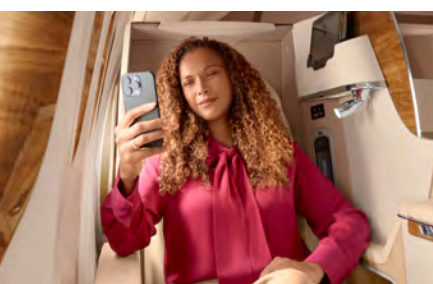
Behind him, Saddier made an equally fast start with an eagle on the par-five second after a magnificent bunker shot to within six feet of the hole. He birdied the third to keep his charge going. But the closing holes were also a challenge for him as he bogeyed two of the last three. In the midst of that was another terrific bunker shot on 17 to save par there.

"It was a pretty hot start which is good on this course. It's a pity about the finish. The second on 17 was quite lucky because I didn't expect to reach the green to be honest. It came off hot off the face, so it was lucky but I'll take it. My long game is pretty solid and I just need to keep going for the next two days."




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# Bezuidenhout has another shot at glory

**C**hristiaan Bezuidenhout has another shot at a victory he has dreamt of since he was a boy. Bezuidenhout has given himself another chance to win "Africa's Major" after finishing fifth in 2022 and sixth in 2024.

And it means the world to him to be in the hunt going into the weekend in a tournament every South African golfer has grown up watching and wanting to win.

"It's always been a tournament that I've wanted to win. I've been coming here since I was a young kid watching Ernie Els and all the greats play here. I've come close before and now I've put myself in a good position again. Hopefully I can get over the line," said Bezuidenhout as he starts the third round just three shots off the lead. He has enjoyed a victory on this Gary Player Country Club course before in the 2020 South African Open, so he knows the golf course better than most.

"The key for me out here is to keep it in play off the tee, so I've put a lot of emphasis on my drives to keep them in play. The golf course has a few changes since my win here five years ago, but from tee to green it plays pretty much the same.

"This is not like any parkland course where you can miss the fairway and still get to the green. If you miss a fairway here it's a lost ball."

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# A Fairway Feast

**T**he Nedbank Golf Challenge is a massive logistical operation on all fronts, and none more so than when it comes to the catering.

Feeding the thousands of guests over four intensive days of golf is a feat worthy of being declared a Major all on its own.

"It's a massive task for us considering the logistics. All in all we're looking after about 40 different marquee set-ups across the tournament. But the teams we have are so dedicated team and they do a phenomenal job," says Casper Niewoudt, the Food and Beverage Services Manager.

"The planning actually starts in February. We begin with feedback from our sponsors, then we redesign the menus for the current year, go through our recipes, look at the budgets with our partners, and then we begin planning the logistics in terms of vehicles as well as the building of five kitchens on the course fully kitted out

with ovens, because food safety is extremely important for us. So we maintain our cold chains as well."

And it's a team effort that also includes the local community.

"We involve our local community and have over 450 individuals who work the tournament with us for a two-week period of preparation and then during the tournament. We also bring in visiting supporting chefs for exposure and experience. Everybody works towards the same goal of executing a successful event."

Anybody who has attended a Nedbank Golf Challenge will know all about two of the biggest food favourites – the ribs and the ice cream.

"The ribs and ice cream have always been a favourite.

We go through about 100 000 ice creams over the tournament, and we bring in about 16.5 tonnes of protein because South Africans love their meat."

"Africa's Major" is indeed a feast in all respects.

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DRAW FOR ROUND 3 - SATURDAY 6 December 2025

Game	Time	Tee	Name	Country	Attachment	R1	R2
1	09:33	10	Ryggs JOHNSTON	USA	Cabinet View GC	71	71
			Nick TAYLOR	CAN	Ledgerview G&CC	70	72
			David RAVETTO	FRA	RCF La Boulie	73	69
2	09:44	10	Tom MCKIBBIN	NIR	Galgorm	68	74
			Joost LUITEN	NED		72	71
			Marco PENGÉ	ENG		72	71
3	09:55	10	Eugenio CHACARRA	ESP	Southern Hills G&CC	73	70
			Oliver LINDELL	FIN	Virvik Golf	69	74
			Matteo MANASSERO	ITA	Garda Golf CC	72	72
4	10:06	10	Rikuya HOSHINO	JPN		72	72
			Angel HIDALGO	ESP	RCG Las Brisas	74	70
			Calum HILL	SCO	Gleneagles Hotel	77	67
5	10:17	10	Thorbjørn OLESEN	DEN		71	74
			Antoine ROZNER	FRA	RCF La Boulie	73	73
			Nacho ELVIRA	ESP		74	72
6	10:28	10	Will ZALATORIS	USA	Dallas National GC	75	71
			Yurav PREMLALL	RSA	Glendower GC	72	75
			Martin COUVRA	FRA		73	74
7	10:39	10	Darius VAN DRIEL	NED		73	74
			Laurie CANTER	ENG	Cumberwell Park GC	73	74
			Jacques KRUYSWIJK	RSA	Centurion CC	75	72
8	10:50	10	Frederic LACROIX	FRA	RCF La Boulie	76	72
			Guido MIGLIOZZI	ITA		77	71
			Ockie STRYDOM	RSA	South Africa	75	74
9	11:01	10	Dylan NAIDOO	RSA	The Club at Steyn City	74	76
			Adrian MERONK	POL		74	77
			Jacob Skov OLESEN	DEN	Næstved GC	76	75
10	11:12	10	Dylan FRITTELLI	RSA	UT GC	77	75
			Nicolai VON DELLINGSHAUSEN	GER	GC Hubbelrath	75	78
			Marcel SIEM	GER	Heritage Mauritius	75	79
11	11:23	10	Paul WARING	ENG	Jumeirah Golf Estates	79	75
			Johannes VEERMAN	USA	Winston Golf	80	79
			Daniel GAVINS	ENG	Howley Hall GC	81	88

Game	Time	Tee	Name	Country	Attachment	R1	R2
12	09:33	1	Connor SYME	SCO	Drumoig Golf Centre	71	71
			Grant FORREST	SCO	The Renaissance Club	71	71
			John PARRY	ENG	Harrogate GC	72	70
13	09:44	1	Pablo LARRAZÁBAL	ESP	11:am Golf	72	70
			Richard MANSELL	ENG		72	70
			Christo LAMPRECHT	RSA		72	70
14	09:55	1	Thomas DETRY	BEL	Royal GC of Belgium	68	73
			Niklas NORGAARD	DEN	Kokkedal GC	69	72
			Jorge CAMPILLO	ESP	Norba Club de Golf de Caceres	69	72
15	10:06	1	Jordan SMITH	ENG	Bowood	73	68
			Yuto KATSURAGAWA	JPN		73	68
			Joakim LAGERGREN	SWE	Black Mountain GC	71	70
16	10:17	1	Jesper SVENSSON	SWE	Upsala GC	66	74
			Shaun NORRIS	RSA	Silver Lakes CC	68	72
			Haotong LI	CHN		68	72
17	10:28	1	Aldrich POTGIETER	RSA	Pinnacle Point Golf Estate	69	71
			Thriston LAWRENCE	RSA	Pretoria CC	69	71
			Alejandro DEL REY	ESP	RCG La Moraleja	70	70
18	10:39	1	Francesco MOLINARI	ITA	GC Torino	72	68
			Marcus ARMITAGE	ENG	Howley Hall GC	66	73
			Dan BRADBURY	ENG	Wakefield GC	69	70
19	10:50	1	Ewen FERGUSON	SCO	Emirates GC	69	70
			Viktor HOVLAND	NOR		69	70
			Angel AYORA	ESP	La Hacienda GR	73	66
20	11:01	1	Jayden SCHAPER	RSA	Ebotse Golf Estate	70	68
			Garrick HIGGO	RSA	De Zalze GC	68	69
			Junghwan LEE	KOR	Woori Financial Group	69	68
21	11:12	1	Daniel VAN TONDER	RSA	Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate	70	67
			Andy SULLIVAN	ENG	Stratford-on-Avon GC	70	67
			Julien GUERRIER	FRA	Golf de la prée La Rochelle	68	67
22	11:23	1	Christiaan BEZUIDENHOUT	RSA	Serengeti Wildlife & Golf Estate	70	65
			Adrien SADDIER	FRA	Esery GC	66	67
			Kristoffer REITAN	NOR	GC de Genève	63	69

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