

IN HONOUR OF **GARY PLAYER**

ROUND 4 | SUNDAY 07-12-2025



South Africa's Jayden Schaper is chasing a childhood dream as he heads into Sunday's final round of the Nedbank Golf Challenge in honour of Gary Player just five shots off the lead of Norway's Kristoffer Reitan.



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he 24-year-old Schaper, who is making his debut in this tournament, will start Sunday's final round on 12 under par following his third round of 66. He'll tee off in the final group alongside the leader Reitan on 17 under par, who had an eventful end to his third round of 67.

The Norwegian, who has led from day one, was comfortably ahead of the field on Saturday before he hit his second deep into the bushes left of the 18th on his way to a double-bogey six. It came after a significant weather delay, with lightning and a storm forcing the players into the clubhouse late in the afternoon and with Reitan still to complete three holes.

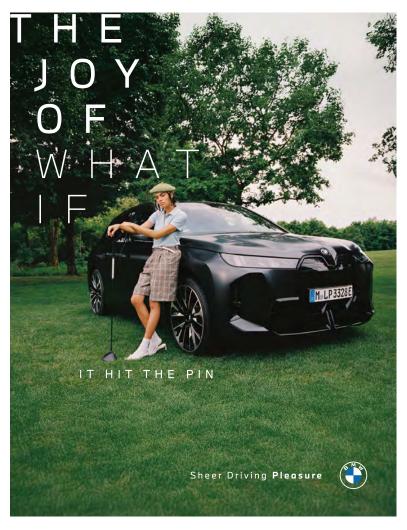
"I'm disappointed with the finish on 18. The weather delay was tricky, and also I watched Arsenal lose in the Player's Lounge which didn't put me in a great mood. But overall I'm happy with my performance. The final round is 18 new holes and I'm looking forward to starting fresh," he said. It opened the door for Schaper – who closed with three birdies in his final five holes –and it gave him even more hope of the possibility of a magical Sunday in his career. "You grow up watching this event, and when we used to come here you were always staying in hotels with the players and seeing them. This is always an event that

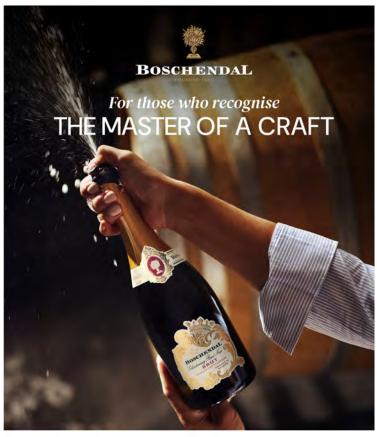
I wanted to play in. It's been a lot of hard work to get here, and today was such a cool experience with a lot of support out there from my family and friends," said Schaper.

It's a big moment for the young star, who is ably supported by countryman Christiaan Bezuidenhout on 10 under par as he also chases a first South African victory in this event since 2017.

And as England's Dan Bradbury also noted from his position seven shots off the lead, "This is Sun City – anything can happen here on the final day".

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Biggest 54-hole lead: 3 shots

- Aldrich Potgieter 2025 season (did not win)
- Jeunghun Wang November 2016 (did not win)
- Jamie Donaldson 2014 (did not win)

Biggest winning margin: 6 shots

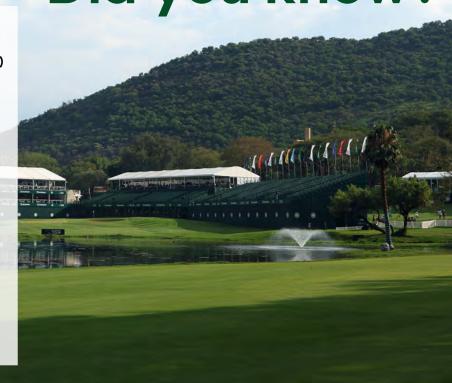
- Alex Noren November 2016
- Marc Leishman December 2015

Food

- · Ice = 44 tonnes
- Milk = 2 000 litres

Build

- 30 x 6-metre refrigerated containers
- 150+ beverage fridges
- Scaffolding: 1 400 tonnes
- Shade cloth: 37 800 square metres
- Almost 12 000 square metres of marquees









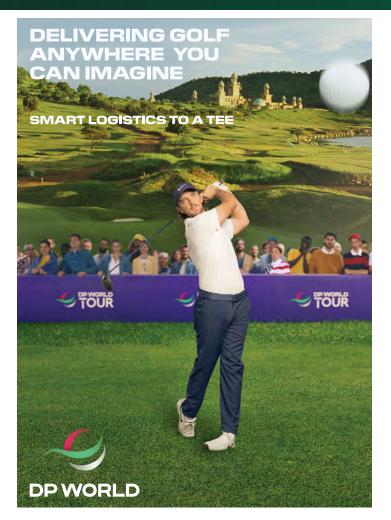
The Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture Gayton McKenzie enjoying a light moment with Ernie Els and Gary Player. Credit: Grant Leversha

Golf legends gather at Sun City

he Saturday of the Nedbank Golf Challenge brought out the VIPs to Sun City.
Gayton McKenzie, the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, made a welcome appearance, as did former Nedbank Golf Challenge champion Ernie Els. And they took up a seat on the first tee alongside Gary Player. It was a special moment for South African golf as Els paid tribute to Player, a man he said was his hero growing up.

"This is my man right here – Gary Player," said Els. "I grew up in Johannesburg and I came to Sun City as a kid to watch the greats play. Gary Player brought them all here, and it's still happening. I wanted to be here this year because he's 90 now, and for what he's done for all sport in South Africa. I can call him one of my best friends. He's always been my hero. A lot of time you meet your hero and you think they cannot get better. But I've met my hero and he exceeded my expectations. I have a lot of good memories of Sun City and this tournament."

As he put his arm around Els, Player responded, "Ernie had one of the greatest golf swings that I ever saw in my life. He could play. But more than that he was always such a great ambassador for South Africa. And now he and his wife have done so much for autism in the world today."





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DRAW FOR ROUND 4

SUNDAY 7 December 2025

1	08:10	10	David RAVETTO	FRA	RCF La Boulie	73	69	74
1	08.10	10	Pablo LARRAZÁBAL	ESP	11:am Golf	72	70	74
			Jesper SVENSSON	SWE	Upsala GC	66	74	76
2	08:21	10	Connor SYME	sco	Drumoig Golf Centre	71	71	75
			Christo LAMPRECHT	RSA		72	70	75
			Eugenio CHACARRA	ESP	Southern Hills G&CC	73	70	74
3	08:32	10		DEN	Kokkedal GC	69	72	76
			Yuto KATSURAGAWA	JPN SWE	Black Mountain GC	73	68 70	76
_			Joakim LAGERGREN		black Wouldain GC	71		76
4	08:43	10	Martin COUVRA Darius VAN DRIEL	FRA NED		73 73	74 74	70 71
			Jacob Skov OLESEN	DEN	Næstved GC	76	75	67
5	08:54	10	Marco PENGE	ENG	-	72	71	76
	00.54		Oliver LINDELL	FIN	Virvik Golf	69	74	76
			Rikuya HOSHINO	JPN		72	72	75
6	09:05	10	Angel HIDALGO	ESP	RCG Las Brisas	74	70	75
			Antoine ROZNER	FRA	RCF La Boulie	73	73	73
			Nacho ELVIRA	ESP	-	74	72	74
7	09:16	10	Thorbjørn OLESEN	DEN		71	74	76
			Jacques KRUYSWIJK Matteo MANASSERO	RSA	Centurion CC GardaGolf CC	75 72	72 72	74 78
_	00.27	10	Yurav PREMLALL	RSA	Glendower GC	72	75	75
8	09:27	10	Frederic LACROIX	FRA	RCF La Boulie	72 76	75 72	75 74
			Guido MIGLIOZZI	ITA		77	71	75
9	09:38	10	Dylan NAIDOO	RSA	The Club at Steyn City	74	76	75
			Adrian MERONK	POL		74	77	74
			Dylan FRITTELLI	RSA	UT GC	77	75	75
10	09:49	10	Marcel SIEM	GER	Heritage Mauritius	75	79	74
			Paul WARING	ENG	Jumeirah Golf Estates	79	75	75
			Ockie STRYDOM	RSA	South Africa	75	74	82
11	10:00	10		GER	GC Hubbelrath Winston Golf	75	78	78
			Johannes VEERMAN Daniel GAVINS	USA ENG	Howley Hall GC	80 81	79 88	74 82
12	08:10	1	Richard MANSELL	ENG	,	72	70	73
			Thriston LAWRENCE	RSA	Pretoria CC	69	71	74
13	08:21	1	Will ZALATORIS	USA	Dallas National GC	75	71	68
			Aldrich POTGIETER	RSA	Pinnacle Point Golf Estate	69	71	74
			Ryggs JOHNSTON	USA	Cabinet View GC	71	71	72
14	08:32	1	Viktor HOVLAND	NOR	Norba Club de Golf de Caceres	69	70	74
			Jorge CAMPILLO John PARRY	ESP ENG	Harrogate GC	69 72	72 70	72 71
15	08:43	1	Nick TAYLOR	CAN	Ledgerview G&CC	70	72	71
15	00.43	-	Grant FORREST	sco	The Renaissance Club	71	71	71
			Marcus ARMITAGE	ENG	Howley Hall GC	66	73	73
16	08:54	1	Alejandro DEL REY	ESP	RCG La Moraleja	70	70	72
			Calum HILL	sco	Gleneagles Hotel	77	67	68
			Junghwan LEE	KOR	Woori Financial Group	69	68	74
17	09:05	1	Jordan SMITH	ENG	Bowood David CC of Dalakum	73	68	70
			Thomas DETRY Tom MCKIBBIN	BEL NIR	Royal GC of Belgium Galgorm	68 68	73 74	70 68
10	00:46	_	Adrien SADDIER	FRA	Esery GC	66	67	76
18	09:16	1	Julien GUERRIER	FRA	Golf de la prée La Rochelle	68	67	74
			Daniel VAN TONDER	RSA	Serengeti Golf & Wildlife Estate	70	67	72
19	09:27	1	Angel AYORA	ESP	La Hacienda GR	73	66	70
		-	Francesco MOLINARI	ITA	GC Torino	72	68	69
	_		Shaun NORRIS	RSA	Silver Lakes CC	68	72	69
20	09:38	1	Andy SULLIVAN	ENG	Stratford-on-Avon GC	70	67	71
			Garrick HIGGO	RSA	De Zalze GC	68	69	71
			Ewen FERGUSON	SCO	Emirates GC	69	70	69
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The Boma Braai is an annual favourite.

Dale Hayes (bottom right) in conversation with guests at the first tee, including Ernie Els and Gary Player.





