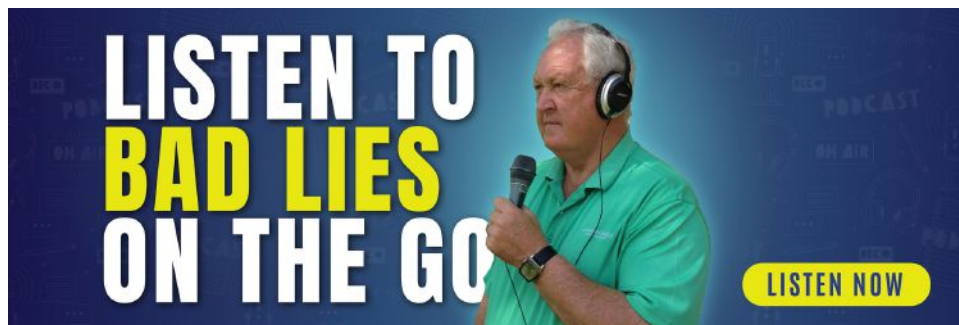


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Bad Lies

The prize money in golf is getting silly. Next season LIV is upping their prize money to \$30 million per event with \$10 million of that being paid to Team winners.

But before you feel sorry for the PGA Tour players, Scottie Scheffler, who didn't play in the Wyndham Championship, won \$10 million after that

event just for being on top of the FedEx Cup list at the close of the regular season. He won another \$8 million for being on top of the Comcast Business Top 10, so \$18 million in the bag before the FedEx Cup Finals had even started!

He'd earned \$19 million in prize money before this weekend, so that totals up to \$37 million, plus, he's almost sure to win the FedEx Cup.

Here are the Top 5 biggest money earners on the LIV Tour over the 46 events that they have played in the last 4 years (excluding this last weekend):

1. **Taylor Gooch – \$65 million** (\$ 1,4 million per event)
2. Dustin Johnson & Joaquin Niemann - \$58 million
3. Jon Rahm - \$51 million
4. Cameron Smith - \$46 million (exactly \$ 1 million per event)

The PGA Tour Money for this year alone is also mind boggling (excluding this last weekend):

1. **Scottie Scheffler - \$19 million – 4 wins**
2. Rory McIlroy - \$16 million – 3 wins
3. JJ Spaun - \$10 million – 1 win
4. Sepp Straka - \$10 million – 2 wins
5. Russel Henley - \$9 million – 1 win

It's estimated that the Top 10 in the FedEx Cup will have their prize money doubled, which is already the case for Scottie Scheffler.

Scottie's stats make interesting reading...

- He has played in 17 tournaments in 2025.
- His average prize money is \$ 1,2 million per event.
- He has only finished out of the Top 20 in three events that he has played.
- He's had 4 first places; 1 second place; 3 third places and 2 fourth

places.

- He is 171-under par for the 64 rounds that he has played.
- His average score is 68,3.
- Driving Distance – Ranked 65th with 305,6-yard average.
- Greens in Regulation – 70,7%.
- Putts per hole - Ranked 4th - Average 1,708.
- Driving Accuracy - Ranked 55th - Hits 62,2%.

The comparisons are already starting, but I'm not sure he can be compared to Jack Nicklaus or Tiger Woods just yet. He has a long way to go to match either of them, and also, let's not forget Rory McIlroy, who is still ahead of Scottie Scheffler in majors won.

FedEx Cup Finals

Despite struggling with his putting for most of Sunday, they started to fall when it really counted.

Justin Rose birdied four of the last five holes in regulation play at the FedEx St Jude Championship at TPC Southwind in Memphis.

In fact, he shot back to back 67s over the weekend while Spaun shot back to back 65s to tie at 16-under. They both parred the first playoff hole, then both birdied the second playoff hole (Spaun from 30 feet), before Rose won with an 11-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole.

He picked up his 12th PGA Tour title, his first since the 2023 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and at 45, became the oldest winner on Tour since Phil Mickelson at the 2021 PGA Championship.

He has made it back into the Top 10 in the World for the first time in five years, will advance to the Tour Championship for the first time since 2019 and also secured his spot on the European Ryder Cup team.

A message from Rose:



Scottie Scheffler and Tommy Fleetwood tied for third on 15-under. How devastating for Fleetwood, who now has twelve top 3s on the PGA Tour but still hasn't won.

Cameron Young finished fifth and Rickie Fowler, Akshay Bhatia and Andrew Noval tied for sixth. Did you see this adventurous shot by Rickie Fowler on the final hole for par on Saturday?



Aldrich Potgieter tied for 59th on 3-over and Erik van Rooyen tied for 62nd on 5-over.

Only the top 50 players have now qualified for the BMW Championship at Caves Valley Golf Club in Maryland. Kurt Kitayama, Bud Cauley, Jhonattan Vegas, JT Poston and Rickie Fowler moved into the Top 50 while Aldrich Potgieter, Jordan Spieth, Jake Knapp, Wyndham Clark and Si Woo Kim fell out.

Aldrich Potgieter dropped to 52nd and Erik van Rooyen is 70th.

You can check out the FedEx Cup Rankings here –

<https://www.pgatour.com/fedexcup>

American football player Eli Manning went undercover as a FedEx delivery man at the FedEx St Jude:



Did You Know?

Jim Furyk doesn't just have the lowest score on the PGA Tour, a 58. He also has a 59, which makes him the only player in PGA Tour history with multiple sub-60 rounds.

Cristobal Del Solar shot a 57 in the first round of the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard on the Korn Ferry Tour.

Reminiscing on the Past

My eldest brother, John Hayes, made three consecutive SA Amateur finals, winning just one when he beat Barry Franklin 2&1 at Houghton in 1962.

The previous year, Jannie le Roux beat him 3&2 at East London GC, while Dave Symons beat him 5&4 at Durban Country Club in 1963.

John was part of a six man team representing SA at the 1963 Commonwealth Tournament at Royal Sydney, where SA finished a disappointing fourth of the five participating countries.

Following the Commonwealth Tournament, the Australian Amateur was held at Kingston Heath and John trounced fellow Springbok Derek Kemp 8&7 in the final.

John also represented SA in the 1962 Eisenhower Trophy in Japan. The others in that team were Reg Taylor, Jannie le Roux and Barry Franklin.

After turning pro, John finished second, three strokes behind Gary Player in the 1965 SA Open at Royal Cape. Player shot 273, Hayes 276.



Caricature by Jock Leyden.

When the Ball Hits Back...

And now for something completely different from Tommy Fleetwood...



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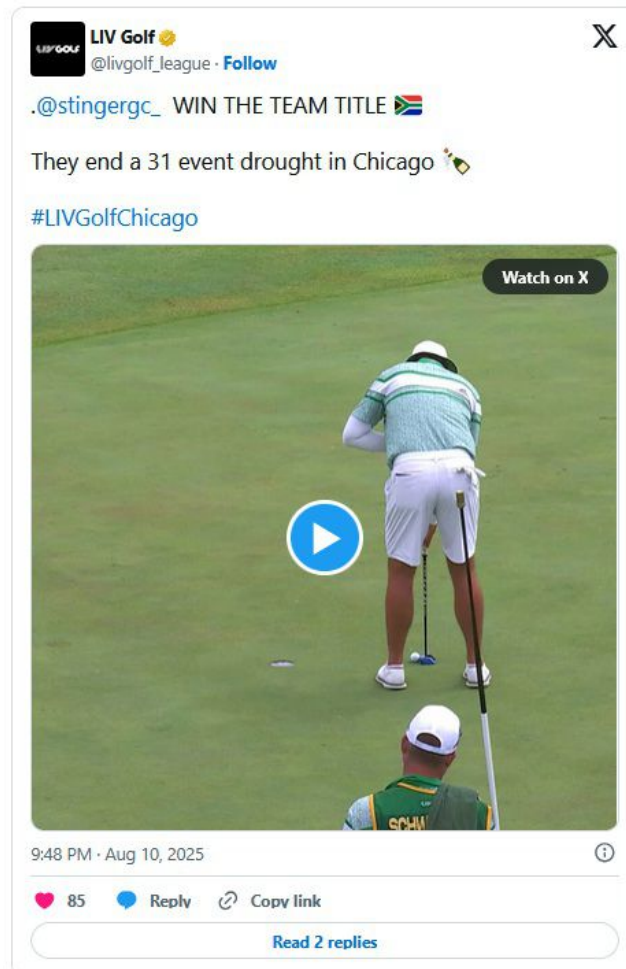
- Scotland's **Grant Forrester** had a home-soil win at the DP World Tour's **Nexo Championship** at Trump International Golf Links in Aberdeenshire. He last won four years ago but this time around he took a firm grip on the trophy, entering the final round with a three shot. Around the turn on Sunday, he had that up to a six-shot lead. He bogeyed the 12th and double-bogeyed the last for a level par 72 but still won by three on 8-under par. Joe Dean finished second while Krostopper Reitan, Jacob Skov Olesen and John Parry tied for third on 3-

under. Great week for Richard Sterne who tied for 10th on level par; Justin Harding and Casey Jarvis tied for 13th on 1-over; Ryan van Velzen tied for 19th on 2-over and Louis Albertse tied for 31st on 5-over. Did you see this unbelievable shot by Connor Syme on Friday? He was over the green on the par-5 first for three. He used his putter for a 60-foot putt from off the green and his ball ran all the way past the pin, off the other side of the green and down the fairway. They reckon it went 65 yards!



- Germany's Laura Fuenfstueck won the PIF London Championship at the Centurion Club. She took a three-shot lead into the final round and started rather shakily with a double-bogey on the 3rd and bogey's on the 4th and 9th. She came back with four birdies on the back nine for a round of 72 and won by one on 10-under par. Daniela Darquea finished second and Anne van Dam was third on 8-under. It was a good week for the South Africans. Seven players tied for fourth on 7-under including Lee-Anne Pace, Olivia Cowan, Adela Cernousek, Alice Hewson, Mimi Rhodes, Kim Metraux and Manon De Roey. Casandra Alexander tied for 14th on 5-under. **Team Du Toit**, comprising Danielle du Toit (who was the event's first reserve, replacing Charley Hull), Sarah Kemp, Marta Sanz Barrio and Megan Dennis, won the team event. They finished on 29-under-par and won by one over Team Hall, Team Tamburlini and Team Nadaud. Team Alexander (Casandra Alexander) finished fifth on 27-under.

- Congrats to **Dean Burmester**, who won the LIV Golf Chicago event in a playoff with Jon Rahm and Josele Ballester. Burmester began the final round at Bolingbrook Golf Club in Chicago with a two-shot lead, but made three bogeys in a row at the start. He shot level par on Sunday to finish at 9-under. Both Rahm and Ballester shot 2-under par.
[Burmester won his first LIV title of the season](#) with a birdie on the first playoff hole and got to take home the \$4 million prize money. The South African Stinger GC won the team title in a playoff against Torque GC too – their first since 2023. LIV only has one regular-season event left before their Team Championship.



- **Steve Allan** came from four shots back to win the PGA Tour Champions Boeing Classic. He shot a bogey-free final round 7-under 65 at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge near Seattle to win on 15-under and picked up his third Champions Tour title this season. Stewart Cink shot a 70 to finish second on 14-under while Darren Clarke and Ernie Els both shots 66s to tie for third at 13-under.
- Well done to **Christo Lamprecht**, who won his maiden Korn Ferry Tour

title at the Pinnacle Bank Championship. He shot a bogey-free 5-under 66 at The Club at Indian Creek that included holing out from a greenside bunker on the 18th for birdie, to win by one at 19-under. He has moved to No. 10 on the Korn Ferry points list and looks set to secure his PGA Tour card for 2026:



- Peter Kuest finished second on 18-under while Robby Shelton bogeyed the last two holes to finish third on 17-under. Barend Botha tied for 25th on 8-under and MJ Daffue who was tied for second heading into the weekend, finished tied for 39th at 6-under. Daffue got into the event through a clerical error by the Tour. Only one regular-season event remains to be played on the KFT before the four Tour Finals kick in. The top 156 players will play in the first event.
- Michael Hollick won the Sunshine Tour's FNB Eswatini Challenge at the Ezulwini Golf & Country Club. He held the lead going into the final round and shot a 4-under 68 to win on 16-under par, two clear of Pieter Moolman and Herman Loubser. Paul Boshoff and Germany's Allen John tied for fourth on 13 under.

- France's Oihan Guillaumoundeguy won the HotelPlanner Tour's Irish Challenge at Killeen Castle. He started the final round one off the lead and shot a 2-under 70 on Sunday to win on 11-under par. Switzerland's Ronan Kleu finished second on 8-under and Denmark's Jeppe Kristian Andersen finished third on 7-under.
- Jacques van der Merwe won the Betway Big Easy Tour 5 at CMR Golf Club. He shot rounds of 65-63-67 to finish on 15-under and won by two over England's Joe Sullivan.
- The Ernie Els SA Primary Schools Championship had to be cancelled after heavy rains at Rondebosch Golf Club.
- Paul Roos Gymnasium (Nicolas & Andries van der Vyver, Booyë Walters & Alex Frankel) won the SA High Schools Championships at Middelburg Country Club. They finished on 13-under par, winning by a superb nine shots over Hoërskool Menlopark. Hoërskool Waterkloof finished third on 2-under. Leonard Swart and Nicolas van der Vyfer tied on 9-under par in the individual event, while Cilliers Craig and Andries van der Vyfer tied for third on 6-under.
- Defending champions Gauteng North (Heidi van den Berg; Cherlene Oosthuizen; Bongiwe Shabalala & Gina da Silva) won the 2025 SA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship at Fancourt. They finished with 10 points, four clear of KZN and Southern Cape. Can they make it a hat-trick in 2026? Boland won the B-Division on 12 points, four clear of North-West.
- Dian Kruger won the Men's Southern Cape Open at Knysna Golf Club, while Kaylah Williams won the Ladies. Kruger shot 68-67-69 to win on 12-under. He finished three clear of JL de Bruin. Williams shot 70-68-77 to finish on 1-under par and won by eleven shots over Jordan Rothman.
- Clive Palm won the North-West Mid-Amateur at MooiNooi. He shot rounds of 70 & 71 to finish on 3-under par and won by one over Ryno van Niekerk and Jaco Meyer.
- Megha Ganne won the US Women's Amateur at Bandon Dunes, beating Brooke Biermann 4&3 in the 36-hole final. 156 players participated in the strokeplay event and 64 made it through to the matchplay for the Robert Cox Trophy. Caitlyn MacNab missed the cut, but Samantha Whateley made the Matchplay after finishing in a tie for

16th on 4-under. She was beaten in the first round 5&4 by Jasmine Koo. The USGA announced on Saturday that the gold medal given to the U.S. Women's Amateur champion will be redesigned and named in honor of **JoAnne Carner**, who won eight championships, including five U.S. Women's Amateur titles. She was also the first player in history to win three different USGA championships—the U.S. Girls' Junior, U.S. Women's Amateur and U.S. Women's Open.

- **Lourenda Steyn** had a wire-to-wire in the **German International Youth Trophy** at the Semlin Golf Resort. She shot rounds of 71-70-72 to finish on 3-under par and won by 10-shots over teammate Lisa Coetzer. Casey Twidale was 7th on 16-over and Maegan Webster 8th on 17-over.
- **Schalk van Ettinger, Shaun Viljoen, Jordan Groenewald & Yieke Ajulu** have been chosen to represent GolfRSA at the Reply International Italian U16 Champs at Biella Golf Club Le Betulle in Italy from the 28th to 30th August. In addition, GolfRSA announced two strong teams last week to represent South Africa at the **2025 World Amateur Team Championships**, which will be played at the Tanah Merah Country Club in October. **Kyra van Kan, Megan Streicher and Bobbi Brown** will play in the Espirito Santo Trophy (1st to 4th October), while **Christiaan Maas, Daniel Bennett and Charl Barnard** will play in the Eisenhower Trophy (8th to 11th October).
- **Morgan Pressel** will be the U.S. Team captain at the **2026 Ping Junior Solheim Cup**. She will be the first former player on a Junior Solheim Cup team to be a captain, having played in the very first Junior Solheim Cup in 2001. She went on to play on six consecutive U.S. Solheim Cup teams from 2007 to 2019 and was an assistant captain in both 2023 and 2024.
- The Masters' official Hospitality Program was released, and it's interesting to see the options available to the rich and famous. Take a look:



- The DP World Tour has introduced a new incentive for players to break course records. Sponsored by Nexo, they will pay a minimum of \$10,000 to the first player who breaks a course record in a DP World Tour event, as long as that record still stands at the end of the tournament. If no one gets a record, that prize money will roll over to the next event, with another \$10,000 added to the pot. Only when someone wins the money will it return to \$10,000. Obviously there are some Ts & Cs, but this sounds fun. There were apparently 10 course records broken in 2024 on the DP World Tour and 7 so far in 2025.
- According to CBS Sports their coverage of the 2025 PGA Tour has been the most watched golf season in seven years. 2.969 million viewers for its golf broadcasts is 17% up on 2024 and the highest it's been since 2018.
- Lee Westwood (47th); Henrik Stenson (48th) & Ian Poulter (52nd), the three Captains of LIV golf's Majesticks team are all on the verge of relegation. They need to finish in the Top 48 of the 54-player LIV standings with only one event to go. Last season, Bubba Watson and Branden Grace were allowed to stay on despite finishing in the relegation zone but that will not happen this year. Players ranked 25 to 48 are subject to potential trade or release from their teams and anyone outside the top 48 will lose their card for 2026, regardless of whether they are a team captain or not. Players in the drop zone will have to finish at the top of the International Series standings or win the LIV Golf promotions tournament in December if they want to return in 2026. The event in Indianapolis this week is the last regular event and then the final event on 22nd Aug is the Team Championship Michigan.

- **Aldrich Potgieter** is setting a new driving distance record on the PGA Tour. His average driving distance this season is 327.6 yards, which is more than four yards better than Rory McIlroy, who comes in second. The Tour has been keeping driving distance stats since 1980. John Daly was in number one spot 11 times in 12 years between 1991 and 2002. He was the first to hit over 300 yards. In 2003, Hank Kuehne was on top with 321.4 yards and in the 2019-20 season, Bryson DeChambeau broke that – 322.1 and then the following year broke his own – 323.7.
- **Hudson Swafford**, a three-time winner on the PGA Tour who went to LIV in 2022 but now wants to return, has received a 5-year suspension from the PGA Tour. He will be eligible to return in 2027. He will have lost most of his exemptions by then but as a two-time winner of The American Express event he has a 10-year exemption, so can play in that event in 2027. It would be interesting to see what suspensions would apply to other players that may want to return. Say for example Brooks Koepka, whose deal ends next year, as does Bryson DeChambeau's.
- **The Open Championship** broke a whole bunch of records this year. They had 278,000 spectators, the highest except for The Open at St Andrews. They had 19,000 children, who were allowed to attend free of charge. Sky Sports saw an increase of 36% on 2024 viewership figures and NBC saw an increase of 21% on 2024. These record-breaking figures show the passion for Links Golf at its finest. Even the Digital Platform coverage was up 60% compared to 2024.
- The **pro's choice of drivers** on the PGA Tour (amongst players that finished in the Top 10 of a major in 2025 at least once) – Titleist 45,7%; Ping 28,6%; Callaway 14,3%; Taylormade 5,7%; Krank 2,9% and PXG 2,9%.

Who's up this week?

Please note that this is the entry list as at Monday and is subject to change.

- PGA TOUR – BMW Championship – No South Africans
 - DP WORLD TOUR – Danish Golf Championship – Ryan van Velzen; Robin Williams; Zander Lombard; Deon Germishuys; Casey Jarvis; Thomas Aiken; Justin Harding; Dylan Naidoo; Richard Sterne; Louis Albertse; Neil Schietekat
 - LPGA – The Standard Portland Classic – Ashleigh Buhai; Paula Reto
 - SUNSHINE TOUR - Vodacom Origins of Golf – George Coetzee; Rupert Kaminski; Jean Hugo; JJ Senekal; Jonothan Broomhead; Altin van der Merwe; Kyle Barker to name a few
 - LIV – LIV Golf Indianapolis
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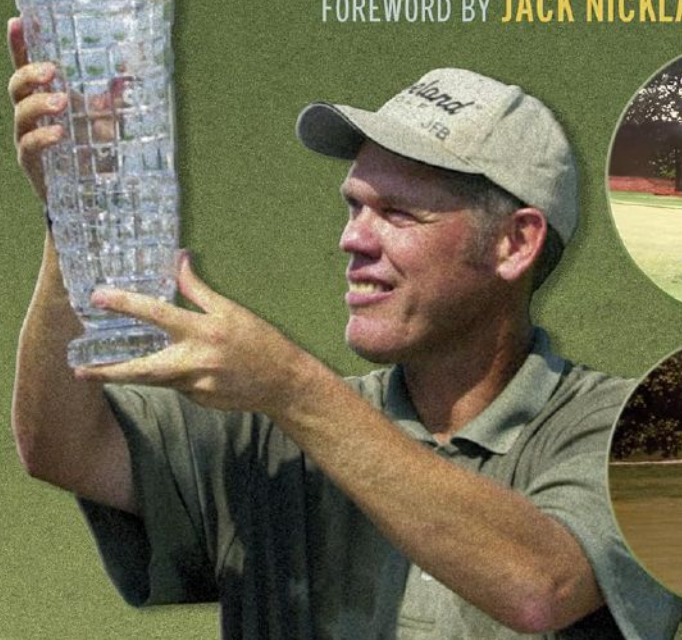
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FOREWORD BY **JACK NICKLAUS**



This is a brand new golf book that was co-written by Joe Delsing, who played on the PGA Tour for 25 years. Jay was at college with Corey Pavin and Steve Pate and once flew on Air Nicklaus.

This is the story of a mid-tier player on the PGA Tour, who rubbed shoulders with not only the greats of the game, but through golf, many of the world's biggest celebrities.

There are some great stories about the people he met along the way, and others that he played with. There's a lovely story about Sean Connery who asked if he'd like to join him for 9 holes, and then introduced him to film producers Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. Jay had no idea who they were.

There's lots of name-dropping and lots of never before told stories of what happens behind the scenes in pro golf, hence the title, *You Wouldn't Believe me if I Told You*.

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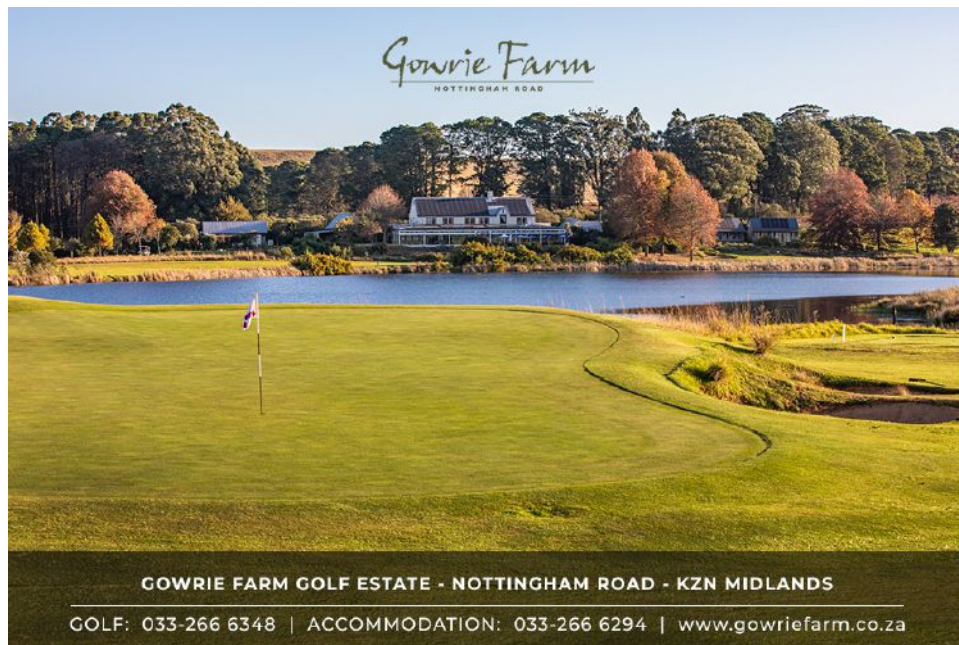
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