

U.S. Open returns to Shinnecock Hills

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So much history is involved when the U.S. Open returns to Shinnecock Hills, the only golf club to host this major championship in three centuries.

Scottie Scheffler will try to take his place in history when the No. 1 player goes after the final leg of the career Grand Slam. Should he win, he would be the seventh player to win all four majors and join Tiger Woods as the only players since 1960 — the modern era of the slam — to get it done on his first try.

That ordinarily would be the sole focus of the 126th U.S. Open, to be played June 18-21, except for the recent history at Shinnecock Hills.

It has not been smooth sailing off the Great Peconic Bay on Long Island.

“It’s hard when you



Scottie Scheffler will attempt to complete the career Grand Slam when the U.S. Open is played next week at Shinnecock Hills in Southampton, N.Y. AP FILE PHOTO

run one tournament a year — and you run it on a different golf course every year — to get it just right,” Scheffler said. “And you’re trying to make it hard. I think in the U.S. Open, they push the boundaries. If they’re going to continue to push the boundaries, eventually they’ll screw up and then they’ll dial

it back.”

The 2004 U.S. Open already was brutally tough when the USGA failed to account for the strength of the warm wind. The par-3 seventh, with its Redan green, became so impossible to hold that officials had to douse it with water between groups on the final day. No one broke

par, and the average score was 78.73.

Among the blistering comments came this from Jerry Kelly: “I think they’re ruining the game. They’re ruining the tournament. This isn’t golf.”

When the U.S. Open returned to this New York gem in 2018, the greens were so glassy from sun and wind the last 45 players on the tee sheet Saturday failed to break par. Phil Mickelson staged a bizarre protest by swatting a moving ball on the 13th green. Brooks Koepka saved the week by becoming the first repeat champion in 29 years.

So a return to the fabled course evokes one thought: What will go wrong this time?

“Hopefully, they get the balance right of all the different challenges, and it’s not contrived,” Adam Scott said. “These great tracks, they’ve gotten into trou-

ble when they’ve been manipulated.”

WIDER FAIRWAYS FOR THIS YEAR

John Bodenhamer, the USGA’s chief competitions officer, was asked to take a hard look after 2018 to see what went wrong and why. The short answer was greens not properly hydrated.

The real answer comes over four days at Shinnecock Hills, the sixth time for it to host the U.S. Open, never under this much scrutiny. The early scouting report from Scheffler and Rory McIlroy was wider fairways than they are used to seeing at a U.S. Open. That wasn’t a mirage.

Bodenhamer said the USGA wanted to present a course the way William Flynn designed it in 1931 when he was brought into reshape a course that first opened in 1891, the oldest golf club in America still in the same location.

That means an average fairway width of 48 yards, compared with 42 yards in 2018 and 32 yards wide last year at Oakmont. He anticipates slower green speeds to account for so many putting surfaces perched on a hill and exposed to the wind.

“The way we’re thinking about this year is to let Shinnecock be Shinnecock,” Bodenhamer said.

That should be enough. In the five U.S. Opens at Shinnecock Hills, three players have finished the tournament under par — Raymond Floyd in 1986, Retief Goosen and runner-up Mickelson in 2004.

McIlroy said the green speeds were just over 11 on the Stimpmeter — slightly under the target speed the USGA has in mind — and the Masters champion doesn’t think they need to be much faster.



Vegas Golden Knights’ Cole Smith (22) and Carolina Hurricanes’ Jackson Blake (53) scuffle during Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final series on Thursday night in Raleigh, N.C. (AP PHOTO/BEN MCKEOWN)

Vegas coach remains confident despite series deficit

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RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — John Tortorella has never worried about how his Vegas Golden Knights handle tough situations in pushing to the Stanley Cup Final.

That won’t change now, with the Golden Knights facing their first elimination game and dealing with an injury to center William Karlsson.

The Golden Knights lost 4-2 to the Carolina Hurricanes in Thursday’s Game 5, moving the Hurricanes within a victory of claiming the Stanley Cup. The series shifts to Las Vegas for Sunday’s Game 6, with the Golden Knights aiming to force a Game 7 back here Wednesday.

“They’ve been through it all,” Tortorella said in a Zoom news conference Friday morning. “They know what’s at stake here. We need to win one game. They’ll be ready to play.”

Vegas — featuring numerous holdovers from the team that raised the Cup in 2023 — had only gained momentum since the abrupt firing of coach Bruce Cassidy in late March to hire Tortorella.

The Golden Knights won seven of eight to close the regular season. They faced 2-2 playoff series in Round 1 against Utah and Round 2 against Anaheim, and won Games 5 and 6 to close out each. They swept the Presidents’ Trophy-winning Colorado Avalanche. And they held a 2-1 lead on Carolina after a double-overtime victory in Game 3.

But the Hurricanes have gradually begun to turn the series.

Since trailing 4-0 entering the third period of Game 3, the Hurricanes have doubled up the Golden Knights (13-6) while finding a spark with Brandon Bussi taking over in net. In Game 5, the Hurricanes got two more power-play goals from a unit that had sputtered through the Eastern Conference playoffs while also reversing Vegas’ second-period dominance.

Vegas had compounding mistakes like getting a kill only for Brayden McNabb to immediately go to the box for cross-checking Jackson Blake in the second period. Or there was Mark Stone’s high stick on Jalen Chatfield in the third, leaving

Chatfield bleeding from a cut above his right eye for a double-minor penalty.

Carolina’s Andrei Svechnikov scored after both, coming amid a postseason of questions as to when he and fellow top-liner Sebastian Aho would get rolling.

“Anytime you give the other team’s best players the opportunity to be on the ice on the power play and feel good about themselves ... you stack that up and it definitely can be challenging and tire guys out,” center Nic Dowd said afterward.

Svechnikov’s scores pushed the Hurricanes to 6 of 16 (37.5%) on the power play this series, coming after they were at 12.5% (7 of 56) in a 12-1 push through the Eastern Conference playoffs.

“One of the areas that we’ve lost a little bit is special teams, a couple of power-play goals last night,” Tortorella said Friday. “Like I said after the game, I thought at times we were killing, we had some good times as far as moving, being aggressive with our penalty kill, and are doing the job. Other times, not so good.”

Then there’s Karls-

son, who missed nearly six months with a lower-body injury before returning for his playoff debut to start the Anaheim series. He had three goals and six assists through 14 playoff games to elevate the Golden Knights, including goals in Games 1 and 4 against Carolina.

But Karlsson appeared to injure his left arm or shoulder after getting knocked into the boards by Hurricanes defenseman Sean Walker midway through the second. He got medical attention on the bench briefly, skated off and never returned.

Tortorella said Thursday that Karlsson was “not going to be with us, probably” and Vegas needed a collective effort to replace him. He offered no additional details Friday morning.

Still, he has defiantly promised the series would “be back here” for a Game 7.

“We know what we have to do to beat this team,” McNabb said Thursday night. “It’s a matter of going home and winning one game. That’s all it is, and hopefully we’re back here for Game 7.”

LEGALS

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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06 Summary

On June 10th, 2026, the governing body of the City of Frontenac, Kansas, adopted Ordinance No. 2026-06, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL DEVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF FRONTENAC, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY AND REDUCING DANGEROUS OPERATION.

The Ordinance adds Article 5, Sections 14-501 through 14-507 to the Code of the City of Frontenac. The purpose of the addition is to regulate the use of motorized recreational devices within the city and promote safe operation of motorized recreational devices.

A complete copy of this ordinance may be obtained or viewed free of charge at www.frontenacks.net or at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 313 E. McKay Street, Frontenac, KS. A reproduction of the original ordinance is available for a minimum of one week following the summary publication in the newspaper.

This summary is hereby deemed to be legally accurate and sufficient pursuant to the laws of the State of Kansas.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE COURT DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of
LEONARDA MARTINEZ DE TORRES,
Deceased.

Case No. **CRP-2026-PR-000052**
Pittsburg Division
Chapter 59

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that June 2, 2026, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Martin N. Martinez, proposed Executor in the Estate of Leonarda Martinez de Torres, deceased, requesting that Letters Testamentary be issued under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
Martin N. Martinez, Petitioner

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