



Ernie Els, who has won the World Match Play a record six times, knows Wentworth better than almost anyone. He lives on the Wentworth estate and recently helped to redesign the West Course to make it tougher. He gives his guide to the changes he has made to each hole.



**Prize-money**  
 Winner: **£1,000,000**  
 Runner-up: **£400,000**  
 Losing semi-finalists: **£120,000** each  
**Total: £2,440,000**

Losing quarter-finalists: **£80,000** each  
 First round losers: **£60,000** each

**Ken Brown**, TV commentator and former Ryder Cup player, explains how to play three pivotal holes



## Previous winners

- 2006 **Paul Casey**, England
- 2005 **Michael Campbell**, New Zealand
- 2004 **Ernie Els**, South Africa
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- 2001 **Ian Woosnam**, Wales
- 2000 **Lee Westwood**, England
- 1999 **Colin Montgomerie**, Scotland
- 1998 **Mark O'Meara**, United States
- 1997 **Vijay Singh**, Fiji
- 1996 **Ernie Els**, South Africa
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- 1993 **Corey Pavin**, United States
- 1992 **Nick Faldo**, England
- 1991 **Sergio Ballesteros**, Spain
- 1990 **Ian Woosnam**, Wales

## Travel



**By road**  
**From the M25**  
 M25 to Junction 12, then M3 towards Southampton. Exit at Junction 3 and take the A322 towards Bracknell. After about one mile, turn right towards the A30 (towards Sunningdale). Wentworth club is on the A30 (approx 10-15 min), after Sunningdale

**From M4**  
 M4 to Junction 10, then the A329(M) to Bracknell. Continue on the A329 to Ascot and then towards Virginia Water. At the junction with the A30, Wentworth club is straight ahead

**By rail**  
 Nearest mainline station is Virginia Water; direct service is available from Waterloo and Reading RBf stations. Free shuttle buses to the course

## TV details

- Thursday 11 October**  
 10am-12.30pm BBC  
 1pm-5.15pm BBC Two
- Friday 12 October**  
 10.30am-12.40pm BBC  
 1.30pm-5.50pm BBC Two
- Saturday 13 October**  
 10am-12 noon BBC  
 12.30pm-5pm BBC Two
- Sunday 14 October**  
 10am-12 noon BBC  
 12.30pm-5pm BBC Two

**1 473 yards, par 4:** This has always been a tough hole, but we've put a bunker at either side of the fairway to place emphasis on accuracy. Depending on the conditions, it hit three-wood or driver, probably starting it on the left-hand bunker and fading it back

**2 154 yards, par 3:** One of my favourite holes on the course. We've tightened things up around the green, so the target area is effectively reduced. The tee is sheltered in the trees, so it's hard to pick the wind speed and direction.

**3 465 yards, par 4:** A brutal hole when the wind is into your face, but downwind it had become too easy. Most players could bomb it over the fairway bunkers and leave a short iron into the three-tiered green. So we've put in a fourth fairway bunker down the right-hand side, at the 330-yard mark.

**4 552 yards, par 5:** We've built a new tee which extends the hole by 54 yards, to 552 from the back tees. Visually, it's a much more intimidating tee-shot. Most days you'll need to hit a driver and work the ball round the corner into a position where you can attack the green.

**5 212 yards, par 3:** We've elevated the lying area slightly, so you can now see more of the green as well as two stunning old oak trees. Before, it was virtually blind. We also reinstated a bunker front-right, to spice things up even more.

**6 418 yards, par 4:** Before, you could almost drive the green when conditions were right. I don't think that's appropriate for a par-four on a championship golf course, so the new tee has been moved back some 67 yards. The extra length means the existing fairway bunkers are now very much in play.

**7 396 yards, par 4:** Another short par-four, but while the tee-shot is relatively easy, it's the second shot that makes this hole. There's a huge step in the green about two thirds of the way up, which means the penalty is severe if you're not spot-on with your distance and spin control.

**8 401 yards, par 4:** We planted some new trees down the right-hand side and extended the pond up the left-hand side, virtually to the edge of the green. A couple of new pot bunkers on the right-hand side of the green await anyone who gets defensive and drifts right with their approach shot.

**9 449 yards, par 4:** This is a tough hole, which we made that little bit tougher. There are trees and a railway line very much in play down the left side and we've put in a couple of bunkers down the right, pretty much at driving distance, so you have to hit the fairway.

**10 184 yards, par 3:** This is a really nice-looking hole from the tee but it is very tricky to hit your tee-shot close, especially if the pin is on the right half of the green. I can see the new pot bunker we've put at the front-right getting a few visitors.

**11 416 yards, par 4:** If you managed to get your drive away safely from this elevated tee, it was just a sand-wedge into the green and you'd fancy your chances of birdsie. Extending the tee by 27 yards will make a difference, because it brings into play the bunkers on the right of the fairway.

**12 531 yards, par 5:** You see plenty of birdies here and usually a few eagles, but with some tough holes coming up, that's no bad thing. Even so, we made a few subtle changes. The open ditch on the left has been a good addition and we've reshaped the left-hand bunker.

**13 470 yards, par 4:** The fairway dog-legs from right to left, while the fairway itself slopes from left to right. It throws your ball towards the rough on the right, so we didn't feel it was necessary to add more length.

**14 178 yards, par 3:** This is the best par-three on the course. I remember in the final of the 2003 World Match Play Thomas Bjorn making a hole in one, a hell of a shot because this is such a difficult hole for judging club selection. Leave it short and you've got a two-putt.

**15 477 yards, par 4:** We slid the teeing area to the right by four yards. It changes the shape of the hole and the way you visualise your put. We've moved the right-hand side of the fairway. You'll have to fly the ball 260 yards to carry that, which is very much in play into the breeze.

**16 383 yards, par 4:** The bunkers on the left, a ball-magnet over the years, remain in place. But we've added new bunkers on the right, one at 217 yards to catch the amateur and another at 280 yards for professionals. Even from a long way up this fairway you can't see the bottom of the flag, which makes judging distance tricky.

**17 610 yards, par 5:** We've moved the tee back 44 yards, which makes the tee-shot more intimidating. I tend to aim straight down the middle and hit a draw, so the ball stays out of the rough. Even at 610 yards, some players are going to get home in two shots, but it'll take two great hits to do it.

**18 538 yards, par 5:** Traditionally this hole sets up for a fade off the tee, but in recent years the long hitters could almost bomb it straight over the corner of the dog-leg, so we've moved the tee back 17 yards. The big difference is the green, where we've put in another six bunkers, making 12 in total.

## Card of the course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	473	4	10	184	3
2	154	3	11	416	4
3	465	4	12	531	5
4	552	5	13	470	4
5	212	3	14	179	3
6	418	4	15	477	4
7	396	4	16	383	4
8	401	4	17	610	5
9	449	4	18	538	5
<b>Out</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>In</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>37</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>7,308</b>	<b>72</b>

