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Montgomerie fires 8-under-par 64

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CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Colin Montgomerie tied the course record with an 8-under-par 64 yesterday to take a 2-stroke lead after the first round of the $1.04 million Scottish Open.

Montgomerie's playing partner, 19-year-old U.S. amateur champion Tiger Woods, shot a 69 in his first round of golf in Britain.

Wayne Riley of Australia, Michael Campbell of New Zealand and Ian Woosnam of Wales were 2 strokes behind Montgomerie at the 7,187-yard, par-72 Carnoustie Golf Club.

Montgomerie was disgusted with himself for "throwing away" the overnight lead going into the final round of the Irish Open last week and finishing tied for fourth. Yesterday, he took advantage of the calm conditions and softer ground offered to the early players.

"I've set some other course records, but this is the best," the 32-year-old Scot said. "It's great to hold a course record on an Open championship venue." Carnoustie was the site of the 1975 British Open.

Montgomerie followed an opening 4-foot birdie putt with four more birdies in six holes around the turn.

He picked up more shots at the 14th and 17th and at the 512-yard last hole as he splashed out of the sand within inches of the hole for yet another birdie to equal the mark set by fellow Scot Alan Tait last year.

Woosnam, despite sharp pains in his back, covered the last six holes in 5 under for a 66, finishing with a 1-iron to 6 feet for an eagle.

Nick Faldo scrambled home with two birdies and an eagle in the last five holes for a 70.

LEADERS AFTER FIRST ROUND

Colin Montgomerie, Scotland	64
Wayne Riley, Australia	66
Michael Campbell, New Zealand	66
Ian Woosnam, Wales	66
Craig Parry, Australia	67
Marc Farry, France	67
Domingo Hospital, Spain	67
Vijay Singh, Fiji	67
Barry Lane, Scotland	68
Jean Louis Guepy, France	69
Gary Evans, England	69
e-Tiger Woods, U.S.	69
Sam Torrance, Scotland	69
Olle Karlsson, Sweden	69
Jamie Spence, England	69
Jose Rivero, Spain	69
Pierre Fulke, Sweden	69
Marc Roe, England	70
Gordon Brand Jr., Scotland	70
Brian Marchbank, England	70
Katsuyoshi Tomori, Japan	70
Nick Faldo, England	70
Raymond Burns, England	70
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	70
Phil Walton, Ireland	70
ALSO	
Greg Turner, New Zealand	71
Stephen Ames, Trinidad	72
David Duval, U.S.	72
Donnie Hammond, U.S.	72
Jay Townsend, U.S.	73
Davis Love, U.S.	75
Steve Stricker, U.S.	75
Ben Crenshaw, U.S.	76
Pete Teravainen, U.S.	77

U.S. Women's Open

Site: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dates: Today through Sunday.

Course: The Broadmoor Golf Club, East Course (6,398 yards, par 70).

Purse: $1 million.

Winner's Share: $175,000.

Television: ESPN (Today and tomorrow, 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday and Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).

Senior Players Championship

Site: Dearborn, Mich.

Dates: Today through Sunday.

Course: TPC of Michigan (6,876 yards, par 72).

Purse: $1.5 million.

Winner's Share: $225,000.

Television: ESPN (Today and tomorrow, 3-5 p.m.) and ABC (Saturday, 3-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3:30-6 p.m.).

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Local pro shoots 135 to win Open

By Mayer Brandschain
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Gene Fleger, an Overbrook Golf Club assistant pro, shot a 7-under-par 71-64—135 to win the Philadelphia Open golf championship in a field of 60 players yesterday at Laurel Creek Country Club in Moorestown.

Fleger, who had a strong season on the Florida winter circuit but had been off his game in local tournaments lately, finished 1 stroke ahead of the defending champion, Stu Ingraham, head pro at Overbrook. Ingraham tallied 69-67—136.

Fleger's 7-under-par second round of 64 was a course record for Laurel Creek.

The purse for the tournament, run under the auspices of the Golf Association of Philadelphia, was $12,640, of which $2,660 went to Fleger. The field was made up of 45 professionals and 15 amateurs. Following tradition, players had to walk the 36 holes of the 6,712-yard, par-71 course.

Chet Walsh of Philadelphia Country Club was low amateur with a 2-under-par 74-66—140.

The top finishers

Gene Fleger, Overbrook	71-64—135
Stu Ingraham, Overbrook	69-67—136
Pete Oakley, King's Creek	68-69—137
Brett Upper, Berri Creek	68-69—137
Brian Kelly, Frosty Valley	66-72—138
a-Chet Walsh, Phila. Country	74-66—140
a-David Brookinson, H'don Valley	68-73—141
Dave Roberts, Cedarbrook	74-68—142
Jack Connelly, Huntingdon Valley	73-69—142
Aziz Kozlowski, Glenhardie	72-70—142
Crier Wells, Whitemarsh Valley	71-72—143
a-Gordon Brewer, H'don Valley	70-74—144
Brad Hertzog, Fox Chase	72-72—144
Wilson Zehner, Lancaster	72-72—144
Terry Hertzog, Gulph Mills	74-70—144
Hugh Reilly, Twining Valley	73-71—144
John Tyrell, Laurel Creek	68-76—144
Craig Gear, Somerton Springs	71-74—145
Rob Shuey, Berri Creek	74-71—145
Jay Friedman, Meadowlands	73-73—146
David Linkhorst, Blackwood	73-73—146
Mike Moses, Eagle Lodge	76-70—146
John Owens, Chester Valley	72-74—146
Rick Flesner, Berkleigh	71-75—146
Terry Hatch, Schuylkill	76-71—147
Peter Walsh, Cape May National	76-71—147
a-David Richards, Berri Creek	73-74—147
Bruce Hooper, Whitetail	73-74—147
Jim Massarello, Aronimink	73-75—148
Gary Hardin, Northampton	74-74—148
a-Jim Kanz, Overbrook	73-76—149
George Forster, Radnor Valley	74-75—149
a-Mike Forgash, Merion	75-75—150
a-Jim Robertson, Llanerch	73-77—150
Craig Frank, Spring-Ford	75-75—150
David McNabb, Cavaliers	72-78—150
John Writer, Fox Chase	74-76—150
a-amateur	

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