

# Masters near-miss hits European number one in pocket

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**FLAXBY-BOUND** golf ace Lee Westwood didn't just miss out on a Major title when he was pipped to the US Masters by Phil Mickelson at Augusta National - he also missed out on a big bonus from his new employers.

The world number four narrowly failed to don the famous green jacket, finishing second behind Mickelson on Sunday at the Georgia course, and it turned out to be a double bogey for the Nottinghamshire-born golfer.

Westwood, who takes up a post as professional at the Flaxby Country Resort next year and is in the midst of a substantial redesign of the course, near Knaresborough, gets a "sizeable bonus" - rumoured by sources close to the club to be in the region of £100,000 - if he can win one of the sport's four Major championships, the US Masters, US Open, Open Championship and USPGA Championship.

That would be paid by the Skelwith Group, the owners of the £100 million course, off the A59, which is being developed into a luxury resort featuring bars, restaurants, a luxury spa and gym, boutiques and 300 rooms - set in 283 acres of rolling countryside.

Paul Ellis, Skelwith Group managing director, said: "Lee is a great player and I'm sure he will win a Major sooner rather than later. He is consistently one of the best performers at the top events and it would be great for the Flaxby to have a Major winner as a course pro."

Westwood's stunning performance at Augusta means he has now finished in the top three in his last three Major events. He has teamed up with Spanish-based course designer Cabell Robinson to redesign Flaxby's 27-hole course as well as setting up an academy and becoming the professional.

# Flaxby bonus blow for Lee



**WATCHING BRIEF**  
Lee Westwood, 1, plays out of a bunker at the Flaxby Country Resort, watched by Paul Ellis, Skelwith group managing director.

Having looked closely at all the holes over the past few months, the pair's findings will see the course lengthened to more than 7,000 yards. Other improvements will include remodelling some of the water features and changing the bunkers to make them more visible from the tees on the championship Park Course.

Westwood has spent a considerable amount of time at Flaxby, alongside his duties as a European Tour pro, to get to know the course and find out what needs to be done before it can hold big tournaments.

Embarking on his first course design, Westwood said: "The course just needs a bit of tweaking to make it one of the best in the country and the

facilities around it will be magnificent."

He added: "This is a great opportunity to help improve the Flaxby course and bring it up to the highest standards to host the best golf events in the world."

"Putting in a permanent academy will also be a great base for me and I look forward to the resort developing around it. I admire the vision and ambition of the Skelwith Group and have no doubts the Flaxby will be an international destination for golf, leisure and business travel."

## RESULTS and tables

### DOMINOES

**John Smith's (York and District) 5s & 3s League**

Pack of Cards 7, Shepherds 'A' 8; St Paul's Lodge 6, Coach & Horses 9; Windmill 6, RIBC 9; Shepherds 'B' 8, RL 7; Golden Slipper 8, Rose & Crown 7; Leeman 9, Derwent Arms 6; Slip Inn 8, Sun Inn 7.
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	P	W	L	Pts
Shepherds 'B'	24	19	5	200
Rose & Crown	24	14	10	186
Derwent Arms	24	11	13	185
Shepherds 'A'	24	13	11	184
Railway Institute	24	10	14	184
Coach & Horses	24	14	10	182
RIBC	24	12	12	179
Golden Slipper	24	10	14	179
St Paul's Lodge	24	10	14	178
Leeman	24	13	11	176
Windmill	24	12	12	176
Pack of Cards	24	12	12	176
Sun Inn	24	12	12	174
Slip Inn	24	7	17	156

### Pickering Domino League

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bay Horse 'B'	20	13	5	2	262
Bay Horse 'A'	20	12	6	2	258
King's Head	20	12	6	2	248
Middleton Arms 'B'	20	10	6	4	245
Plough Inn	20	11	8	1	244
Con Club 'C'	20	6	9	3	239
Con Club Ladies	20	8	8	4	238
Pickering WMC 'B'	20	6	10	4	237
Cayley Arms 'B'	20	6	12	2	230
Golden Lion	20	4	12	4	227
Cayley Arms 'A'	20	5	13	2	212

### FOOTBALL

#### York Minor League

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<b>U13s Div 1:</b> Rawcliffe Warriors 9, Osbaldwick 6; Thorpe 0, Poppleton Tigers 3; Bishopthorpe WR 1, Rawcliffe Tigers 2; Wigginton 4, Easingwold 0.
<b>U13s Div 2:</b> Rufforth 0, Copmanthorpe 6; Tockwith 1, Heworth 2.
<b>U13s Div 3:</b> Tadcaster Magnets 6, Old Malton 11; Poppleton Panthers 4, Brooklyn 0; Pickering 0, Pocklington 18.
<b>U14s Div 1:</b> North Duffield 2, Thorpe 1; York City 1, York City 1.

<b>U15s Div 1:</b> Rawcliffe 6, Fulford 4; Tadcaster Albion 2, Bishopthorpe WR 2; Heworth 4, Copmanthorpe 1; Woodthorpe 3, Duncombe Park 0; Thorpe 1, Wigginton 10; Fulford 5, Copmanthorpe 2; Heworth 8, Bishopthorpe WR 1; Woodthorpe 1, Rawcliffe 1.
<b>U15s Div 2:</b> Sherburn WR 1, Selby Town 12; Strensall 1, Pocklington 5; Selby Town 15, Sherburn WR 0; Pocklington 9, Strensall 4; Selby Town 8, Carr Vikings 1; Brooklyn 3, North Duffield 5; Easingwold 0, Pocklington 6.
<b>U16s Div 1:</b> Brooklyn 0, Nestlé 5; Stamford Bridge 3, Copmanthorpe 0; Nestlé 4, Brooklyn 1; Copmanthorpe 0, Strensall 3; Stamford Bridge 5, Wigginton 3; Tadcaster Albion 2, Strensall 3; Bishopthorpe WR 2, Stamford Bridge 3; Pocklington 0, Rufforth 1; Wigginton 1, Pickering 2.
<b>U16s Div 2:</b> Nestlé Pumas 1, Carr Vikings 2, Hamilton Panthers 2, Wilberfoss 2; Skelton 2, Fulford 4; Wilberfoss 3, New Earswick 2; Carr Vikings 6, Nestlé Pumas 0; Carr Vikings 1, Huby 3; Fulford 5.

Selby Town 1, Rawcliffe 2; Rawcliffe 12, Thorpe 0; Bishopthorpe White Rose 2, Brooklyn 4; Fulford 1, Selby Town 5.  
**U12s Div 2:** Aviva 1, Woodthorpe 5; Osbaldwick 11, Stamford Bridge 0; Tadcaster Magnets 1, York Cubs 3.  
**U12s Div 3:** Tadcaster Albion Blues 2, Huntington 2; Old Malton St Mary's 4, Wilberfoss Mavericks 4.

### PIGEON RACING

**Pocklington HS (eight members sent 136 birds to Sleaford):** 1 G W Atkinson 1594; 2 G W Atkinson 1585; 3 G W Atkinson 1554; 4 D Carlton & sons 1550; 5 G W Atkinson 1514; 6 G W Acey 1508; 7 D Carlton & sons 1505; 8 P Young & daughter 1502; 9 P Young & daughter 1488; 10 D Newbould 1474.  
**Dunnington North Road Flying Club (nine members sent 225 birds to Whitley Bay):** 1 J Humble 1508; 2 S & C Mason 1495, 1493, 1453, 1442; 3 A Green 1492; 4 B Holloway 1489, 1481, 1447, 1441; 5 M Rhodes & son 1457, 1422, 1421, 1309; 6 A Saunders 1402, 1385, 1380; 7 B Smith 1382, 1314; 8 H

Magee & Magee 1529; J & A Freer 1513; C Glasspool  
**Pickering Social Flying (members sent birds to D Taylor 1604, 1599, 1599, sons 1596; F Grimmer 1577; G Taylor 1510.**

### SPORT

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Div 1	
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Sales Accounts	18
Shepherds	18
H&S	18
Plumbers	18
Mechanics	18
Burton Lane WMC	18
Fire Brigade	18
Whittakers	18
Div 2	
Cueball	15
Civics	16
Sorrels	16
SMW	17
Dringhouses	15