

A Pioneers Set supplement for History Maker Golf Pre-Great War Edition II

I have been having a blast re-playing turn-of-the-last-century Open Championships with British greats from the Pioneers Set of **History Maker Golf**. There have been some fantastic final round finishes. This is truly a special game.

Match play was an important part of Pre-Great War golf and is fun to re-create using HMG. One of the most prestigious professional tournaments at the time was the *News of the World* Match Play tournament, established in 1903. If you're looking to put your British Pioneers through their paces, this is another excellent way to do it.

The tournaments were not held on the links courses found in the Open rotation. Instead, inland English courses were used. Two of the courses that were heavily featured in the *News of the World* Match Play championship were jewels of English heathland golf— Sunningdale's Old Course and Walton Heath's Old Course. To this day, they consistently rank among the best courses in England and continue to host big events.

When you play these courses, you will see the unique challenges of heathland golf. Their course control scores are about average (3.0). However, the penalties can be severe for missing the fairways. Playing from the heather is bad enough, but playing from a heathered bunker? Even on cordial holes, the possibility of putting poorly is unusually high.

I'd like to give another warm thank you to Gideon Eames for reviewing this set and offering his comments. The cards are better for his input.

Historical Scenarios

Matches were contested over 18 holes in every round except the Final, which was over 36 holes. Of all of the golfers in the Pioneers set, these competed in the *News of the World Match Play* tournament between 1903 and 1913:

J Braid	H Vardon	W Fernie
JH Taylor	T Ray	A Massy
S Herd	J Hutchison	W Park Jr

The 1903 News of the World Match Play tournament - Sunningdale Golf Club

JH Taylor faced Sandy Herd in a quarterfinal match with James Braid facing the winner in the Semi-finals. In the meantime, Ted Ray has dominated his end of the draw and awaits Braid, Taylor or Herd in the inaugural tournament's Final.

The 1905 News of the World Match Play tournament - Walton Heath Golf Club

Harry Vardon, James Braid, Jock Hutchison and JH Taylor all made it to the Second round. Though they did not play each other in the tournament, what would have happened if they had faced off in the Semi-finals?

The 1907 News of the World Match Play tournament - Sunningdale Golf Club

The strongest Semi-final field to date. Ted Ray played James Braid, while JH Taylor opposed Harry Vardon for a place in the Final. Can James Braid win his third News of the World Match Play trophy?

The 1911 News of the World Match Play tournament - Walton Heath Golf Club

James Braid makes his fourth appearance in the Final, where he awaits the winner of the Ted Ray-Harry Vardon Semi-Final.

The 1912 News of the World Match Play tournament - Sunningdale Golf Club

Harry Vardon and Sandy Herd meet in the Third round of the tournament. One of them should be able to continue through the Fourth round and into the Final, where Ted Ray awaits. Will Harry Vardon be able to repeat history and win his first News of the World Match Play title?

Sunningdale Golf Club

Sunningdale Golf Club is one of England's most prestigious courses and may be its best example of an inland heathland course.

Willie Park Jr. designed the course, which was later updated by Harry Colt. In 1926, Bobby Jones played the perfect round of 66 at Sunningdale-- 33 shots, 33 putts.

Sunningdale has been the site of several News of the World Match Play tournaments as well as the European Open throughout the 1980s. The club have also hosted the Ladies' Open Championship and the Walker Cup. It is currently on the rotation of the Senior Open Championship.

Statistics were taken from the 2015 Senior Open Championship and extrapolated for a higher level of professional golf.

To represent the heathland nature of the course, a purple rough symbol has been used along with a consistent dagger notation. Hitting your ball into heather carries a fair amount of risk. It may sit up and allow for recovery or get buried.

1

Sunningdale Golf Club



DB Cordial
Friendly
Direct



5

501

For the accurate golfer, this opening hole offers excellent scoring opportunities.

† heather; if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough and add ⚠

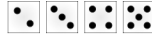
11	23	36
12	24	44
13	25	45
14	26	46
15	33	55
16	34	56
22	35	66

2

Sunningdale Golf Club



Daunting
Challenging



4

489

Slight dogleg requires accuracy off the tee. Fairway bunker protects against long hitters and greenside bunker gobbles short approaches

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough, add ⚠

11	23	36
12	24	44
13	25	45
14	26	46
15	33	55
16	34	56
22	35	66

* difficult approach; add ⚠
x gorse; play as ♀

3

Sunningdale Golf Club



DB Cordial ●
Firm ●



4

318

Driveable hole that favors approaches from the right side of the fairway.

† BOMBER: if decider die is ●, difficult putt for EAGLE

11	23	36
12	24	44
13	25	45
14	26	46
15	33	55
16	34	56
22	35	66

* difficult approach; add ⚠

4

Sunningdale Golf Club



Challenging ●



3

156

The large elevated green, which slopes back to front, is usually easy to hit, though the pin location can be difficult to find.

A cross wind adds to the challenge and there are severe penalties for missing the target.

11	23	36
12	24	44
13	25	45
14	26	46
15	33	55
16	34	56
22	35	66

* difficult recovery, add ⚠

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough, add ⚠

5

Sunningdale Golf Club



Daunting ●
Challenging ●



4

419

An accurate drive from the elevated tee is needed to avoid the many hazards on this signature heathland hole.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

11	23	36
12	24	44
13	25	45
14	26	46
15	33	55
16	34	56
22	35	66

* CHUNKY? Second shot finds water; play as ♀

6

Sunningdale Golf Club



Daunting ●
Challenging ●



4

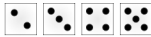
433

The drive needs to land in a fairway island surrounded by heather. A long approach to a forward-sloping green promises danger.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

11	23	36
12	24	44
13	25	45
14	26	46
15	33	55
16	34	56
22	35	66

7

Sunningdale
Golf Club

4

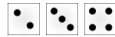
A blind tee shot needs to stay right for the best approach to the multi-tiered green.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as ♀²

406

11	♂ ²	23	♀ ^{2†}	36	♂ ²
12	♀ ²	24	●	44	♂ ²
13	♀ ²	25	■	45	♀ ²
14	♂ ¹	26	♂ ¹	46	♀ ^{1†}
15	♂ ¹	33	■	55	■
16	■	34	■	56	■
22	■	35	■	66	♀ ¹

8

Sunningdale
Golf Club

Challenging

A large, sloping green carries severe penalties for missing the target.

▲ if decider die is ●, ball takes unlucky bounce OB; play ● +2

3

193

11	♂ ¹	23	♂ ^{1†}	36	♂ ¹
12	♀ ¹	24	■	44	♀ ^{1*}
13	■	25	●	45	♀ ^{1*}
14	♀ ¹	26	■	46	♀ ¹
15	■	33	■	55	♂ ¹
16	♀ ^{1†}	34	■	56	♂ ¹
22	♀ ^{1†}	35	■	66	♂ ¹

* difficult recovery, add ⚠

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough, add ⚠

9

Sunningdale
Golf ClubDB Cordial
Direct ●

Driveable hole with fairway bunkers that defend approach shots.

† BOMBER: if decider die is ●, difficult putt for EAGLE; else, play ♀¹

4

273

11	♂ ²	23	♂ ²	36	♂ ²
12	♀ ²	24	●	44	♀ ²
13	■ [†]	25	■ [†]	45	■ [†]
14	♂ ¹	26	■	46	♀ ¹
15	♀ ¹	33	■	55	■
16	♂ ¹	34	■	56	■
22	♂ ¹	35	■	66	■

10

Sunningdale
Golf ClubDaunting ●
Challenging ●

4

Sunningdale's signature hole. An elevated tee plays into a bunker-filled valley fairway. The approach is uphill to a large, sloping green.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

488

11	♂ ²	23	●	36	♀ ^{2†}
12	♂ ²	24	■	44	♀ ²
13	♀ ²	25	■	45	♂ ²
14	♂ ¹	26	♀ ¹	46	♀ ^{1†}
15	♀ ¹	33	■	55	■
16	■	34	■	56	♀ ¹
22	■	35	■	66	■

11

Sunningdale
Golf Club

Friendly ●

A blind tee shot over heathland. Errant drives are severely punished. A birdieable hole can just as easily become bogey.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

4

324

11	♂ ²	23	♂ ²	36	♂ ²
12	♀ ²	24	●	44	♀ ^{2†}
13	♂ ²	25	■	45	♀ ^{2†}
14	■	26	■	46	♂ ¹
15	■	33	■	55	♂ ¹
16	♀ ¹	34	■	56	♀ ¹
22	♀ ^{1†}	35	■	66	♀ ^{1†}

12

Sunningdale
Golf ClubDaunting ●
Challenging ●

Danger awaits inaccurate shots all the way to the green--bunkers and heather feature prominently

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

4

488

11	♀ ^{2†}	23	●	36	♂ ²
12	♀ ^{2†}	24	■	44	♀ ^{2†}
13	♀ ²	25	■	45	♀ ²
14	♀ ^{1†}	26	■	46	♂ ¹
15	♀ ^{1†}	33	■	55	♂ ¹
16	♂ ¹	34	■	56	♀ ¹
22	♀ ¹	35	■	66	■

13

Sunningdale Golf Club



Firm

3

185

The main challenge of hitting from the elevated tee is to get the ball to stop on the green that slopes away from the player.

† if decider die is ●, play as ☹️; else, play as ⚠️

11		1 [†]	23		1 [†]	36		1
12		1	24		1	44		1
13		1	25			45		
14			26			46		
15		1	33		1	55		1
16			34			56		
22		1 [†]	35		1	66		1

14

Sunningdale Golf Club



DB Cordial
Friendly
Direct

5

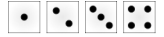
503

The fairway bunkers should not normally come into play, though the greenside bunkers will eat short shots.

11		2	23		3	36		2
12		2	24			44		2
13		2	25			45		2
14			26			46		
15			33			55		1
16		1	34			56		1
22		1	35			66		1

15

Sunningdale Golf Club



Daunting ●

3

239

The tee shot needs to be shaped to find the green. Bunkers and heather await short and misplaced drives.

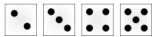
† if decider die is ●, play as ☹️; else, play as ⚠️

11		1	23		1 ^x	36		1 [†]
12		1	24		1	44		1 [†]
13		1	25			45		1 [†]
14		1	26			46		1
15			33			55		
16			34			56		
22		1 [†]	35		1	66		1

x is gorse; play as ☹️

16

Sunningdale Golf Club



Challenging



4

434

Most drives should clear the fairway bunkers, but need to be straight to find the fairway.

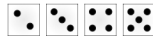
† if decider die is ●, play as ☹️; else, play as ⚠️

11		2	23		2	36		2
12		2	24			44		2 ^x
13		2	25			45		2
14		1	26			46		
15		1	33			55		1
16		1	34			56		1 [†]
22			35			66		1

x is gorse; play as ☹️

17

Sunningdale Golf Club



4

425

A drive that follows the slight dogleg right offers the best opportunity to find the well-protected green.

† if decider die is ●, play as ☹️; else, play as ⚠️

11		2	23		2 [†]	36		2
12		2 [†]	24			44		2
13		2	25			45		2
14		1 [†]	26			46		1
15		1 [†]	33			55		1
16		1	34			56		
22			35			66		1

18

Sunningdale Golf Club



4

423

Sunningdale's great oak awaits. An accurate drive allows for an opportunity to run the approach onto the green.

† if decider die is ●, play as ☹️; else, play as ⚠️

11		2	23		2	36		2
12		2	24			44		2
13		2	25			45		
14		1	26			46		1 [†]
15		1	33			55		1
16		1	34			56		1
22		1	35			66		

Walton Heath Golf Club

Walton Heath Golf Club has a rich and storied tradition in English golf. James Braid was the club's professional for its first forty five years. Prime Ministers regularly played the course. King Edward VIII was its first Captain and his brother, King George VI, its patron.

In addition to hosting the News of the World Match Play tournaments, the club has frequently held the Amateur Championship. Starting in 1978, Walton Heath was a common site for the European Open throughout the 1980s. In 1981, the club welcomed one of the greatest US teams in Ryder Cup history.

Walton Heath's Old Course and New Course are intertwined on the property. For both the Ryder Cup and the British Masters, a Composite Course was used. This set uses the Masters' version-- holes 2 & 4-13 from the Old, 12 & 13 from the New and 14-18 from the Old.

Statistics were taken from the 2018 British Masters and extrapolated for a slightly higher level of golf.

To represent the heathland nature of the course, a purple rough symbol has been used along with a consistent dagger notation. Hitting your ball into heather carries a fair amount of risk. It may sit up and allow for recovery or get buried.

1**Walton Heath
Golf Club****Firm**

Slight dogleg right plays uphill into a headwind. The approach from the left is longer, but safer.

4

431

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* difficult approach, add

2**Walton Heath
Golf Club****DB Cordial •
Challenging •
Direct**

The accurate golfer has a chance to score well on this straight hole. Danger offline promises to add a bogie to the scorecard.

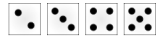
† if decider die is ●, play as ; else, play as rough

5

545

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* heathered bunker; if decider die is ●, play as ; else, play as sand

3**Walton Heath
Golf Club****Daunting
Challenging**

Dogleg left narrows as you approach the back-to-front sloping green.

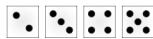
† if decider die is ●, play as ; else, play as rough

4

485

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* difficult approach, add

4**Walton Heath
Golf Club****Daunting •
Challenging**

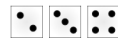
Drive is into a headwind onto a narrow fairway. A small, elevated green awaits the approach.

† if decider die is ●, play as ; else, play as rough

4

440

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

5**Walton Heath
Golf Club**

The undulations and hollows on and around the green make it just as likely to make bogey as birdie.

† if decider die is ●, play as ; else, play as rough

3

190

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

6**Walton Heath
Golf Club****DB Cordial •
Firm
Direct**

A slight dogleg left requires hitting the narrow right side of the fairway for a good approach. The small, domed-shaped green, while reachable in two, repels some shots.

5

558

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* difficult approach, add

† WORKMAN? shot hits branch; play

7

Walton Heath Golf Club



Friendly



4

400

A stand of trees guards the hole's dogleg. A left-to-right crosswind makes it difficult to cut the corner. Large bunkers protect the small green. † if decider die is ●, play as ⚡; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

8

Walton Heath Golf Club



Cordial ●
Challenging ●

4

442

An inviting fairway awaits the drive on this slight dogleg right. The green is not difficult to reach, though difficulties arise for errant shots.

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* difficult approach, add ⚠

9

Walton Heath Golf Club



A long, straight shot to the center of the green is the safest play. Anything offline risks bringing the bunkers into play.

3

222

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

10

Walton Heath Golf Club



4

396

The road that bisects this doglegged fairway is a good target for the drive. Errant tee shots offer trouble. † if decider die is ●, play as ⚡; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* difficult approach, add ⚠

11

Walton Heath Golf Club



DB Cordial
Friendly
Direct

5

529

A long, accurate tee shot offers more fairway and better approaches to the green. Driving the stand of trees in the dogleg brings more trouble into play.

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* difficult approach, add ⚠

12

Walton Heath Golf Club



Challenging

4

490

A wide fairway welcomes drives, though heather can swallow the errant shot. An undulating green makes putting treacherous. † if decider die is ●, play as ⚡; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	



Daunting •
Challenging •



4

468

Cross bunker endangers long or inaccurate drives. Long, sloping green makes putting difficult.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* heathered bunker; if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as sand



4

470

Fairway bunkers await errant drives and inaccurate approaches feed the greenside bunker. An undulating green makes multiple putts likely.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* heathered bunker; if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as sand



Daunting



4

426

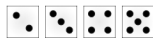
Narrow hole requires accuracy to avoid danger. Backward sloping green can be difficult to find.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	



Daunting •



4

475

Slight dogleg left. Fairway bunker to the right and trees left narrow the options off the tee. Inaccurate approaches funnel into greenside bunker.

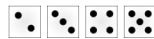
† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* 14, 15, 16, 22: difficult approach, add ⚠
45, 46: if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, sand



Daunting •
Challenging



3

193

A pear-shaped green sits atop a plateau with two deep bunkers facing the tee. Inaccurate shots require difficult recoveries.

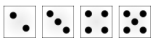
† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* difficult recovery, add ⚠



Daunting



4

457

A narrow fairway flanked by heather and cut by cross bunkers awaits the drive. A small green lies snugly between two bunkers.

† if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as rough

11		23		36	
12		24		44	
13		25		45	
14		26		46	
15		33		55	
16		34		56	
22		35		66	

* heathered bunker; if decider die is ●, play as ♀; else, play as sand