



# Sport



**SPACE SHOT**  
In 1971, astronaut Alan Shepard hit two golf balls on the Moon.

**William Kay was the youngest competitor.**

## Fast firsts



**Scott Richardson**

At the 2021 British Open Speedgolf Championships, Scott Richardson became the first amputee player to compete in a national speedgolf event. He completed the first 18 holes in under 75 minutes and the second in less than 72 minutes. The youngest player was 18-year-old William Kay, who finished both rounds in under 50 minutes. Yvonne McSherry was the only woman competing and it was her first speedgolf tournament.

# Golfers speed to success

While the Ryder Cup (see below) has been a big international golf event involving the sport's biggest stars, a fast and frantic version of the sport has also been hitting the headlines.

The 2021 British Open Speedgolf Championships were recently held in Oxfordshire, England. In the sport of speedgolf, players need to hit their shots quickly and then jog or run to where their ball has landed and finish each hole. Matches are played on full-size 18-hole courses, just like regular golf games.

Speedgolf requires good fitness and the ability to hit accurate shots under the pressure of the clock ticking. It's

much quicker than normal golf, which can take a few hours to finish 18 holes, with players walking round the course. Speedgolf only uses seven golf clubs, instead of 14 in regular matches, which can be carried by hand or placed in a small golf bag. Scoring works by adding the time a player spends completing the course to the number of shots they take.

Luke Willett was crowned the British Speedgolf Champion. He completed the first 18 holes in 37 minutes 59 seconds, taking 77 shots. In the second round he took 39 minutes 57 seconds and needed 82 shots, giving Willett a total speedgolf score of 236:56. George Boxall was the runner-up with a score of 240:04.



**George Boxall**

## THE WEEK'S WINNERS...

### US Ryder Cup team

They won the famous men's Ryder Cup golf competition, beating Europe by 19 points to nine at the Whistling Straits course in the US.

### Sara Cox

She became the first woman to referee in the Premiership, which is the highest level of men's rugby union in England, when Harlequins beat Worcester 35-29.



### Lewis Hamilton

The British Formula One champion won the Russian Grand Prix and became the first driver ever to reach 100 victories in F1.

### Oleksandr Usyk

Boxer Usyk, from Ukraine, won a shock victory over Britain's Anthony Joshua in London to become the WBA, WBO and IBF world boxing champion.