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Woods takes prime position at Open

Reuters | Carnoustie, Scotland

A charging Tiger Woods was leading the British Open with nine holes to play yesterday as defending champion and overnight co-leader

Jordan Spieth began to feel the strain.

Woods, the 14-times major champion began the day four shots adrift of fellow Americans Spieth, Xander Schauffele and Kevin Kisner but was leading as he reached the turn on seven

under.

The 42-year-old, who won the last of his 14 majors a decade ago, has rolled back the clock at Carnoustie and after a sizzling third-round 66 he was at it again.

With the strong westerly breeze causing havoc at the top of the leaderboard, Woods played the opening nine holes in 34 strokes, sinking birdies at the fourth and sixth.

Spieth and Schauffele had begun steadily but both came to grief with bogeys on the fifth.

When Spieth double-bogeyed the next after needing a penalty drop out of a gorse bush and Schauffele followed suit with a double on the seventh, Woods found himself leading a major yesterday for the first time since 2011.

He was one stroke ahead of playing partner Francesco Molinari who began his final round with 10 straight pars.

The predicted winds materialised on cue to add an extra ingredient to what was already looking like a thrilling climax.

Only three of the first 42 players to complete their rounds yesterday scored in the 60s.

Kisner, who had begun the day on nine-under with Spieth and Schauffele, suffered a dreadful start with a double bogey at the second and a bogey at the third to slip back, although he responded with a chip-in birdie at the fifth.

Two more bogeys followed but a birdie at the 10th kept him in the hunt at six under.

Parched hoylake

Woods, playing at his first British Open since 2015, rolled back the clock on Saturday with a sparkling 66 — his best round at an Open since winning at a similarly parched Hoylake in 2006.

He won the last of his 14 majors a decade ago since when he has been written off after a battle with injuries and personal problems.

But in his traditional last-day red shirt he continued where he left off the previous day to turn the screws.

A deafening roar reverberated around the course when he sunk a long birdie putt on the fourth. Then at the sixth he rolled in an eight-footer.

England's Eddie Pepperell was the clubhouse leader after a superb round of 67 took him to five-under.



Tiger Woods reacts during the final round of The 147th Open Championship in Carnoustie

AVC president praises Bahrain's efforts

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Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) President Saleh bin Nasser praised Bahrain for its efforts in organising the ongoing 19th Asian Men's U20 Volleyball Championship.

His comments came in a meeting with Bahrain Volleyball Association (BVA) President Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa on the evening of the opening day of the competition, being held at Isa Sports City in Riffa.

Bin Nasser and Shaikh Ali exchanged commemorative shields as tokens of appreciation from both the AVC and BVA.

Also attending the presentation were AVC General Secretary Chang Chin Jong and BVA Vice-President and Local Organising Committee Executive Director Jehad Khalfan.

Bin Nasser said that he is pleased with how the tournament has been run so far, with the warm welcome from the airport and the abrupt assistance conveyed to each of the participating nations.



CBA Division C Knockout cup winner RKCT receives the trophy

RKCT wins CBA Division C T-20 final

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RKCT has defeated Union Group to win CBA Division C T-20 Knockout Tournament Final.

RKCT won the toss and elected to bat first. Union Group bowlers removed the RKCT top order batsman for cheap runs.

RKCT skipper Guru stood on one end and played a man winning innings. He scored 62 runs in 29 balls that helped RKCT to put a decent total of 152 runs for 6 wickets at

BRIEF SCORE

RKCT 152/6 in 20 overs (Guru 62, Gitesh 19, Touseef 2/37) beat Union Group 106/7 (Tapasum 29, Bharat 3/26, Harpreet 2/25) by 46 runs

Awards

Winning Team RKCT bagged \$300 cash prize and individual trophies

Runner-up Team Union Group bagged \$200 cash prize and individual trophies

Man of the Match award - \$50 and individual trophy awarded to Guru Prasad from RKCT CC

the end 20 overs. Touseef took two wickets for Union.

In second innings, RKCT bowler's narrow spells never allowed Union batsman to score big runs.

Tapasum became the top scorer for Union with 29 runs, Bharat took three wickets for RKCT in his 4 over spell and well supported by Harpreet who took two wickets.

At the end of 20 overs RKCT restricted Union for 106 runs and won the match by 46 runs.

Athletes from eleven nations confirmed at Brave 14

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Brave 14 will feature athletes from 11 nations in the first ever global mixed martial arts event hosted in the continent of Africa.

The event will be hosted in the Omnisports indoor club of Tangier, Morocco on 18th August 2018.

The athletes are featured from Italy, Canada, Brazil, France, Philippines, USA, Russia, Netherlands, Sweden, Mexico and Syria.

The initiative marks the first between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Kingdom of Morocco in the field of sports.

Brave 14 is the upcoming edition after the immensely edition of the promotion hosted in Belfast, United Kingdom.

The main event will be headed by Jeremy Kennedy from Canada facing Danyel Pilo from Italy in a featherweight bout.

The fight card is also of the most diverse fight card for the season. Other fighters confirmed for the event includes Felipe Efrain, Arnold Quero,



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Sidney Wheeler, Abdoul Abouraguimov and more.

Brave 14 will be broadcasted live through Abu Dhabi Sports, StarSat, VodaComm, Fite TV, Combate and FloCombat.

Brave CF set to expand Middleweight division

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Athlete relations department of Brave Combat Federation has confirmed that the promotion will focus on roster expansion in the Middleweight division.

The Bahrain based global promotion had been active in signing multiple global athletes during 2018 including top prospects from Africa, Europe, North America and South East Asia.

Globally middleweight division has the right combination of world's top strikers, some of its best wrestlers and some of the highest caliber Jiu-Jitsu players.

They combine for exciting stylistic matchups and unpredictable finishes. Currently the promotion have one among the most competitive welterweight divisions in the MMA world and a rapidly growing lightweight division.

The focus on developing the Middleweight division will add more athletes to the roster.

Ikram Aliskerov from Dagestan, Russia is leading the division with three straight wins in the promotion. He is also undefeated in his career with five straight wins. Aliskerov has secured wins over Rufat Asadov, Jeremy Smith and Chad Hanekom at Brave.

Brave Combat Federation had made multiple signings in the flyweight and featherweight divisions during July



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2018. With more middleweight prospects added to the roster, it is highly probable that a championship could be soon introduced.

"We are always looking to sign the best up and coming prospects and established veterans. Once we have built a good pool of middleweights we can then certainly look at introducing a title in the division. This won't happen immediately however but it is certainly something we have got our eye on", said Yousef Nasser, Head of Athlete Relations.

