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DRUIDS GLEN

FALL UNDER THE SPELL

Tournament History

1996 Irish Open: "Europe's Augusta Arrives"

Druids Glen burst onto the Tour in 1996, and the course immediately became known as the Augusta of Europe. The course set-up for the first of four Irish Opens in succession was akin to a U.S. Open with narrow fairways and thick rough around the greens. This played into the hands of the precise game of Colin Montgomerie, who overhauled Andrew Oldcorn on the final day for victory.

1997 Irish Open – Druids Glen: "Monty's Double"

A spectacular course record of 62 in the Final Round saw Colin Montgomerie sprint past Lee Westwood and Thomas Bjorn to claim his second Irish Open at Druids Glen.

1998 Irish Open – Druids Glen: "Playoff Drama"

Colin Montgomerie's bid for a hat-trick narrowly failed after a dramatic playoff with eventual winner David Carter. Attempting to lay up short of the lakes on the 18th hole, Monty's approach trickled into the first of the 3 Lakes, gifting victory to Carter, who went on to capture the World Cup with Nick Faldo later in the year

1999 Irish Open–Druids Glen: "El Nino Sensation – Garcia v Cabrera"

Record Irish Open crowds witnessed Spanish teenager Sergio Garcia produce a breathtaking 65 on Sunday to edge out the swashbuckling Angel Cabrera from Argentina in one of the classic duels in Irish Open History

2002 Seve Trophy – Druids Glen: "Seve Rolls Back The Years"

Vintage performances from Seve Ballesteros were the talk of the week. Paired with Jose-Maria Olazabal on Saturday, the maestro holed his bunker shot on the 17th to defeat Pdraig Harrington & Paul McGinley. His Houdini like performance on Sunday was even better – a stranger to the fairway, he produced spectacular escape shots to defeat Colin Montgomerie. However, Montgomerie's GB & Ireland team would eventually win 15.5 to 13.5 over Continental Europe

2004 Taylormade Anniversary Pro-Am – Druids Heath: "Heath v The Best"

With Pebble Beach hosting the US version of this Event, Druids Heath proved more than capable of challenging a strong field which included reigning US Open Champion Retief Goosen as well as European Stars Sergio Garcia, Ian Poulter, Paul McGinley and eventual Winner Darren Clarke, who had all won the Ryder Cup at Oakland Hills only days earlier

2006 Irish PGA Championship – Druids Heath: "Youth triumphs over experience"

The oldest tournament in Irish Professional Golf came to Druids Heath with a field including two Ryder Cup legends, Philip Walton and local hero Eamonn Darcy. Glorious sunshine complemented a pristine golf course and the crowds were entertained by Walton's shot making in the wind and Darcy's renowned midas touch around the greens. Youth eventually prevailed after 4 days, with David Mortimer emerging victorious.