



DAY TWO REVIEW

THE BELFRY MAJOR

THE BRABAZON COURSE

A scenic view of a golf course at sunset. In the background, a large clubhouse with a clock tower sits atop a hill. A winding river flows through the middle ground, reflecting the golden light of the setting sun. The foreground shows a green fairway with sand traps and a flagstick. In the immediate foreground, a wooden sign displays the tournament results, a large silver trophy, a wooden crate, and a golf ball.

THE BELFRY MAJOR		
1	Mark Knitter	64
2	Jason Landerkin	64
3	James Burns	62



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Event Review – The Belfry Major

Day Two – The Brabazon Course

Sunday 26 July 2026



Knitter Holds His Nerve as Bonito Conquers The Brabazon

The second and deciding day of the inaugural KEGT Tour Major delivered two distinct contests across one demanding round.

Michael Bonito produced the best performance of the day, recovering from a difficult opening nine to win the individual Brabazon event with 35 Stableford points. Behind him, however, a separate championship battle was unfolding.

Mark Knitter began Sunday five points behind overnight leader Jason Landerkin. Through a controlled 31-point round, Mark gradually erased that deficit and finished level with Jason on 64 points across the two days. His stronger second-round score separated the pair, giving Mark the first Mid-Season Major title in KEGT history.

James Burns completed the Major podium on 62, while Wesley McBarnett finished only one point further back after leading the Sunday event during much of the opening and middle stages.

The final round therefore produced two winners and two very different stories.

Michael mastered The Brabazon.

Mark won the Major.

The Overnight Position

Saturday's round on The Derby had established Jason as the player to catch.

His 38-point opening round gave him a two-point advantage over Steve Jones, with Oliver Edwards four behind. Jamie Wright, James Burns and Mark were grouped together on 33, five points off the lead, while Wesley remained firmly involved on 32.

The championship picture before Sunday's round was:

 KENT & ESSEX — GOLF TOUR —			
OVERNIGHT MAJOR STANDINGS			
— THE BELFRY MAJOR — AFTER ROUND 1 —			
Pos	Player	Derby Points	Behind
1.	Jason Landerkin	38	—
2.	Steve Jones	36	2
3.	Oliver Edwards	34	4
4.	Jamie Wright	33	5
5.	James Burns	33	5
6.	Mark Knitter	33	5
7.	Wesley McBarnett	32	6
8.	Lee Eslamifar	30	8
9.	Peter Smith	27	11
10.	Michael Bonito	25	13
11.	Daniel Kirrage	25	13
12.	Alfie Grange	14	24


THE DERBY COURSE
JASON LANDERKIN LEADS BY 2

Seven players were separated by only six points. The overnight lead was valuable, but far from secure.

Michael, by contrast, began thirteen points behind. His realistic opportunity appeared to be the individual Sunday event rather than the Major itself.

That assumption would be severely tested by the end of the morning.

Opening Stages

Wesley made the strongest start on The Brabazon.

Four three-point returns across his opening five holes carried him to 12 points and placed him at the top of the daily leaderboard. His start immediately transformed the championship picture: having begun six behind Jason, Wesley had almost eliminated the deficit within the opening stretch.

Jason remained steady enough to preserve the overall lead. His seven points through four holes took his cumulative Major total to 45, only one ahead of Wesley on 44.

James and Mark also remained close. Both had reached eight points through five holes, moving their championship totals to 41. Steve and Jamie sat on 40, while Oliver remained within range on 39.

The early Sunday leaderboard did not yet reflect the full Major situation. Wesley led the round, but Jason still held the narrowest of aggregate advantages.

Michael's position was much less threatening at this stage. Eight points through five holes moved him to 33 overall, leaving considerable ground to recover in the championship even though his daily round remained intact.

The opening phase had tightened the Major without producing a clear new favourite.

					
THE BELFRY MAJOR					
ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON					
LEADERBOARD – INDIVIDUAL NET					
OPENING STAGES					
Pos	Player	Thru	VPAR	Pts	
1	Wesley McBarnett	5	-2	12	
2	Peter Smith	6	+3	9	
T3	James Burns	5	+2	8	
T3	Mark Knitter	5	+2	8	
T3	Michael Bonito	5	+2	8	
T3	Daniel Kirrage	6	+4	8	
T7	Jason Landerkin	4	+1	7	
T7	Jamie Wright	4	+1	7	
T7	Alfie Grange	6	+5	7	
T10	Oliver Edwards	4	+3	5	
T10	Lee Eslamifar	5	+5	5	
12	Steve Jones	4	+4	4	

					
THE BELFRY MAJOR					
ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON					
LIVE MAJOR TOP FOUR					
OPENING STAGES					
Pos	Player	Derby	Brabazon	Major Total	Behind
1	Jason Landerkin	38	7	45	—
2	Wesley McBarnett	32	12	44	1
T3	James Burns	33	8	41	4
T3	Mark Knitter	33	8	41	4

Burns Takes Control at the Turn

James produced the strongest outward half of the field.

His front nine included three-point returns on the 1st and 4th before a gross birdie on the 6th earned four Stableford points.

Despite a no-score on the 5th, he reached the turn with 18 points and moved to the top of the Sunday leaderboard.

More importantly, the round had carried him into the overall Major lead.

James' cumulative total had risen to 51, placing him two ahead of both Wesley and Mark on 49. Jason, playing fewer holes at that moment, sat on 47 alongside Oliver.

For the first time since Saturday afternoon, Jason no longer occupied the leading position in the live championship.

Wesley remained only one point behind James on the day, while Mark's steady 16-point outward half ensured that he stayed directly involved in both competitions. Steve had slipped back in the Sunday standings but remained within range overall, and Jamie was still close enough to recover.

Michael reached ten holes with 16 points. He sat only fifth in the day's event and remained ten points behind James in the aggregate standings.

At that stage, there was little indication that he would eventually win the round.

The story at halfway belonged to James. He led The Brabazon and had moved from five behind overnight to the top of the Major.

 THE BELFRY MAJOR ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON LEADERBOARD – INDIVIDUAL NET					
AROUND THE TURN					
Pos	Player	Thru	VPAR	Pts	Movement
1	James Burns	9	0	18	↑ 2
2	Wesley McBarnett	9	+1	17	↓ 1
T3	Mark Knitter	9	+2	16	—
T3	Michael Bonito	10	+4	16	—
T3	Peter Smith	10	+4	16	↓ 1
T6	Oliver Edwards	8	+3	13	↑ 4
T6	Alfie Grange	10	+7	13	↑ 1
T8	Jamie Wright	9	+6	12	↓ 1
T8	Daniel Kirrage	10	+8	12	↓ 5
10	Jason Landerkin	8	+7	9	↓ 3
11	Steve Jones	8	+8	8	↑ 1
12	Lee Eslamifar	8	+10	6	↓ 2

 THE BELFRY MAJOR ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON LIVE MAJOR TOP FOUR					
AT THE TURN					
Pos	Player	Derby	Brabazon	Major Total	Behind
1	James Burns	33	18	51	—
T2	Wesley McBarnett	32	17	49	2
T2	Mark Knitter	33	16	49	2
T4	Jason Landerkin	38	9	47	4
T4	Oliver Edwards	34	13	47	4

The Championship Tightens

The next checkpoint changed the picture again.

Wesley reclaimed first place in the Sunday event with 23 points through twelve holes. James followed one behind on 22, with Mark third on 21.

Yet because Jason had started the day with the larger overnight total, he still held the cumulative advantage.

Through twelve holes, Jason's 18 Sunday points had taken him to 56 overall. Wesley and James were only one behind on 55, while Mark sat another point back on 54.

The top four in the Major were now separated by only two points.

The championship had reached its most compressed point of the weekend.

Jason was still leading, but the advantage he had carried from The Derby had almost disappeared. Wesley's fast start had placed him within a single point. James remained equally close after his excellent front nine, and Mark's measured scoring had kept him within one strong hole of first place.

Michael was beginning to improve, but his aggregate total remained well behind the leading group. His 23 points through fourteen holes gave him 48 overall—eight behind Jason.

The individual round and the Major had become two increasingly separate competitions.

 THE BELFRY MAJOR ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON LEADERBOARD – INDIVIDUAL NET MID BACK NINE					
Pos	Player	Thru	VPAR	Pts	Movement
T1	Wesley McBarnett	12	+1	23	↑ 1
T1	Michael Bonito	14	+5	23	↑ 2
T3	James Burns	12	+2	22	↓ 2
T3	Peter Smith	14	+6	22	—
5	Mark Knitter	12	+3	21	↓ 2
6	Alfie Grange	14	+8	20	—
7	Jason Landerkin	12	+6	18	↑ 3
8	Oliver Edwards	12	+7	17	↓ 2
9	Daniel Kirrage	14	+12	16	↓ 1
10	Lee Eslamifar	12	+10	14	↑ 2
T11	Jamie Wright	12	+11	13	↓ 3
T11	Steve Jones	12	+11	13	—

 THE BELFRY MAJOR ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON LIVE MAJOR TOP FOUR MID BACK NINE					
Pos	Player	Derby	Brabazon	Major Total	Behind
1	Jason Landerkin	38	18	56	—
T2	Wesley McBarnett	32	23	55	1
T2	James Burns	33	22	55	1
4	Mark Knitter	33	21	54	2

Bonito Makes His Move

Michael's round changed dramatically over the closing portion of the back nine.

After turning with only 14 points, he began to build momentum. Three-point returns on the 14th, 15th and 16th were followed by the decisive moment on the par-5 17th.

A gross birdie earned four Stableford points and carried him to 33 through seventeen holes.

In a short space of time, Michael moved from fourth to first in the Sunday event.

While he accelerated, several of the earlier leaders stalled.

Wesley, who had set the pace for much of the day, suffered no-scores on the 15th and 17th. James also lost momentum after his excellent opening half, recording blanks on the 15th and 16th. Jason's scoring became increasingly uneven, and his hold on the aggregate lead finally disappeared.

Mark continued to follow a different route.

He did not produce Michael's explosive run, but he kept accumulating points. Three-point returns on the 11th and 15th supported a sequence of steady scores, and by the time he reached the 17th he had climbed to 31 points for the day.

That took Mark to 64 in the Major.

James sat second overall on 62. Jason and Wesley were level on 61, while Michael's late surge had lifted him to 58 with one hole remaining.

For the first time, Mark held the outright championship lead.

 THE BELFRY MAJOR ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON LEADERBOARD – INDIVIDUAL NET CLOSING STRETCH					
Pos	Player	Thru	VPAR	Pts	Movement
1	Michael Bonito	17	+1	33	—
2	Mark Knitter	17	+3	31	↑ 3
T3	Wesley McBarnett	17	+5	29	↓ 2
T3	James Burns	17	+5	29	—
5	Peter Smith	17	+6	28	↓ 2
6	Alfie Grange	17	+7	27	—
7	Jason Landerkin	16	+9	23	—
T8	Oliver Edwards	16	+10	22	—
T8	Jamie Wright	16	+10	22	↑ 3
T8	Daniel Kirrage	17	+12	22	↑ 1
T11	Steve Jones	16	+11	21	—
T11	Lee Eslamifar	17	+13	21	↓ 1

 THE BELFRY MAJOR ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON LIVE MAJOR TOP FOUR CLOSING STRETCH					
Pos	Player	Derby	Brabazon	Major Total	Behind
1	Mark Knitter	33	31	64	—
2	James Burns	33	29	62	2
T3	Jason Landerkin	38	23	61	3
T3	Wesley McBarnett	32	29	61	3



The Brabazon Event Summary

Michael Bonito claimed victory on The Brabazon with 35 points after producing the strongest back nine of the day.

A 14-point outward half left him outside the leading positions, with Wesley McBarnett setting the early pace before James Burns moved ahead at the turn. Michael's round changed dramatically late on. Three consecutive three-point returns from the 14th were followed by a four-point birdie on the 17th, carrying him to the top of the leaderboard. Two more points at the last completed a superb 21-point inward half and secured victory by four.

Mark Knitter finished second on 31 after remaining close throughout, while Alfie Grange, Wesley McBarnett and James Burns shared third on 29.

For Alfie, it marked his first podium finish of the season and an impressive response after a difficult opening round on The Derby. He recovered strongly with 18 points coming home, climbing steadily through the field to secure a deserved place among the leading finishers. Wesley's challenge faded after several late blanks, while James was unable to maintain the scoring pace of his excellent front nine.

Peter Smith followed on 28, with Jason Landerkin and Oliver Edwards together on 26. Steve Jones and Jamie Wright finished on 24, Daniel Kirrage returned 23, and Lee Eslamifar completed the field on 21.

Michael's patient recovery and decisive finish ultimately separated him from a leaderboard that had remained closely contested for much of the morning.



THE BELFRY MAJOR

ROUND 2 – THE BRABAZON LEADERBOARD – INDIVIDUAL NET

FINAL LEADERBOARD

Pos	Player	Thru	VPAR	Pts	Movement
1	Michael Bonito	18	+1	35	—
2	Mark Knitter	18	+5	31	—
T3	Alfie Grange	18	+7	29	↑ 2
T3	Wesley McBarnett	18	+7	29	—
T3	James Burns	18	+7	29	—
6	Peter Smith	18	+8	28	↓ 1
T7	Jason Landerkin	18	+10	26	—
T7	Oliver Edwards	18	+10	26	↑ 1
T9	Steve Jones	18	+12	24	↑ 2
T9	Jamie Wright	18	+12	24	↓ 1
11	Daniel Kirrage	18	+13	23	↓ 3
12	Lee Eslamifar	18	+15	21	↓ 1

The Belfry Major Summary

Mark Knitter became the inaugural KEGT Mid-Season Major champion after finishing level with overnight leader Jason Landerkin on 64 points.

Jason had carried a five-point advantage over Mark into Sunday, but that lead was gradually reduced as The Brabazon unfolded. Wesley's fast start, James' move to the top at the turn and Jason's brief return to the live lead kept the championship shifting throughout the round.

Mark remained close without ever needing one dramatic scoring burst. His steady 31-point round carried him to 64 overall, while Jason's closing no-score left him level after returning 26.

With the championship tied, Mark's superior score in the deciding Brabazon round separated the pair.

James completed the podium on 62, one ahead of Wesley on 61. Michael's Sunday victory lifted him into a share of fifth alongside Steve Jones and Oliver Edwards on 60.

The weekend produced two separate winners: Michael conquered The Brabazon, while Mark's consistency across both courses earned him the first Major title in KEGT history

THE BELFRY MAJOR

FINAL MAJOR STANDINGS 36-HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP

OVERALL LEADERBOARD

Pos	Player	Derby	Brabazon	Major Total
1	Mark Knitter	33	31	64
2	Jason Landerkin	38	26	64
3	James Burns	33	29	62
4	Wesley McBarnett	32	29	61
T5	Michael Bonito	25	35	60
T5	Steve Jones	36	24	60
T5	Oliver Edwards	34	26	60
8	Jamie Wright	33	24	57
9	Peter Smith	27	28	55
10	Lee Eslamifar	30	21	51
11	Daniel Kirrage	25	23	48
12	Alfie Grange	14	29	43

Tiebreak: Mark Knitter placed above Jason Landerkin on superior Brabazon score.

Player Highlights

Michael Bonito — 1st, 35 points

Michael produced the strongest performance on The Brabazon and completed one of the best back-nine recoveries of the season. After turning with 14 points, he added 21 coming home, including three consecutive three-point returns from the 14th and a four-point birdie on the 17th. The late surge carried him from outside the leading positions to a four-point victory.

Mark Knitter — 2nd, 31 points

Mark delivered another controlled performance and remained close to the top throughout the round. His scoring lacked Michael's explosive finish, but regular returns kept him firmly involved while others moved around him. The 31-point total was enough to erase his five-point overnight deficit and secure the inaugural Major title through the deciding-round tiebreak.

Alfie Grange — T3, 29 points

Alfie produced an excellent response after a difficult opening round on The Derby. An 11-point outward half left him with work to do, but he recovered impressively with 18 points across the back nine to climb into a share of third. The result marked his first podium finish of the season and provided one of the strongest Sunday recoveries in the field.

Wesley McBarnett — T3, 29 points

Wesley made the fastest start of the day and led the Brabazon leaderboard through the opening stages. He returned to the top during the middle of the back nine and remained firmly involved in both the daily event and the Major. Several late no-scores halted his challenge, but his performance still earned a share of third and fourth place overall across the weekend.

James Burns — T3, 29 points

James produced the strongest front nine of the field, reaching the turn with 18 points after a four-point birdie on the 6th. That outward half carried him into the live lead in both The Brabazon event and the combined Major. A more difficult closing stretch prevented him from maintaining the same pace, although his 29 points secured a share of third and completed the Major podium.

Peter Smith — 6th, 28 points

Peter put together one of the more balanced rounds of the day, returning 13 points on the front nine and 15 after the turn. He remained close to the leading group for much of the round and avoided the extended drop in scoring that affected several players around him. His 28-point finish left him only one short of the three-player tie for third.

Jason Landerkin — T7, 26 points

Jason began Sunday with the overnight lead and remained at the top of the live Major standings through much of the round. His Brabazon card contained several strong three-point holes, but repeated no-scores gradually reduced the advantage he had built on The Derby. A blank at the 18th left him level with Mark on 64 and ultimately placed him second in the Major.

Oliver Edwards — T7, 26 points

Oliver recovered well after opening with consecutive no-scores. A four-point birdie on the 4th immediately repaired some of the early damage, while further scoring kept him around the middle of the leaderboard. His 26 points completed a 60-point weekend and earned him a share of fifth in the final Major standings.

Steve Jones — T9, 24 points

Steve's round was divided into two very different halves. A difficult outward nine produced only eight points, but he responded with 16 coming home—the second-largest improvement between nines in the field. His gross birdie on the par-5 15th was the highlight of the recovery and earned four Stableford points.

Jamie Wright — T9, 24 points

Jamie remained around the leading positions during the earliest checkpoint but found scoring increasingly difficult as the round progressed. His card was evenly split with 12 points on each nine, with a three-point return on the 15th providing the main highlight after the turn. He completed the Major on 57 points.

Daniel Kirrage — 11th, 23 points

Daniel struggled to build sustained momentum on The Brabazon. His round contained several steady two-point returns, but too many blanks prevented him from climbing into the main contest. He completed the weekend on 48 points after rounds of 25 and 23.

Lee Eslamifar — 12th, 21 points

Lee endured a difficult opening nine but improved after the turn. His 13-point inward half was five better than his front nine, with three-point returns on the 12th and 15th providing the strongest moments. Although he completed the leaderboard on 21, the stronger finish ensured the round ended more positively than it began.

Side Competitions

Jamie Wright claimed the Longest Drive prize on The Brabazon, adding his name to an increasingly congested season leaderboard.

His winning drive secured his first Longest Drive victory of the year and moved him into a five-way tie for second behind Daniel Kirrage, who remains the only player with two wins.

Daniel added another side-competition success by claiming Nearest the Pin. The result gave him his first Pin Seeker victory of the season and moved him into a five-way tie at the top alongside Lee Eslamifar, Alfie Grange, James Burns and Peter Smith.

The Yardstick Challenge remained unclaimed once again. With nobody able to finish inside the required distance, the prize pot rolls forward to the next event and now stands at **£472**.

 KENT & ESSEX — GOLF TOUR —					
KEGT – SIDE COMPETITIONS					
STANDINGS AFTER EVENT 6					
PIN SEEKER STANDINGS			LONGEST DRIVE STANDINGS		
Pos	Player	Wins	Pos	Player	Wins
T1	Lee Eslamifar	1	1	Daniel Kirrage	2
T1	Alfie Grange	1	T2	Oliver Edwards	1
T1	James Burns	1	T2	Mark Knitter	1
T1	Peter Smith	1	T2	Alfie Grange	1
T1	Daniel Kirrage	1	T2	Jamie Wright	1
T6	Rest of Field	0	T6	Rest of Field	0
 YARDSTICK CHALLENGE			UNCLAIMED AFTER EVENT 6 £472		

Order of Merit – After Event 6

The Belfry Major has tightened the KEGT title race with three events remaining.

Mark Knitter leads on **141 points**, but Michael Bonito's victory at The Brabazon moved him to **133**, just eight points behind.

James Burns is third on **110**, followed by Daniel Kirrage on 104. Peter Smith and Oliver Edwards share 102, with Jamie Wright on 99, Alfie Grange on 97 and Steve Jones on 93.

Just **11 points separate fourth to ninth**, leaving the chasing pack wide open ahead of Brentwood.

The **best-six scoring rule** now applies, so future results will replace weaker scores rather than simply add to totals.

With Brentwood, Nizels and Toot Hill still to come, the championship remains unsettled.

 KENT & ESSEX — GOLF TOUR —									
KEGT – ORDER OF MERIT									
STANDINGS AFTER EVENT 6									
POS	PLAYER	EVENT 1 PTS	EVENT 2 PTS	EVENT 3 PTS	EVENT 4 PTS	EVENT 5 PTS	EVENT 6 PTS	TOTAL POINTS	MOVEMENT FROM AFTER EVENT 4
1	Mark Knitter	26	23	26	23	17	26	141	—
2	Michael Bonito	23	21	19	30	10	30	133	—
3	James Burns	10	26	17	19	19	19	110	↑ 2
4	Daniel Kirrage	30	10	23	21	10	10	104	↓ 1
T5	Peter Smith	21	30	13	10	11	17	102	↓ 1
T5	Oliver Edwards	10	13	30	13	23	13	102	↑ 2
7	Jamie Wright	19	17	15	17	21	10	99	↓ 1
8	Alfie Grange	13	15	21	15	10	23	97	—
9	Steve Jones	11	19	—	26	26	11	93	—
10	Wesley McBarnett	17	11	—	10	15	21	74	—
11	Jason Landerkin	—	—	—	11	30	15	56	↑ 1
12	Lee Eslamifar	15	10	—	—	13	10	48	↓ 1

Closing Words

The inaugural KEGT Major delivered everything the format was designed to produce.

Across two very different courses, the weekend created two individual winners, a championship that changed hands repeatedly, and a Major title that remained undecided until the final scores were confirmed. Michael Bonito's victory on The Brabazon provided the standout performance of Sunday, while Mark Knitter's consistency across both rounds earned him the first Major trophy in Tour history.

With six Order of Merit rounds now complete, the season moves into its final three events. The best-six format will begin to play an increasingly important role, with every strong finish now carrying the potential to replace an earlier result and reshape the standings.

The Tour resumes at Brentwood Golf Club on Sunday 6 September. After the scale and intensity of The Belfry, Event 7 marks a return to regular competition—but with the season entering its decisive phase, the pressure is unlikely to ease.

Looking Ahead — Event 7 at Brentwood

Brentwood Golf Club hosts the next chapter of the 2026 season, with another full allocation of Order of Merit points available as the race for the inaugural title continues.

Event 7 Details

Venue: Brentwood Golf Club

Date: Sunday 6 September 2026

Address: Coxtie Green Road, South Weald, Brentwood, CM14 5RJ

First Tee Time: 11:00am

Price: £56 per player

Includes: Tea or coffee on arrival and a Full English Breakfast

The Major has established the leading contenders.