

McIlroy tied for Scottish open lead

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NORTH BERWICK, Scotland — Rory McIlroy took advantage of the scoring holes in windy conditions Friday and posted a 4-under 66 for a three-way share of the lead in a Scottish Open that no longer has Scottie Scheffler.

As comfortable as McIlroy looked, Scheffler struggled from the start and wound up with a 72 to miss the 36-hole cut for the first time in nearly four years. He had made 78 cuts in a row, the longest streak since Tiger Woods set the record (142) more than 20 years ago.

“Got off to a poor start and after that, I didn’t really it close enough to give myself a bunch of looks,” Scheffler said. “That’s how you shoot over par.”

Jordan Smith of England had the low score of the tournament with a 63 and was the first to post at 9-under 131, joined by the resurgent Tom Kim (66) and McIlroy, who has not won since going back-to-back in the Masters in April.

“It would have been nice to be a couple better,” McIlroy said. “But it’s obviously another good day and in good position.”

But the most surprising development at The Renaissance Club was Scheffler. Instead of heading to the range after his round, he was making plans to head south earlier than he imagined for his title defense in the British Open at Royal Birkdale.

He had not missed the cut since the 2022 FedEx St. Jude Championship.

Scheffler had company that was equally surprising. Patrick Cantlay and

Bernd Wiesberger became the first players since Jordan Spieth at the 2023 Sony Open to share the 18-hole lead and then miss the cut. Cantlay shot a 74, while Wiesberger shot 43 on the back nine for a 78.

Brooks Koepka, who was one shot off the lead going into Friday, also missed the cut.

McIlroy, who won the Scottish Open three years ago, found a new wedge to help him with firm turf at Renaissance and next week at Birkdale. He still faces a busy leaderboard going into the weekend.

Smith ran off four straight birdies early on the back nine, all of them inside 10 feet. Kim, who tied for third in the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, holed a 40-foot eagle putt on the par-5 seven and finished with two birdies on his last five holes.

Kim fell out of the top 100 in the world before steadily climbing back up. The U.S. Open was a big step, and it eventually got him into the British Open next week.

“I think being under the radar was kind of nice, just be able to work on my game and keep getting better,” Kim said. “Not being in the spotlight all the time, you don’t see everything, you don’t see all the good stuff. I knew I was really, really close. And I’m still working towards trying to be the best I can be. But all those little things kind of kept adding, kept adding, and I think it’s shown the last couple weeks.”

Matt Fitzpatrick had a 65 and was one shot out of the lead along with Min Woo Lee. The group at 133 included defending champion Chris Gotterup and

Scotland's own Robert MacIntyre, who thrilled the gallery in the arena around the par-3 15th with a 30-foot birdie putt. The cheer was so loud he raised his putter to salute them.

Gotterup, who played alongside McIlroy and MacIntyre, was one shot out of the lead playing the 18th when he drove right into high, wispy grass. With the wind at his back, his iron bounced hard and rolled close to 100 yards, onto and through the green and against a television tower.

He chipped beautifully from the drop area, but failed to convert the par. Even so, he was only two back going for his fourth win of the year. Gotterup is coming off a victory last week in the John Deere Classic.

The British Open is offering three spots to the leading finishers not already qualified. Among those in position at the halfway point was Nicolai Von Dellingshausen of Germany, at No. 258 in the world who won his first European tour event last year in the Austrian Open.

“Honestly, I was nervous,” he said. “This is the best player field I’ve played during the year. There are a couple good names out there. Trying not to look too much into it and playing my own game.”



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, plays from a bunker on the ninth fairway during day one of the Genesis Scottish Open 2026 at The Renaissance Club on Thursday in North Berwick, Scotland.

Malcolm Mackenzie /AP Photo



LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with KRS 424 and KRS 100.211, notice is hereby given that Community and Development Services will hold two public hearings on July 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Central Time / 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time at the Hopkinsville Community College Auditorium Building in the Lecture Hall, 720 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY. The purpose of the public hearing is as follows:

ZTA26-6-1

The Hopkinsville-Christian County Planning Commission (Community and Development Services), by Resolution 2026-03, has initiated an amendment to the Hopkinsville Zoning Ordinance (zoning code). The amendment, upon adoption, will 1) define data centers and related terms; 2) establish standards for the siting, construction, installation, and operation of data centers; and 3) amend Appendix A "Schedule of Uses" to specify the district(s) in which data centers, by type, are permitted.

CT26-7-1

The applicants, Commonwealth Agri-Transport, LLC (Owner), The Towers, LLC, (Agent), are proposing to construct a self-support (lattice) cell tower and are requesting a waiver from \$158,524 Design Standards of the Hopkinsville Code of Ordinances. The tower is proposed to be located on a 10,000 square foot portion of a (+/-) 6.13 acres property located off of Old Concord Lane in Hopkinsville, Kentucky (1685 Old Concord Lane/PVA No. 120-00-00-045.04). The affected property is located immediately east of the terminus of Parkway Industrial Drive and is zoned I-2 (Heavy Industrial) District.

A copy of the proposed text amendment, including any accompanying Plan Review Committee text recommendations, and the cell tower site plan may be reviewed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at Community and Development Services, 710 South Main Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky on or after July 17, 2026.

COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
710 SOUTH MAIN STREET
HOPKINSVILLE, KY 42240



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Keith's Towing and Automotive Services LLC. 1000 Gate 7 Rd. Lot M Oak Grove KY 42262 (270) 640-6400. We reserve the right to a NO SALE. SEALED BID AUCTION JULY 31, 2026, viewing/bidding is 10am-2pm.

1) 2003 DODGE 1500 1D7HA18D13S253551 Barry Johnson/ST Louis Auto Car Sales

2) 2008 HYUNDAI SANTA FE 5NMSG73D78H182335 JOAN PALMER/TENNESSEE TITLE LOANS

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LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Proposals

Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of Christian County, Kentucky will accept sealed proposals for channel clearing and shaping, seeding, sprigging and mulching two sites in Christian County that were affected by the tornado in May 2024.

Site 1: Binns Mill road, Lafayette, KY
Site 2: Hammock Road, Pembroke, KY

Sealed proposals will be accepted in the Office of the Christian County Judge-Executive, 216 west 7th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240 until 3:00pm central daylight time, Thursday, July 30, 2026.

General instructions and Specifications may be obtained at the Office of Christian County Judge-Executive, at the above listed address during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference to be held on Friday, July 17, 2026 at 10:00am in the Christian County Fiscal Courtroom located at 511 S Main St, Hopkinsville, KY 42240. Following the pre-bid conference, there will be site visits to the two sites available for those contractors interested in visiting the sites.

HOPPERS

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Montes delivered a strong quality start for Hoptown. Montes allowed six hits and three runs over six innings of work, striking out five and walking two before turning the ball over to Deklan Riggs in relief. The Hoppers' defense was flawless behind them, playing error-free baseball and turning two crucial double plays.

Hoptown jumped out to an early advantage in the second game, striking first when Evan Jacob singled home a run in the opening frame. Gabe Eddington extended the lead to 2-0 in the top of the second with an RBI single down the left field line. However, the Flash answered with a decisive counterpunch in the bottom of the second. Much like the Hoppers' big inning in game one, Henderson pushed five runs across the plate on four hits, highlighted by another big swing from Mineo — a three-run double that gave the Flash a 5-2 lead they would not relinquish. Drew Isenberg added an RBI single in the third to extend the

Henderson cushion.

The Hoppers attempted a comeback in the fifth when Brennan Mealer crushed a solo home run to right field. Hoptown showed great discipline at the plate all night, drawing six total walks — led by two apiece from Konnor Scheidt and Zach Hampton — and forcing damage on the base paths with four stolen bases, including two from Eddington. Eddington and Jacob both finished game two with two hits each, but the Hoppers ultimately fell 7-4.

Jayden Gaylor took the loss on the mound in the nightcap, surrendering five hits and six runs over two and two-thirds innings. Andrew Mayes provided stellar relief out of the bullpen, keeping the Hoppers within striking distance by striking out six batters and allowing just one run over three and one-third sharp innings. Defensively, the Hoppers once again stayed perfect in the field without committing an error, anchored by Jacob's 10 chances.

The Hoppers return home to Tiger Field tonight for a matchup against the Paducah Chiefs. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., weather permitting.



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, Against Jared Banks, et al., Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00003

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on June 17, 2026 in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET**, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on Monday, July 27, 2026, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 1710 Clarence Drive, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and described with particularity in Deed Book 804, Page 208, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 145,000.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 6.50 % per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all ad valorem taxes for 2026, et seq.

Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Septimious Taylor
Owensboro, KY.
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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Sale was this day served by United States mail, postage prepaid, to all parties not in default for failure to appear in accordance with CR 53.02 and 53.02(1).

Dated this ____ day of ____, 2026.

/s/ Lee M. Harton
LEE M. HARTON



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY, a Municipal Corporation of the Home Rule Class, Plaintiff, Against Charles L. Motley, et al., Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00125

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Christian Circuit Court, rendered on June 9, 2026 in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **OFFICE OF THE CHRISTIAN COUNTY MASTER COMMISSIONER, LEE M. HARTON, at 1606 SOUTH MAIN STREET**, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the highest bidder at **PUBLIC AUCTION** on Monday, July 27, 2026, at or about the hour of 11:00 a.m., upon a credit of 10% of the sale price on day of sale, balance in 30 days, the real estate located at 1500 East 1st Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and described with particularity in Deed Book 767, Page 335, Office of the Christian County Clerk.

The judgment in this case is for approximately \$ 19,100.00 for the balance of the purchase price, the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing interest at 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment. This sale is subject to all ad valorem taxes for 2026, et seq.

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