

HOW FAR DOES THE BIGGER BALL GO?

DRIVING ACCURACY AND LENGTH IN THE OPEN

This chart summarizes the drives of all players on Holes 1 and 18 in the 1963 Open Championship. There were 150 players on each of the first two days and 51 qualifiers in the third and fourth rounds on the third day.

HOLE 1						HOLE 18					1963 Hls. 1-18 3 Days	1956 Third Round
Number of Drives in;	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total	%	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total	%		
Fairway	98	114	59	271	67%	85	87	55	227	56%	62%	65%
Fringe	11	6	18	35	9%	7	7	5	19	5%	7%	
Rough	41	30	25	96	24%	58	56	42	156	39%	31%	35%
Total	150	150	102	402	100%	150	150	102	402	100%	100%	100%
Average Length of Drives;												
Carry	234.9	238.1	247.6	240.2		240.1	230.4	224.2	231.2		235.8	239.6
Roll	8.3	10.1	15.0	11.1		9.3	4.2	4.0	5.8		8.5	13.8
Total	243.2	248.2	262.6	251.3		249.4	234.6	228.2	237.4		244.3	253.4
Longest Drive;												
Name	Bayer	Bayer	Makalena and Coon			Lema	Palmer	Lema				Garrett
Length	282	292	290			277	265	266				281
Wind;												
Direction	Cross	Favor.	Favor.			Cross	Against	Against				Favor.
Strength	Light to med.	Light to med.	Med. to heavy			Light to med.	Light to med.	Med. to heavy				None
	Gusty	Gusty	Gusty			Gusty	Gusty	Gusty				

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