

WILL IT BE ONE OF THESE WHO WINS?

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England's Justin Rose has earned a late exemption into the 150th Anniversary Open Championship after victory at the AT&T National yesterday. The 29-year-old's one-stroke victory ensured that he would claim one of two places in golf's oldest Major available to the leading players, not already exempt, in a cumulative money list taken from the Tour Players Championship and the five PGA Tour events leading up to and including the AT&T.

Rose, who as an amateur famously holed from 60 yards on the 72nd hole during the 1998 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale to finish tied-fourth, will be making his ninth Open Championship appearance. Despite having failed to qualify for St Andrews Opens in both 2000 and 2005, Rose has enjoyed success on the Old Course, winning the 1997 St Andrews Links Trophy and finishing second a decade later in the 2007 Dunhill Links Championship.

Earning his second Open appearance was Bubba Watson of the USA. Watson, 31, made sure of his place at this year's Championship by finishing as the second player, not already exempt, on the mini money-list.