

SPORTING LEGENDS: TONY JACKLIN

SPORT: GOLF

COMPETITIVE ERA: 1964 - 2004

Tony Jacklin (born July 7, 1944) is an English golfer, who was arguably the most successful UK player of his generation.



Jacklin won two majors. In 1969, he became the first British player to win The Open Championship for 18 years. The following season he won the U.S. Open. It was the first victory by a British player in that tournament since 1920, and as of 2004, it remained the only one by any European in the post World War II era.

On the PGA European Tour Jacklin recorded 10 victories between 1970 and 1982. He had further wins in the United States, South America, South Africa and Australasia.

However, Jacklin may be best remembered for his involvement in the Ryder Cup. He was a playing member of the "Great Britain and Ireland" team in 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975 and 1977, and of the first European team in 1979.

Except for a tie in 1969, all of those teams were defeated, but as the non-playing captain of Europe in four consecutive Ryder Cups from 1983 to 1989, he had a 2.5 - 1.5 winning record, captaining his men to their first victory for 28 years in 1985, and to their first victory in the United States since the War in 1987.

Jacklin retired from tournament golf in 2004 at the age of sixty, having won a number of events at senior level.

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Tony Jacklin's trophy collection is most impressive!

European Tour Wins

1970	W.D. & H.O. Wills
1971	Benson & Hedges Festival
1972	Viyella PGA Championship
1973	Italian Open, Dunlop Masters
1974	Scandinavian Enterprise Open
1976	Kerrygold International Classic
1979	Braun German Open
1981	Billy Butlin Jersey Open
1982	Sun Alliance PGA Championship

Other Regular Career Wins

1964	Coombe Hill Assistants
1966	Kimberley Tournament (South Africa)
1967	Forest Products (New Zealand), New Zealand PGA Championship
1968	Greater Jacksonville Open (United States)
1969	The Open Championship
1970	1970 U.S. Open, Lancome Trophy
1972	Greater Jacksonville Open (United States), Dunlop International
1973	Bogota Open, Los Lagartos Open
1974	Los Lagartos Open
1976	Kerrygold International (Ire)
1979	Venezuela Open

Senior Wins

1994	First Bank of America Classic
1995	Franklin Quest Championship (United States)

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Scott Burton's Final Thought

Tony Jacklin was at the forefront of Europe's Ryder Cup assaults for an entire generation.

A great individual player, yet his finest qualities always emerged within a team environment.

He had the ability to keep his cool, particularly at moments where his opponents seemed to be losing theirs.

A truly memorable sporting legend, Tony Jacklin has certainly earned his place in golfing history.



Tony Jacklin was a precision ball-hitter, using skill rather than just raw power.