

# BIG PLAYERS

in Milton Keynes: Sports, Arts & Media

## Ian Poulter

Runner-up, British Open Golf Championship 20th July 2008



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**“I feel lucky to be successful at a job that I love doing - even proud!”**

Ian Poulter

*‘To be a PGA Tour professional is the best job in the world, after sitting in a Pro shop working 12-hour shifts for five years!... I test myself all the time, trying new shots, working, practising... I’ll use that inner passion the right way, rather than negatively. It snowballs too easily with anger and frustration carrying over from hole to hole... My goal, every week, is to win. It’s a fine line between setting unrealistic expectation levels while setting your goals. But I expect to perform. To play well.’*

Ian Poulter

### Career Highlights:

- 1976: Born in Milton Keynes
- 1980: Took up golf, aged four
- 1995: Turned professional
- 1999: **Winner**, Open de Côte d’Ivoire European Challenge
- 2000: **Winner**, Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year Award
- 2004: Successful Ryder Cup debut in Bernhard Langer’s victorious team.
- 2006: 2nd - World Golf Championships  
7th - Zurich Classic, New Orleans  
9th - Buick Invitational  
9th - PGA Championship  
9th - Barclays Classic
- 2007: **Winner** - Dunlop Phoenix Tournament, Japan  
3rd - EDS Byron Nelson Championship