



A great game of golf:

the Ryder Cup



A test for the Ryder Cup course: Graeme McDowell of Northern Ireland plays the Twenty Ten golf course at Celtic Manor in this summer's Wales Open



Demnächst treffen die besten Golfspieler aus aller Welt bei einem Elite-Turnier in Wales aufeinander. Welche Herausforderungen erwarten sie? **EAMONN FITZGERALD** hat's herausgefunden. **medium**

I am standing on the very spot

where the world's best golfers will soon meet to battle for the Ryder Cup. The prestigious contest between two teams, one from Europe and one from America, starts here on 1 October. Right now, standing on the Twenty Ten golf course at Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales, I feel as if I'm in their shoes.

My instructor hands me a club — a driver — and gives me tips on how to hit the ball. Positioning myself for the shot, I consider what lies ahead. Corey Pavin, captain of this year's US team, calls this course "very fair, very strong". Very tough, I think, is more like it.

The first hole is a par 4. That's golf-speak for "get the ball into a hole hundreds of metres away with just four shots". And there's more to come: beyond this are 17 further holes. They're located in a tricky system of little lakes (water hazards) and sandy areas (called bunkers or "sand traps") that make Twenty Ten a challenge to play.



Ryder Cup captains: Corey Pavin (left) for the US and Colin Montgomerie of Team Europe

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bunker ['bʌŋkə]	mit Sand gefülltes Loch
club [klʌb]	(Golf)Schläger
more like it [ˌmɔː 'laɪk ɪt]	schon eher
position oneself [pə'zɪʃən]	sich aufstellen, Haltung einnehmen
prestigious [pre'stɪdʒəs]	angesehen
shot [ʃɒt]	Schlag
spot [spɒt]	Fleck, Stelle
the very [ðə 'veri]	genau der/die/das
tricky ['trɪki]	verzwickelt, kompliziert
water hazard ['wɔːtə ,hæzəd]	Wasserhindernis