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Masters golf caddie

Scottie Scheffler has one of the most respected and experienced golf caddies around in Ted Scott. Scott, 50, has worked for an impressive roster of PGA Tour players down the years. Prior to joining Scheffler in 2021, Scott carried Bubba Watson's bag for 15 years.He also caddied for Olin Browne, Grant Waite and 1993 PGA champion Paul Azinger.Scott has enjoyed a number of career highlights, none bigger than caddying four times for champions of The Masters - twice with Watson (2012 and 2014) and twice with Scheffler (2022 and 2024).He also helped Scheffler win a gold medal at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games.For all of Scheffler's 13 wins on the PGA Tour, Scott has been on the bag for all of them. Relationship with SchefflerScheffler and Scott are both devout Christians and knew one another through attending bible study together.Before Scheffler and Scott teamed up, they spent a lot of time discussing their future partnership since Scheffler had a reputation for getting angry on the course and directing that frustration towards his caddie.Fellow PGA Tour caddie Paul Tesori, who is now Tom Kim's looper, explained: "Scottie's young and has had a bit of a habit of getting a little angry on the golf course, and maybe even a little angry toward his caddie."Ted being a veteran, being out here for so long, he was able to say: 'I want to come work for you, but you have got to promise me that you're going to work on these areas.' And not only did Scottie say yes, he has absolutely done it."Talking about how he and Scott first got together in 2021, Scheffler said: "I just think the world of him as a person so what I was attracted to him, just being a potential good partner for me out on the course." Scott with Scheffler Background and early careerIt is reported that Scott is an avid foosball player and even won the world foosball doubles title in 1994.His former boss Azinger once revealed they would connect with other foosball players online to find foosball games in different cities.Azinger said: "It was like a crack house for foosball players."It was a little bit like 'Silence of the Lambs' walking in the basement going down there to play foosball."There were 25 people in there, it was really hot, had this eerie lighting, concrete block walls, and here I roll in, here comes the captain, and I promise you, not five people knew who I was."They were all totally sweating and totally into their foosball deal."Scott is also a very keen golf instructor. In his spare time, Scott has been providing golf lessons for people since he was 27.Scott has coached many amateur players around the world, and after his partnership with Watson ended, he was very close to coaching full-time.Together with Scheffler, Scott has combined his caddying and coaching abilities in helping out his swing coach Randy Smith.As Scott sees every swing Scheffler makes, he reports back to Smith on how he is performing.That has certainly played some part in Scheffler becoming the runaway World No.1 that he is today. Scottie Scheffler Personal life and social mediaScott is from Lafayette, Louisiana and has an Instagram account followed by over 124,000 people.His caption: "24 year PGA Tour caddie currently w/ Scottie Scheffler. Pickballer. Jokerster. Sunday Sermons.The majority of Scott's content involves him giving Sunday Sermons to his thousands of followers.Ted Scott is living his best life post-Masters victory pic.twitter.com/rod6egdksk— Tim Reilly (@LifeOfTimReilly) April 13, 2022Scott has been married to his wife Melanie Scott for 22 years. Ted Scott with wife Melanie Career movesAfter working with Watson for so long, Scott was almost about to retire from caddying in 2021.But then Scheffler came knocking.When discussing the reason for their split, LIV Golf star and two-time Masters champion Watson said: "I have no regrets, and I don't think he does either. He has made more money now without me. He needed 10 more years."I haven't told anybody, but I had some struggles this offseason. Wrote a book about some struggles. My wrist, I had a wrist injury all last year. Had some PRP [platelet-rich plasma].Referencing his phone call to Scott, Watson previously explained: "I said, look, man, I'm 43 years old. I don't know what I'm going to do."My wrist is killing me. He is like he needs ten more years, and I gave a nice retirement package when we split up, but we split up mutually."On his current relationship with his former caddie, Watson revealed: "We're still friends. We still text each other, so behind the door, he might not be friends with me, but he has made more money, so now I guess he's happy he left." Ted Scott with Scottie Scheffler Salary and earningsPlayers and caddies don't often disclose how much the loopers get paid but we can guess at it being a pretty penny.Typically, caddies usually get 10% of the prize money whenever their player wins, 7% if they make the top 10 and 5% if they make the cut.In 2024, Scott is estimated to have earned more than \$5m following Scheffler's incredible seven-win season on the PGA Tour that included his \$25m FedEx Cup win at the Tour Championship. While Scott's total career earnings on the PGA Tour are unknown, it's fair to say he is one of the top earners in today's caddie market alongside Rory McIlroy's best mate and looper Harry Diamond. Next page: Who is Jon Rahm's caddie? Meet Adam HayesSubscribe to our Newsletter The Caddie Uniform jumpsuits come in sizes to accommodate toddlers to adults. Getty Images The Par-3 Contest on Masters Wednesday is one of Augusta National's best traditions. Legends of Masters past brush shoulders with today's rising stars before battling it out for a green jacket. And while the pandemic canceled it for the second straight time this year, it should be back and better than ever come 2022.Of course, the best part of the annual tradition is seeing family members wearing Augusta's signature white jumpsuits as fill-in caddies for the day. Children, significant others and loved ones walk alongside golf's best in the coolest jumpsuit in sports. From cute kids playing with bunker sand to Jack Nicklaus' grandson making an ace, these Masters moments will live on forever. For a club that has a laundry list of rules, the Par-3 Contest is one of the few times when it feels like Augusta lets its hair down.While the chances of playing Augusta like the Masters contestants are slim, you can wear the same white jumpsuits worn at the Masters Par-3 Contest. Seriously, you can! From adults to toddlers, Caddie Uniform makes replicas in all shapes and sizes. And these aren't just replicas, these are the same jumpsuits made for the families at the Masters Par-3 Contest. The enterprising father behind Augusta National's kid caddie uniforms By: Sean Zak The options are plentiful. Buy them for yourself, your golf shrine, your kids for Halloween or, better yet, a family holiday card. What's more, is that each jumpsuit can be personalized with your name on the back. A last name, a first name, a pro's name. It's your call. You personalize the number for the front, too. And even if the jumpsuit isn't for you, maybe other parts are. I got the name badge — a Masters name badge — perfect for the office door.The Caddie Uniform comes in all shapes and sizes to accommodate all of us that can't get enough of the Masters. Find what's right for you or your family below. The Masters tournament may have changed certain aspects since its inception back in the early part of the 20th century, but one tradition that has continued through the decades is the uniform, namely the white jumpsuits and green hats, worn by the caddies.But why exactly is this uniform used and when did it come about?It used to be a widespread practice in Majors and at tour events that the players did not use their own caddies. Instead the host golf clubs provided all the caddies for the players. You may like This practice mainly died out during the 1970s. The Masters became one of the last tournaments to change its policy on caddies.Until the 1983 Masters tournament, all the caddies at The Masters were provided by Augusta National. Players were not allowed to bring their own caddie.When it changed this policy, the Masters Tournament Committee still required all visiting caddies to wear the traditional uniform of the club's own caddies.This uniform is white overalls and a green cap, and is the same attire worn by the regular Augusta National caddies all year round. Or we should say, for those months of the year that Augusta National is open to play because the course traditionally closes between the months of May and October.Subscribe to the Golf Monthly newsletter to stay up to date with all the latest tour news, equipment news, reviews, head-to-heads and buyer's guides from our team of experienced experts.The earliest caddies at Augusta National were black men drawn from the local community. The club had provided them with official uniforms to ensure they looked smart on the property as well as making them easily distinguishable.The bright white also made the caddies stand out against the vibrant green of the lush Augusta National fairways.Arnold Palmer among the Masters caddies in 1965The caddies starting wearing the white uniforms with green caps in the late 1940s after tournament co-founder Walter Cliford Roberts wrote a letter suggesting that the caddies wore uniforms.This was likely because they used to dress in regular clothing like the patrons. According to The Masters, caddies were known to wear blue denim with a green cap complete with a yellow button for regular member play during the 1930s.Carl Jackson, who holds the record for the most Masters appearances as a caddie with 54, once said of the iconic suit: "I wore it with pride. It was a uniform that showed you were a professional. Mr Roberts wanted everything to look the best that it could - the golf course, the players and that included the caddies. We wore those uniforms to look uniform."This uniform thus became a tradition - and Augusta National does like its traditions. The Masters caddie jumpsuits are unique to Augusta, with other Majors and regular PGA Tour events allowing caddies to wear whatever they like, with only a tournament-branded bib over the top.The Masters caddies also have numbers on their boiler suits on their left breast pocket and the Masters logo on their right. The numbers are allocated in the order that the players check in to register during Masters week.The only exception to this is the defending champion and his caddie, because they get the number one on their suit no matter when they register for the week ahead.Ted Scott seen wearing the number one during the 2025 MastersAll the caddies in The Masters have the name of the player that they are caddying for on the back of their overalls in green block lettering. The original white jumpsuits were made of a heavy material but are now much lighter thanks to a polyester and cotton blend - that comes in handy during the hot Georgia spring.Another interesting fact is the white uniform is not that different to the binmen of Augusta National, who wear green caps but their overalls are yellow, not white.It's not just the professional caddies who wear the white jumpsuits either, as players can get them for their wives, girlfriends, children and friends to wear while caddying for them in the traditional Wednesday par 3 contest.Attendants on the driving range also wear the same white jumpsuits and green caps while collecting balls and running through other duties.The professional caddies don't tend to keep their white jumpsuits from the week, although they are allowed to send a letter requesting that they keep it and Augusta National sends it out to them via mail. By: Josh Schrook May 9, 2025 Collin Morikawa's caddie change is about more than numbers on a scorecard. Getty Images FLOURTOWN, Pa. — Collin Morikawa needed a change. Something felt off. Although ask the two-time major winner what it was, and he can't quite articulate it.Regardless, Morikawa's need for a vibe-shift led him to part ways with long-time caddie J.J. Jakovac and hire Joe Greiner to replace him. "It's hard because you can ask any caddie, and they say they're going to do this, do that, but you don't really know until you're out there," Morikawa said Thursday, after his first round with Greiner on the bag at the Trusti Championship at Philadelphia Cricket Club. "What's great, when I talked to Joe, is that we're always willing to learn, how do we get better? I think [J.J] is still amazing at what he does, but it's always pushing the boundaries of like, what can we do better tomorrow? How do we improve? What do we continue to do great and learn from that. That's kind of how I've always looked at it. I'm very excited about the future."Morikawa has been playing good golf this season. He was runner-up at The Sentry and the Arnold Palmer Invitational. But good isn't good enough when you're a player with Morikawa's resume and talent. "Look, anything new is going to be interesting, and it's going to be a learning curve, but at the end of the day, right now I have to take full accountability of how I'm describing shots to him, how we're going through it," Morikawa said after posting a seven-under-63 in Round 1. "It's not as simple as 150 yards, hit it 155. Like, I don't do numbers like that. I just have to take accountability for what I'm doing out there." Major caddie change sends shockwaves through PGA Tour By: Dylan Dethier That might sound familiar. Eight years ago, another top player split with his veteran caddie after years of success, hoping for a similar reason. It was 2017, and Rory McIlroy had just parted with long-time caddie JP Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald had been McIlroy's caddie since 2008. The pair won four majors together and carded 22 worldwide victories. McIlroy spent 95 weeks as World No. 1 with Fitzgerald on the bag. Then, a change was needed. Enter Harry Diamond."I have been putting this line out there for a while that I'm trying to take ownership of my game a little bit more and trying to take more responsibility," McIlroy said at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational after parting with Fitzgerald in 2017. "I've been walking the course with my own yardage book this week and trying to sort more things out myself."That was the decision I came to in the end," McIlroy continued later. "I was getting very hard on him on the golf course and I didn't want to treat him like that. I thank JP for everything, he knows how much I think of him and what we've achieved together, but at the end of the day it was a change I needed to make. I got to the point where if I didn't play a good shot or made a wrong decision I was getting more frustrated at him than I was at myself. I'd much rather be angry at myself for making a wrong decision than being angry at him."McIlroy finished in a tie for fifth during his first event with Diamond on the bag. Their first win together didn't come until the following March at the 2018 Arnold Palmer Invitational. Since then, McIlroy and Diamond have won 21 more times worldwide, including the 2025 Masters, where Diamond's value was evident as McIlroy went to a playoff with Justin Rose. "After scoring, Harry and I were walking to the golf cart to bring us back to the 18th tee, and he said to me, 'Well, Pal, we would have taken this on Monday morning.'" McIlroy said after completing the career Grand Slam. "I'm like, 'Yeah, absolutely we would have.' That was an easy reset. He basically said to me, look, you would have given your right arm to be in a playoff at the start of the week. So that sort of reframed it a little bit for me."Morikawa hasn't won since the 2023 ZoZo Championship. He had cracks last year at the Masters, PGA Championship, Memorial and the Genesis Scottish Open. No wins. A few more near misses led to a search for a new felf on the bag.There's a debate among golf fans about how much of an impact a caddie has on an elite player's score. Morikawa believes a good caddie can save him "a handful of shots" during a week, which can be the difference between winning and a top-five finish.For Morikawa, the caddie switch will enable him to return to how he used to play the game. It's about more than just numbers on a scorecard, as was McIlroy's. "A few weeks ago, I might have just stepped up and hit a pitching wedge," Morikawa said. "Where today I'm really trying to describe the shot in as much detail, and that's how I've always played. It's just going back to that." There can be a freedom in returning to or rediscovering something that was once a formative part of the person and the golfer you become.Morikawa's search to rediscover it led him to Greiner, a desire to take ownership of his game and what he hopes is the evolution he has been trying to find. The Masters caddies wear white jumpsuits and green caps, and have done since the 1940s, and eagle-eyed viewers will notice that each one has a different number on their chest. But why?It's one of the many Masters traditions and it's a very simple one. Players arrive at Augusta National on tournament week and officially register for the event at the club, and the number their caddies wear is simply dictated by which order they registered in.There is a caveat to that though, as the defending champion's caddie always takes number '1' no matter when they check in. You may like This year's defending champion is Jon Rahm, therefore his caddie Adam Hayes has the honor of the number one.Adam Hayes, Jon Rahm's caddie, seen with the #1 as defending championThe caddie wears that number all week, and even the players' caddie, whether it's their usual caddie or a friend, partner or family member, wears it during the traditional Masters Par 3 Contest - if they play.For the 2024 Masters, there are 89 participants starting the week so the highest number seen on a caddie's jumpsuit is 89.This tradition has also spread to the Augusta National Women's Amateur, where the world's best female amateurs play two rounds at Champions Retreat before the final round at Augusta National on the Saturday before The Masters.Subscribe to the Golf Monthly newsletter to stay up to date with all the latest tour news, equipment news, reviews, head-to-heads and buyer's guides from our team of experienced experts.Caddies in the Augusta National Women's Amateur also wear numbersThe ANWA started in 2019, with the debut tournament won by now-Major champion Jennifer Kupcho. It has now had five editions, with England's Lottie Wood, who attends Florida State University, winning the 2024 edition. The caddies are a key part of Augusta and Masters heritage When you think about Augusta National, the first images that probably come to mind are blooming azaleas, the pristine fairways, and of course, the iconic Green Jacket. But there's another piece of Masters history that's every bit as legendary - and far too often overlooked.We're talking about the caddies. THE MASTERS: The story of the Green Jacket. . . and how it was nearly parch! The white jumpsuit, green cap, and stoic presence have become symbolic of Augusta National. But behind the uniform lies a deep, rich legacy— = one of loyalty, genius, and untold influence. These aren't just bag carriers. These are men who helped shape Masters history from the shadows.And no caddie casts a longer shadow than Willie "Pappy" Stokes.Born on the property in 1922, Pappy Stokes quite literally grew up with Augusta National. His family lived on land that would soon become sacred golfing ground. At just 10 years old, he was hauling water for the crew that carved the course into the Georgia clay. By the time Bobby Jones opened Augusta in 1933, Pappy was ready - with an encyclopedic knowledge of every slope, runoff, and sneaky break.He would go on to guide legends like Ben Hogan and Henry Picard to five Green Jackets. And his legacy? It lives on in every putt that breaks toward Rae's Creek. THE MASTERS: The Champions Dinner: History and the menus Long before yardage books and green-reading charts were in every player's arsenal, Pappy was the guy showing younger caddies how to truly "read" Augusta. He was known to tell them, "Everything breaks to Rae's Creek." And it's not a myth. To this day, red dots mark the direction of Rae's Creek on every green diagram in the caddie facility - silent nods to the knowledge passed down by the old guard.During the club's early decades, the caddie corps was made up almost entirely of young black men from Augusta's nearby neighborhoods. Many started at Augusta Country Club before graduating to the big leagues of Augusta National. The work wasn't just a job; it was a point of pride. They weren't just trying to keep up with PGA Tour caddies - they believed they were better.A few caddies rose to household-name status among the players, even if the wider world didn't always recognize them. Nathaniel "Iron Man" Avery was Arnold Palmer's right-hand man for four of his Masters wins. He famously fired up Arnie after a club loss in 1960 with the line: "Are we chokin', Mr. Palmer?" Willie Peterson was a showman, dancing on the fairways and hyping the crowd as Jack Nicklaus tore through the field in the '60s and '70s. The two won five Masters together. Carl Jackson, who worked with Ben Crenshaw for decades, was so integral to Crenshaw's process that he said: "Ben made me a part of his game. I felt like I had won, too." These men weren't just caddies. They were strategists, psychologists, motivators - and sometimes comedians. THE MASTERS: How a scorecard mistake cost de Vicenzo Augusta glory Every Augusta caddie seemed to come with a nickname and a story. John Henry "Stovepipe" Gordon was Gene Sarazen's caddie in 1935 when the "Shot Heard 'Round the World" happened. He gathered that unimaginative nickname because he always wore a stovepipe hat - on and off the course. "Cemetery", real name Willie Perteeet, earned the name after surviving a stabbing... and waking up in the morgue. He was President Eisenhower's go-to caddie on trips to Augusta. In 1983, Augusta allowed PGA Tour caddies - mostly white and less familiar with the terrain - to replace the local legends. It was a turning point that many in the community still look back on with sadness.And in 1996, Augusta handed caddie operations over to Caddiemaster Inc., turning what was once a tight-knit, brotherly culture into a more polished, corporate setup.But the legacy still lingers. You just have to look for it.If you've never seen Loopers: The Caddie's Long Walk, do yourself a favor while you're waiting for Masters TV coverage to start. Narrated by Bill Murray, it's a love letter to the caddies of the game - especially the Augusta crew. The film even helped give Nathaniel "Iron Man" Avery the respect he deserved, giving his previously unmarked grave a proper headstone, decades after his passing.Before retiring, Jackson even mentored Michael Greller, Jordan Spieth's caddie, ahead of Spieth's 2015 Masters win. Their bond, rooted in shared Texas ties and Augusta wisdom, helped Spieth tie Tiger's tournament record at just 21.As Masters week unfolds and all eyes turn to Augusta, don't forget who walks those iconic fairways just a few paces behind the stars - or those who came before them. The legends in white jumpsuits - many of whom shaped this tournament long before most players were born - are part of what makes the Masters magic.Willie "Pappy" Stokes1938 (Henry Picard); 1948 (Claude Harmon); 1951, 1953 (Ben Hogan); 1956 (Jack Burke Jr.)Willie Peterson1962, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1975 (Jack Nicklaus)Nathaniel "Iron Man" Avery1958, 1960, 1962, 1964 (Arnold Palmer)Steve Williams2001, 2002, 2005 (Tiger Woods); 2013 (Adam Scott)MORE FROM THE MASTERS- How you can play Augusta- Everything the champion wins- With anonymity guaranteed, the caddies reveal all about Augusta You know you're watching the Masters when the azaleas are blooming, the greens roll like glass and you see caddies carrying golf bags while wearing white jumpsuits that make them look like they might be house painters or cheer captains at a Texas A&M football game.However, like so many things at Augusta National Golf Club, caddies wearing white jumpsuits is a tradition that dates back decades.Caddies at the Augusta National Invitational Tournament and the earliest Masters tournaments in the 1930s wore clothes similar to the patrons attending those events, according to the club. Clifford Roberts, one of the co-founders of Augusta National and a club chairman, thought there were times when it could be challenging to identify the caddies, so in 1940 he wrote a letter and proposed they wear uniforms.The earliest uniforms were made using blue denim and included a green cap with a yellow button for regular member play. In the late 1940s, the white jumpsuits started to be used during Masters tournaments. They were heavy, looked like clothing worn by painters and were hot for the caddies who carried clubs up and down the course's hills. However, the white jumpsuits served their purpose and made it very easy to see who the caddies were during the tournament.Until 1983, players who competed in the Masters had to use a caddie who worked at Augusta National, but after players were allowed to bring their regular caddies to the Masters, the white jumpsuit tradition remained.Today, the jumpsuits are made from a polyester and cotton-blended material that is lighter and cooler. Each caddie's jumpsuit has the player's name on the back, affixed with velcro, along with the club's logo on the right breast and the player's number for the week on a left-breast pocket. The defending Masters champion is assigned the No. 1 each year, but after that, the numbers are assigned in the order the players arrive and check in at the tournament.