



**The Presidents Cup – 2015**  
**Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea**  
**Day One – Results and Notes – October 8, 2015**

**DAY ONE – RESULTS**

Foursomes Matches – United States 4, Internationals 1

- Match 1 Bubba Watson/**J.B. Holmes** (U.S.) defeated Adam Scott/Hideki Matsuyama (International), 3 and 2  
Match 2 Louis Oosthuizen/Branden Grace (International) defeated Matt Kuchar/**Patrick Reed**, 3 and 2  
Match 3 **Rickie Fowler/Jimmy Walker** (U.S.) defeated **Anirban Lahiri/Thongchai Jaidee**, 5 and 4  
Match 4 Phil Mickelson/Zach Johnson (U.S.) defeated Jason Day/**Steven Bowditch**, 2 up  
Match 5 Jordan Spieth/Dustin Johnson (U.S.) defeated **Danny Lee**/Marc Leishman, 4 and 3  
**Note: Presidents Cup rookies (10) are in bold**

The United States has led after the first day in eight of the 11 previous playings of the Presidents Cup, last trailing after Day One in 2005.

The three-point lead is the largest after Day One since the U.S. Team led 5-1/2 to 1/2 in 2007.

There are 10 players making their debut in The Presidents Cup, which is tied for the second-most ever in the history of the event. There were 11 in 2013 and 10 in 2003, 2011 and this year.

**Match 1**

Bubba Watson/**J.B. Holmes** (U.S.) defeated Adam Scott/Hideki Matsuyama (International), 3 and 2

The United States has now won seven of the 11 opening matches in the history of The Presidents Cup, and Watson is now 2-0 as part of the lead off-match in his Presidents Cup career. In 2011, he and partner Webb Simpson defeated Ernie Els/Ryo Ishikawa, 4 and 2, in Day One Foursomes.

Holmes, who was a late addition to the U.S. Team when Jim Furyk announced late last week that his wrist injury would keep him competing, putted well in his debut at The Presidents Cup, especially on the front nine. He holed birdie putts of 14 feet (No. 2); 7 feet (No. 3); 5 feet, 9 inches (No. 4); and 10 feet, 6 inches (No. 5) to give the Americans a 3-up lead through 5.

The Internationals made two birdies (No. 7 and No. 10) to cut the lead to 1 up, where the match remained until birdies by the U.S. Team on holes No. 15 and 16 closed it out.

Matsuyama and Scott played together in foursomes for the third time (Scott has been Matsuyama's only foursomes partner in his Presidents Cup career), and the duo is now 1-2-0.

Watson's Presidents Cup record: 4-2-0

Watson's Foursomes record: 3-0-0

Holmes' Presidents Cup record: 1-0-0

Holmes' Foursomes record: 1-0-0

Matsuyama's Presidents Cup record: 1-4-1

Matsuyama's Foursomes record: 1-2-0  
Scott's Presidents Cup record: 12-16-3  
Scott's Foursomes record: 4-8-1

### **Match 2**

Louis Oosthuizen/Branden Grace (International) defeated Matt Kuchar/**Patrick Reed**, 3 and 2

One of the lone bright spots for the International Team on Day One came from the South African duo of Oosthuizen and Grace. The two were teammates in the 2013 matches but were paired together for the first time today. The match-up gave Grace his first win in five career Presidents Cup matches.

Oosthuizen will be looking to use momentum from his Day One victory more effectively than in 2013, when he and Charl Schwartzel defeated Phil Mickelson/Keegan Bradley, 2 and 1, in the opening match. Oosthuizen then went on to a 0-3-1 record for the week.

For Kuchar, playing in his third Presidents Cup, it marked the first time he hadn't won a full point on the first day of competition (won four-ball match in 2013 and halved foursomes match in 2011).

Oosthuizen's Presidents Cup record: 2-3-1  
Oosthuizen's Foursomes record: 1-2-0  
Grace's Presidents Cup record: 1-4-0  
Grace's Foursomes record: 1-1-0

Kuchar's Presidents Cup record: 4-6-1  
Kuchar's Foursomes record: 1-3-1  
Reed's Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0  
Reed's Foursomes Cup record: 0-1-0

### **Match 3**

**Rickie Fowler/Jimmy Walker** (U.S.) defeated **Anirban Lahiri/Thongchai Jaidee**, 5 and 4

In a matchup of four Presidents Cup rookies, the U.S. Team won handily. Fowler/Walker won three of the first four holes for a 3-up lead that was never seriously challenged. They also won four of the first five holes on the back nine. In total, they won seven holes to the International Team's two, and they were the first to post points in The Presidents Cup 2015 with their decisive victory.

For Fowler, a two-time member of the U.S. Ryder Cup Team, it's his first full point in either competition (0-3-5 in 2010, 2014 Ryder Cup). For Walker, a 2014 Ryder Cup Team member, it's his first win outside of singles competition (1-1-3 in 2014 Ryder Cup).

Fowler's Presidents Cup record: 1-0-0  
Fowler's Foursomes record: 1-0-0  
Walker's Presidents Cup record: 1-0-0  
Walker's Foursomes Cup record: 1-0-0

Lahiri's Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0  
Lahiri's Foursomes record: 0-1-0  
Jaidee's Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0  
Jaidee's Foursomes Cup record: 0-1-0

### **Match 4**

Phil Mickelson/Zach Johnson (U.S.) defeated Jason Day/**Steven Bowditch**, 2 up

Veterans of three previous U.S. Presidents Cup Teams together, Mickelson and Johnson matched up for the first time in Day One Foursomes. Two of the older players on a team that ties for the youngest U.S. Team in event history, Mickelson (45) and Johnson (39) never trailed in their match, and Mickelson – the only player to compete in all 11 Presidents Cup events – provided one of the day’s highlights with a hole-out from the greenside bunker on 13.

The U.S. Team went 2 up with that birdie, where the match remained until Day holed a 31-foot birdie on No. 17 to push the match to the 18<sup>th</sup> hole (the only one of the day to reach 18).

Mickelson is now second in Presidents Cup history for most matches won with 21, trailing only Tiger Woods (24-15-1). He’s tied with Woods for most Foursomes matches won (11), and he has played in more Presidents Cup foursomes matches than any other player (20, compared to Vijay Singh, Ernie Els and Tiger Woods with 16).

Day is still looking for his first full point in Presidents Cup Foursomes (0-3-2).

Day and Mickelson have faced off a total of four times in The Presidents Cup, all in foursomes. Mickelson is 3-0-1 against the Aussie:

2013, Foursomes: Mickelson/Keegan Bradley def. Day/Graham DeLaet, 4 and 3

2013, Foursomes: Day/DeLaet halved with Mickelson/Bradley

2011, Foursomes: Mickelson/Jim Furyk def. Day/Baddeley, 2 and 1

Mickelson’s Presidents Cup record: 21-16-11

Mickelson’s Foursomes record: 11-6-3

Z. Johnson’s Presidents Cup record: 8-6-0

Z. Johnson’s Foursomes Cup record: 5-2-0

Day’s Presidents Cup record: 4-5-2

Day’s Foursomes record: 0-3-2

Bowditch’s Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0

Bowditch’s Foursomes Cup record: 0-1-0

### **Match 5**

Jordan Spieth/Dustin Johnson (U.S.) defeated **Danny Lee**/Marc Leishman, 4 and 3

Spieth and Johnson won the first hole with a par on the first hole, setting the tone for the match. A birdie on No. 2 gave them a 2-up lead, but it was the only hole they won with a birdie for the remainder of the match. After Leishman holed a 7-footer for birdie to win the ninth hole and bring the match back to 1 up in favor of the Americans, the International Team conceded holes No. 10, 11 and finally 15 to end the match. The only other birdie posted to win a hole was by the International Team on No. 14 (to go to 3 down), but it was too little, too late.

Spieth, the newly minted FedExCup champion and No. 1 player in the world, remains undefeated in Presidents Cup foursomes (2013, Steve Stricker/Spieth def. Branden Grace/Richard Sterne, 2 and 1).

Spieth’s Presidents Cup record: 3-2-0

Spieth’s Foursomes record: 2-0-0

D. Johnson’s Presidents Cup record: 2-3-1

D. Johnson’s Foursomes Cup record: 2-0-1

Lee’s Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0

Lee’s Foursomes record: 0-1-0

Leishman’s Presidents Cup record: 2-3-0

Leishman’s Foursomes Cup record: 1-2-0