

The Presidents Cup - 2015 Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea Day Two - Results and Notes - October 9, 2015

DAY TWO - RESULTS

Four-Ball Matches – United States 1 ½, Internationals 3 ½ Overall – United States – 5 ½, Internationals 4 ½

- Match 6 Louis Oosthuizen/Branden Grace (International) defeated Dustin Johnson/Jordan Spieth (U.S.), 4 and 3
- Match 7 Danny Lee/Sangmoon Bae (International) defeated Rickie Fowler/Jimmy Walker (U.S.), 1 up
- Match 8 Adam Scott/Jason Day (International) halved with Zach Johnson/Phil Mickelson (U.S.)
- Match 9 J.B. Holmes/Bubba Watson (U.S.) defeated Marc Leishman/Steven Bowditch (International), 2 up
- Match 10 Thongchai Jaidee/Charl Schwartzel (International) defeated Bill Haas/Chris Kirk (U.S.), 2 and 1

Note: Presidents Cup rookies (10) are in bold

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.

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

The U.S. will carry a 1-point lead into Day Three. The one-point lead for the U.S. Team is the same as in the 2013 Presidents Cup, though with the change in numbers of matches, there are less matches on the first two days. In 2013, the U.S. Team led the International Team 6 ½ to 5 ½ after Day Two.

The 3½ points earned by the International Team in today's session was the most earned in any one team session for them since they earned 4½ points on Day Two (Four-Ball) in 2007 at The Royal Montreal GC.

Match 6

Louis Oosthuizen/Branden Grace (International) defeated Dustin Johnson/Jordan Spieth (U.S.), 4 and 3.

Oosthuizen and Grace won for the second consecutive day, making the South African pair undefeated (2-0-0). Grace went winless in his first Presidents Cup appearance in 2013 (0-4-0).

The first two matches are the first in Oosthuizen's Presidents Cup career not played with Charl Schwartzel. Oosthuizen and Schwartzel were 1-3-0 as a pair during the 2013 Presidents Cup at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio.

Spieth and Johnson, who won their opening match in Foursomes on Thursday, took a 1-up lead after No. 7, but lost the next hole when Oosthuizen made a 72-foot, 3-inch birdie putt from the front of the green. The U.S. Team didn't win a hole for the remainder of the match.

Oosthuizen and Grace closed with back-to-back birdies to win the match on the 15th green.

Johnson, who owns a 2-4-1 record at The Presidents Cup, remains winless in the Four-Ball format.

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

Johnson's Presidents Cup record: 2-4-1 Johnson's Four-Ball record: 0-3-0 Spieth's Presidents Cup record: 3-3-0 Spieth's Four-Ball record: 1-2-0

Match 7

Danny Lee/Sangmoon Bae (International) defeated Rickie Fowler/Jimmy Walker (U.S.), 1 up.

Korean native Sangmoon Bae and Korean-born Danny Lee were paired together on Day Two and provided some of the most drama of the day, fighting back from 2-down through 8 to defeat Rickie Fowler and Jimmy Walker on the 18th hole. Bae holed a birdie putt of 11-feet, 10-inches to birdie the 18th and seal the match, making him and Lee the first two Asian-born players to capture a point at a Presidents Cup contested in Asia.

Both teams struggled on the inward nine, with the U.S. team making no birdies and one bogey and the International teams making two birdies and one bogey. All four players in the match are Presidents Cup rookies.

The win was also the first in Presidents Cup history for both Lee and Bae.

Bae sat out on Day One while Lee was paired with Marc Leishman as the two were defeated by Jordan Spieth and Dustin Johnson in Foursomes competition.

Danny Lee's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-0 Danny Lee's Four-Ball record: 1-0 Sangmoon Bae's Presidents Cup record: 1-0-0 Sangmoon Bae's Four-Ball record: 1-0-0

Fowler's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-0 Fowler's Four-Ball record: 0-1-0 Walker's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-0 Walker's Four-Ball record: 0-1-0

Match 8

Adam Scott/Jason Day (International) halved with Zach Johnson/Phil Mickelson (U.S.)

In a matchup that featured four major champions, the U.S. and International teams went back and forth in a match that included a score adjustment for the U.S. Team based on a ruling (full PGA TOUR statement below). Following the ruling, which put the U.S. Team 2 down through 7, the U.S. team fought back, drawing the match even by the 11th hole.

Mickelson provided a dramatic turn in the match, holing a 136-yard shot from a fairway bunker on the Par-4 12th to give the U.S. Team a 1-up advantage.

Day's birdie on the Par-5 15th drew the match even with a short birdie putt set up by a wedge to just over 3 feet from 54 yards away.

Johnson and Day both birdied the closing hole to halve the match.

The four players in the match have a combined 72 PGA TOUR victories, more than the other 20 participants in this year's Presidents Cup combined (65). They also have a combined 21 appearances in The Presidents Cup.

In Johnson's fourth Presidents Cup appearance, this was the first time he earned a half point for his team (8-6-1). Mickelson, in his 11th appearance at this event, earned his 12th half-point in his Presidents Cup career – no other U.S player in history has more than four half-points (Justin Leonard and Davis Love III). For reference, Woods, the winningest player in Presidents Cup history, only has one halved match in his Presidents Cup career.

Scott's Presidents Cup record: 12-16-4

Scott's Four-Ball record: 5-5-3 Day's Presidents Cup record: 4-5-3 Day's Four-Ball record: 3-1-1

Johnson's Presidents Cup record: 8-6-1 Johnson's Four-Ball record: 2-2-1

Mickelson's Presidents Cup record: 21-16-12

Mickelson's Four-Ball record: 8-5-6

Match 9

J.B. Holmes/Bubba Watson (U.S.) defeated Marc Leishman/Steven Bowditch (International), 2 up

Americans Holmes and Watson continued their winning ways on Day Two, and through two days of competition have never trailed to the Internationals at any point in either match.

Holmes was a late addition to the team following Jim Furyk's withdrawal due to a wrist injury. Furyk still made the trip to Korea to act as a captain's assistant for the first time. The late addition of Holmes has proven to be strong, as Holmes and Watson are responsible for two of the 5 ½ points for the U.S. Team through two days.

With a 1-up lead on the 18th hole, Holmes hit his tee shot 324 yards, and sank a putt of 31 feet, 3 inches for an eagle three to seal the match.

Watson improves his Presidents Cup record to 5-2-0, and his Four-Ball record to 2-1-0.

Holmes' Presidents Cup record: 2-0-0 Holmes' Four-Ball record: 1-0-0 Watson's Presidents Cup record: 5-2-0 Watson's Four-Ball record: 2-1-1

Leishman's Presidents Cup record: 2-4-0 Leishman's Four-Ball record: 0-2-0 Bowditch's Presidents Cup record: 0-2-0 Bowditch's Four-Ball record: 0-1-0

Match 10

Thongchai Jaidee/Charl Schwartzel (International) defeated Bill Haas/Chris Kirk (U.S.), 2 and 1

Thailand native Thongchai Jaidee and South African Charl Schwartzel never trailed in their defeat of Bill Haas and Chris Kirk. Three of the four players in the match sat during Day One (Schwartzel, Haas, Kirk), and Jaidee was defeated in Foursomes 5 and 4 by Jimmy Walker and Rickie Fowler, while paired with Anirban Lahiri.

Both Jaidee and Kirk are rookies this year, with Kirk still looking for his first Presidents Cup point.

Haas and Kirk struggled during the match, recording no birdies on the front side. Haas played well down the stretch with the match on the line, making birdie on 15 and 16 before Schwartzel birdied 17 to seal the match. Schwartzel improves his Four-Ball record to 4-1-0.

Jaidee's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-0 Jaidee's Four-Ball record: 1-0-0

Schwartzel's Presidents Cup record: 6-4-1 Schwartzel's Four-Ball record: 4-1-0

Haas Presidents Cup record: 3-6-2 Haas Four-Ball record: 2-2-1 Kirk Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0 Kirk Four-Ball record: 0-1-0

PGA TOUR Statement on Phil Mickelson ruling on No. 7:

The One-Ball Condition is in effect for Four Ball and Singles matches during The Presidents Cup. The condition is not in effect for Foursome Matches.

On the 7th tee, Phil Mickelson put a different type of ball into play than that which he had been playing earlier in the round. When he did this, he breached the One-Ball Condition.

In this situation, the penalty for breach of this condition is a one-hole adjustment to the state of the match.

This means that at the conclusion of the 7th hole, whatever the outcome of the hole may be, the state of the match is adjusted by one hole.

In this case, the USA side lost the 7th hole, making the International side 1-up through the 7th hole. At this point, the adjustment penalty of one hole is applied for the breach of the One-Ball Condition, resulting in the International side being 2-up through 7 holes.

When the breach was first brought to the attention of the Match Committee, the walking referee consulted with the committee on-site as to the proper ruling. After brief discussion, the committee advised the walking referee incorrectly that Phil was disqualified from the hole. Thus, Phil picked up his ball after his tee shot and did not complete the 7th hole. Under the Rules, he could have continued the 7th hole.

Over the next few minutes, the committee realized that it had incorrectly advised Phil. Under discussion 34–2/6 of the Rules of Golf, the committee is not allowed to have Phil go back and play in an attempt to correct the error. This is because once any player in the match plays a subsequent stroke, allowing a correction could potentially undermine the strategy already employed by both sides in the match in completing the hole.

On the 8th tee, both sides in the match were advised of the correct ruling, and the match continued from that point.