



2017 Presidents Cup

Liberty National Golf Club

Day One – Results and Notes – September 28, 2017

Day Two Pairings included at the bottom

Foursomes Matches – United States 3.5, International 1.5

Match 1 **Justin Thomas**/Rickie Fowler (U.S.) def. Charl Schwartzel/Hideki Matsuyama, 6 and 4

Match 2 Matt Kuchar/Dustin Johnson (U.S.) def. **Jhonattan Vegas**/Adam Scott, 1-up

Match 3 Patrick Reed/Jordan Spieth (U.S.) def. **Emiliano Grillo/Si Woo Kim**, 5 and 4

Match 4 Branden Grace/Louis Oosthuizen (International) def. **Daniel Berger/Brooks Koepka**, 3 and 1

Match 5 Phil Mickelson/**Kevin Kisner** (U.S.) halved with Marc Leishman/Jason Day

Note: Presidents Cup rookies (10) are in bold

The United States has led after the first day in nine of the 12 previous playings of the Presidents Cup, last trailing after Day One in 2005.

Since 2007, the U.S. Team leads the International Team 41.5-16.5 in foursomes.

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, 2015 and this year. The six first-timers on the U.S. Team is also tied for the most ever (2011).

Both Presidents Cup teams are the youngest in the event's history. The average age of the U.S. Team is 31.8 years old, while the International Team is 30.3 years old.

Match 1

Justin Thomas/Rickie Fowler (U.S.) def. Charl Schwartzel/Hideki Matsuyama (International), 6 and 4

Justin Thomas and Rickie Fowler were 1-down after the first two holes, but won four out of the next five holes to seize control of the match, including a Fowler chip-in on the third hole for birdie. A Thomas birdie on the par-4 12th gave the U.S. a 5-up lead, and they closed out the match on the par-4 14th.

The United States has now won eight of the 12 opening matches in the history of the Presidents Cup, and Fowler has now won his second consecutive opening match. He teamed with Jimmy Walker in 2015 to defeat Anirban Lahiri and Thongchai Jaidee in foursomes.

Charl Schwartzel remains winless in six career Presidents Cup foursomes matches (0-5-1).

Thomas' Presidents Cup record: 1-0-0

Thomas' Foursomes record: 1-0-0

Fowler's Presidents Cup record: 2-3-0

Fowler's Foursomes record: 2-1-0

Matsuyama's Presidents Cup record: 3-5-2

Matsuyama's Foursomes record: 1-3-1

Schwartzel's Presidents Cup record: 6-8-1

Schwartzel's Foursomes record: 0-5-1

Match 2

Matt Kuchar/Dustin Johnson (U.S.) def. Jhonattan Vegas/Adam Scott, 1-up

The International Team led the entire front nine, but surrendered the lead after making bogey on the 10th hole. The match remained all square until the 16th hole, where Dustin Johnson hit his tee shot to seven feet, setting up a birdie from Matt Kuchar to take a 1-up lead. The U.S. Team closed out the match on the 18th hole with a par after not making a bogey in windy conditions at Liberty National.

This was the second time Kuchar and Johnson were paired together in the Presidents Cup, both in foursomes. The two halved their match with Aaron Baddeley and Jason Day on Day One in 2011.

Johnson remains undefeated in foursomes, joining Spieth with four total victories in the format. He provided the highlight of the match at the par-3 seventh, where the South Carolina native holed out from a greenside bunker for birdie.

With the loss, Adam Scott now has the most foursome losses in Presidents Cup history with nine, breaking the tie he shared with Retief Goosen.

Kuchar's Presidents Cup record: 5-7-2

Kuchar's Foursomes record: 2-3-2

Johnson's Presidents Cup record: 5-4-1

Johnson's Foursomes record: 4-0-1

Vegas' Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0

Vegas' Foursomes record: 0-1-0

Scott's Presidents Cup record: 13-18-5

Scott's Foursomes Cup record: 4-9-2

Match 3

Patrick Reed/Jordan Spieth (U.S.) def. Emiliano Grillo/Si Woo Kim, 5 and 4

The U.S. Team never trailed against the two International Team rookies, winning eight holes including four in a row from Nos. 4-7. Jordan Spieth collected his fourth foursomes victory and remains undefeated in the format:

2013, Day Two: Jordan Spieth/Steve Stricker def. Branden Grace/Richard Sterne, 2 and 1

2015, Day One: Jordan Spieth/Dustin Johnson def. Danny Lee/Marc Leishman, 4 and 3

2015, Day Three: Jordan Spieth/Dustin Johnson def. Jason Day/Charl Schwartzel, 1-up

2017, Day One: Jordan Spieth/Patrick Reed def. Emiliano Grillo/Si Woo Kim, 5 and 4

Spieth and Reed are now 2-0 as teammates in the Presidents Cup. In 2015, they won their Saturday four-ball match over Jason Day and Charl Schwartzel, 3 and 2.

Reed's Presidents Cup record: 2-2-1
Reed's Foursomes record: 1-2-0
Spieth's Presidents Cup record: 6-4-0
Spieth's Foursomes Cup record: 4-0-0
Grillo's Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0
Grillo's Foursomes record: 0-1-0
Kim's Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0
Kim's Foursomes Cup record: 0-1-0

Match 4

Branden Grace/Louis Oosthuizen (International) def. Daniel Berger/Brooks Koepka, 3 and 1

The South African duo collected their fifth consecutive victory in the Presidents Cup, knocking off first-timers Daniel Berger and Brooks Koepka and securing the first full point for the International Team. Grace and Oosthuizen compiled a perfect 4-0-0 record in 2015, making them the second pair to win four points in a single Presidents Cup (Tiger Woods/Steve Stricker, 2009). Here's a look at their performance in 2015 together:

Day One Foursomes: defeated Matt Kuchar/Patrick Reed 2&1
Day Two Four-ball: defeated Dustin Johnson/Jordan Spieth 4&3
Day Three Foursomes: defeated Patrick Reed and Rickie Fowler 3&2
Day Three Four-ball: defeated Bubba Watson/J.B. Holmes 1-up

Grace went on to become the fifth player to win five matches in a single Presidents Cup after going 0-4-0 in his debut in 2013; Oosthuizen halved his singles match in 2015 to finish undefeated.

Berger's Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0
Berger's Foursomes record: 0-1-0
Koepka's Presidents Cup record: 0-1-0
Koepka's Foursomes Cup record: 0-1-0
Grace's Presidents Cup record: 6-4-0
Grace's Foursomes record: 3-1-0
Oosthuizen's Presidents Cup record: 6-3-2
Oosthuizen's Foursomes Cup record: 3-2-0

Match 5

Phil Mickelson/Kevin Kisner (U.S.) halved with Marc Leishman/Jason Day

The U.S. Team was 3-up through seven holes, but the International Team clawed their way back thanks in part to a par-eagle-birdie-par stretch from Nos. 8-11 that yielded four wins. At the par-5 ninth, Marc Leishman delivered the match's highlight with a chip-in for eagle from behind the green. The U.S. Team squared the match with a par on the 17th hole and nearly secured a full point at the 18th, but Phil Mickelson's par putt from six feet slid by the hole.

With the halve, Mickelson remains tied with Tiger Woods with the most wins in Presidents Cup history (23). Mickelson is the only player to compete in all 12 editions of the Presidents Cup.

Kevin Kisner was Mickelson's 16th different partner in his record 52 matches played:

Woody Austin	1-0-2
Keegan Bradley	2-1-1

Chris DiMarco	3-1-1
David Duval	0-3-1
Fred Funk	0-1-0
Jim Furyk	3-0-0
Zach Johnson	2-0-1
Anthony Kim	1-0-0
Kevin Kisner	0-0-1
Tom Lehman	4-1-0
Justin Leonard	1-0-0
Davis Love III	1-0-0
Hunter Mahan	0-1-0
Sean O'Hair	1-0-1
Corey Pavin	1-1-2
David Toms	0-2-0

Day is still looking for his first full point in Presidents Cup foursomes (0-4-3).

Day and Mickelson have faced off a total of five times in the Presidents Cup, all in foursomes. Mickelson is 3-0-2 against the Aussie:

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

2013, Day Three: Mickelson/Bradley def. Day/DeLaet, 4 and 3

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

2015, Day One: Mickelson, Z. Johnson def. Day/Bowditch, 2-up

2017, Day One: Mickelson/Kisner halved with Day/Leishman

Mickelson's Presidents Cup record: 23-16-13

Mickelson's Foursomes record: 11-6-4

Kisner's Presidents Cup record: 0-0-1

Kisner's Foursomes Cup record: 0-0-1

Leishman's Presidents Cup record: 3-4-2

Leishman's Foursomes record: 1-2-2

Day's Presidents Cup record: 4-8-4

Day's Foursomes Cup record: 0-4-3

Day Two Pairings – Four-ball

Match 6

11:35 a.m. Jordan Spieth/Patrick Reed (U.S.) vs. Hideki Matsuyama/Adam Hadwin (International)

Match 7

11:50 a.m. Rickie Fowler/Justin Thomas (U.S.) vs. Louis Oosthuizen/Branden Grace (International)

Match 8

12:05 p.m. Phil Mickelson/Kevin Kisner (U.S.) vs. Jason Day/Marc Leishman (International)

Match 9

12:20 p.m. Kevin Chappell/Charley Hoffman (U.S.) vs. Charl Schwartzel/Anirban Lahiri
(International)

Match 10

12:35 p.m. Dustin Johnson/Brooks Koepka (U.S.) vs. Adam Scott/Jhonattan Vegas (International)