

2017 Presidents Cup

Liberty National Golf Club

Day Three - Results and Notes - September 30, 2017

Day Four Pairings included at the bottom

Morning Foursomes Matches – U.S. Team 3.5, International Team 0.5 **Overall score after the Foursome Matches** – U.S. Team 11.5, International Team 2.5

Afternoon Four-Ball Matches – U.S. Team 3, International Team 1 **Overall score after the Four-Ball Matches** – U.S. Team 14.5, International Team 3.5

The 11-point lead by the U.S. Team heading into Sunday's Singles Matches surpasses the previous record of nine points; the International Team led by nine points in 1998 and ended up beating the U.S. Team 20.5 to 11.5.

The largest overall margin of victory in Presidents Cup history after all sessions is 11 points, when the U.S. defeated the International team 21.5 to 10.5 in 2000.

2017 Captains' Picks-Records this week through Day Three

Player	Foursomes	Four-Ball	Overall
Charley Hoffman	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Phil Mickelson	1-0-1	1-0-0	2-0-1
Emiliano Grillo	0-2-0	0-0-1	0-2-1
Anirban Lahiri	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0

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.

Since 2007, the U.S. Team leads the International Team in Foursomes play 45-17 and in Four-Ball play 33-29.

Here's a closer look at the number of holes won by the U.S. versus the Internationals on holes 13-18 this week:

	U.S. holes won	Internationals holes won
Thursday Foursomes	4	4
Friday Four-Ball	8	2
Saturday a.m. Foursomes	8	2
Saturday p.m. Four-Ball	8	2
Total through Day Three	20	10

Saturday Morning Foursome Matches

Match 11: Patrick Reed/Jordan Spieth (U.S.) def. Jason Day/Marc Leishman (International), 4 and 3

Match 12: Dustin Johnson/Matt Kuchar (U.S.) def. Adam Scott/Adam Hadwin (International), 4 and 3

Match 13: Phil Mickelson/**Kevin Kisner** (U.S.) def. **Jhonattan Vegas/Emiliano Grillo** (International), 2 and 1

Match 14: **Justin Thomas**/Rickie Fowler (U.S.) halved with Louis Oosthuizen/Branden Grace (International)

Note: Presidents Cup rookies (10) are in bold

Match 11

Patrick Reed/Jordan Spieth (U.S.) def. Jason Day/Marc Leishman (International), 4 and 3

Playing together for the third consecutive time this week, Spieth and Reed defeated Australia's Day and Leishman, 4 and 3, improving their Presidents Cup record of matches they have played together to 3-0-1.

Jordan Spieth's foursomes record is now a perfect 5-0-0.

The Americans won the first hole with a par after Leishman hit his tee shot into the water and the Internationals could not save par. Spieth and Reed maintained a 1-up lead through No. 4, but birdies by the Internationals on the par-5 5th and par-3 7th gave the Aussies a 1-up advantage. The Aussies' lead did not last long, as a birdie for the Americans on No. 9 got the match back to all square, and four consecutive birdies on Holes 12-15 by Spieth and Reed ended the match, 3 and 2.

Earlier this week, the duo defeated Emiliano Grillo and Si Woo Kim 5 and 4 in Day One Foursomes play and overcame a 2-down deficit with four holes to play to halve their Four-Ball match on Day Two versus Hideki Matsuyama and Adam Hadwin.

Saturday morning's foursomes pairing of Jason Day and Marc Leishman marked the third consecutive time they were paired together at the 2017 Presidents Cup, where they have lost all three matches. Despite playing on two prior Presidents Cup teams together (2013, 2015), this week marked the first time they played together.

Spieth's Foursomes record: 5-0-0 Reed's Foursomes record: 2-2-0 Jason Day's Foursomes Record: 0-5-3 Marc Leishman's Foursomes record: 1-3-2

Match 12

Dustin Johnson/Matt Kuchar (U.S.) def. Adam Scott/Adam Hadwin (International), 4 and 3

After defeating Vegas and Scott 1-up in Day One Foursomes, Johnson and Kuchar soundly defeated Scott and Hadwin in Saturday morning Foursomes, 4 and 3, to improve their Foursomes record for the week to 2-0.

The Americans won the first hole and never relinquished their lead. They were 4-up through nine holes, and it looked as if the Internationals would make a comeback after Hadwin sunk a 23 foot, 6 inch putt on the par-3 10th and a 7 foot, 8 inch putt on the par-4 13th to get the match back to 2-up in favor of the Americans. The Americans, however, won hole No. 14 with a par, and Kuchar sunk a 16 foot, 4 inch putt for birdie to end the match.

Dustin Johnson's Foursomes record: 5-0-1 Matt Kuchar's Foursomes record: 3-3-2 Adam Scott's Foursomes record: 4-10-2 Adam Hadwin's Foursomes record: 0-1-0

Match 13

Phil Mickelson/Kevin Kisner (U.S.) def. Jhonattan Vegas/Emiliano Grillo (International), 2 and 1

Fresh off their 1-up victory over Day and Leishman during Friday's Four-Ball Matches that came down to the final hole, Mickelson and Kisner—playing together for the third time this week—defeated Vegas and Grillo on the 17th hole.

The match was all square through 13 holes but the Americans won Nos. 14 and 15 to go 2-up. Grillo put the pressure on the Americans by hitting his tee shot on the par-3 16th to just under two feet, with the Americans failing to match their birdie. Kisner, a Presidents Cup rookie, didn't let the pressure get to him and sunk a 10 foot, 9 inch birdie putt on No. 17 to improve his Presidents Cup record to 2-0-1.

Mickelson is the only player to have played in all 12 Presidents Cup competitions, and with his win Saturday morning, passed Tiger Woods for both the most wins ever in Presidents Cup history with 25 and the most wins in Foursomes matches with 12 career wins. Mickelson also holds the record for the most Foursomes matches, with 22.

Phil Mickelson's Foursomes record: 12-6-4 Kevin Kisner's Foursomes record: 1-0-1 Emiliano Grillo's Foursomes record: 0-2-0 Jhonattan Vegas' Foursomes record: 0-2-0

Match 14

Justin Thomas/Rickie Fowler (U.S.) halved with Louis Oosthuizen/Branden Grace (International)

After Thomas and Fowler defeated the South African duo, 3 and 2, in Friday's Four-Ball Matches, the South Africans made a charge on Saturday morning, going 2-up through six holes, but the Americans countered by winning holes 7-10 to go 1-up. After Oosthuizen made a 9 foot, 2 inch putt for birdie on the 11th, the match remained all square heading into the par-3 18th. Both duos made pars, halving the match.

This marked the third consecutive time Thomas and Fowler were paired together this week, where they are 2–0–1, and the seventh time that Oosthuizen and Grace have played together in their Presidents Cup careers, where they are 5–1–1. Oosthuizen and Grace also hold the record for playing with the same partner the most times (7).

Fowler's Foursomes record: 2-1-1

Justin Thomas' Foursomes record: 1-0-1 Louis Oosthuizen's Foursomes record: 3-2-1 Branden Grace's Foursomes record: 3-1-1

Saturday Afternoon Four-Ball Matches

Match 15: Jordan Spieth/Patrick Reed (U.S.) def. Jason Day/Louis Oosthuizen (International), 2 and 1 Match 16: **Daniel Berger/Justin Thomas** (U.S.) def. Hideki Matsuyama/**Jhonattan Vegas** (International), 3 and 2

Match 17: Si Woo Kim/Anirban Lahiri (International) def. Charley Hoffman/Kevin Chappell (U.S.), 1-up

Match 18: Dustin Johnson/**Brooks Koepka** (U.S) def. Branden Grace/Marc Leishman (International), 3 and 2.

Note: Presidents Cup rookies (10) are in bold

Match 15

Jordan Spieth/Patrick Reed (U.S.) def. Jason Day/ Louis Oosthuizen (International), 2 and 1.

Spieth and Reed, the only duo this week to be paired together for all four sessions, continued their undefeated streak at the 2017 Presidents Cup to improve their overall record as a pair to 4-0-1 (they were Four-Ball partners at the 2015 Presidents Cup, where they defeated Day and Schwartzel, 3 and 2).

Their victory, however, was marked by an interesting rules violation on the driveable par-4 12th. Heading into the 12th hole, the match was all square. After Jason Day hit his approach shot from 36 yards to two feet for a birdie, Oosthuizen—who flew the green on his drive—hit his second shot from just over 15 yards past the hole. Spieth, who still had an 11 foot, 12 inch putt for birdie to halve the hole, picked up Oosthuizen's golf ball while it was still in motion and was notified by the rules official that he violated Rule 1-2: "Exerting Influence on Movement of Ball or Altering Physical Conditions," which states:

"A player must not (i) take an action with the intent to influence the movement of a ball in play or (ii) alter physical conditions with the intent of affecting the playing of a hole."

The penalty for breach of this rule is loss of the hole. Thus, Spieth could not attempt his birdie putt, and the International duo won the 12th hole, marking the first time during the 2017 Presidents Cup that the Internationals won the 12th hole in any match.

Spieth brought the match back to all square thanks to a 6 foot, 9 inch birdie putt on the par-4 15th and then Reed stuck his tee shot on the par-3 16th to 4 feet, 7 inches and made birdie to put the Americans 1-up. Spieth closed the match with a 12 foot, 9 inch birdie putt on the 17th. They made a combined nine birdies Saturday afternoon.

With his loss, Day has not won a match at the Presidents Cup since he defeated Brandt Snedeker, 6 and 4, in singles during the 2013 Presidents Cup.

Spieth's Presidents Cup record: 8-4-1 Spieth's Four-Ball record: 3-2-1 Reed's Presidents Cup record: 4-2-2 Reed's Four-Ball record: 2-0-1 Jason Day's Presidents Cup Record: 4-11-4 Jason Day's Four-Ball Record: 3-4-1 Louis Oosthuizen's Presidents Cup record: 6-5-3

Match 16

Daniel Berger/Justin Thomas (U.S.) def. Hideki Matsuyama/Jhonattan Vegas (International), 3 and 2

Matsuyama and Vegas got off to a very hot start during Saturday afternoon's Four-Ball matches, with Matsuyama making three consecutive birdies on holes 2-4 to put the International duo 3-up in the match. Berger fought back with birdies on Nos. 5 and 9 to put the Americans 1-down heading into the back nine and then followed his birdie at No. 9 by sinking a 32-foot birdie putt on the par-3 10th to bring the match back to all square. Another birdie for Berger at the par-4 11th—his fifth birdie of the day—gave the Americans the advantage.

Thomas continued the momentum by draining a 42 foot, 2 inch birdie putt on the par-4 14th to go 2-up. On the same hole during yesterday's Four-Ball matches, Thomas made a 29-foot putt for birdie to put himself and partner Rickie Fowler 3-up in their match, which they won 3 and 2 over Branden Grace and Louis Oosthuizen.

After both Matsuyama and Vegas failed to make par on the par-3 16th, Berger holed his 6 foot, 3 inch par putt to close the match, giving Berger his first win of the week and the U.S. Team their second point on Saturday afternoon.

Thomas, the reigning FedExCup champion and a 5-time PGA TOUR winner this season, is undefeated in his Presidents Cup debut heading into Sunday Singles tomorrow (3-0-1).

Daniel Berger's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-0 Daniel Berger's Four-Ball record: 1-1-0 Justin Thomas' Presidents Cup record: 3-0-1 Justin Thomas' Four-Ball record: 2-0-0 Hideki Matsuyama's Presidents Cup record: 3-6-3 Hideki Matsuyama's Four-Ball record: 1-2-2 Jhonattan Vegas' Presidents Cup record: 0-4-0 Jhonattan Vegas' Four-Ball record: 0-2-0

Match 17

Si Woo Kim/Anirban Lahiri (International) def. Charley Hoffman/Kevin Chappell (U.S.), 1-up

Hoffman and Chappell, Presidents Cup rookies whose 6 and 5 victory over Charl Schwartzel and Anirban Lahiri on Friday marked the largest margin by any two rookies playing together in their first Presidents Cup matches, had quite the battle against Kim and Lahiri Saturday afternoon.

The Internationals were 1-up heading into the back nine, but an 11 foot, 11 inch birdie by Chappell on the par-3 10th brought the match back to all square. The Americans went 1-up on the 13th thanks to a birdie by Hoffman, but Kim gave the Internationals much-needed momentum with a birdie on the par-4 15th. At a crucial point in the match and on the day, Lahiri drained a 16 foot, 2 inch putt on the par-3 16th to put the Internationals 1-up.

Directly after Hoffman holed out from just over 30 yards for birdie on the 17th, Kim sunk an 18 foot, 5 inch birdie putt to maintain the Internationals duo's 1-up lead. Kim's putt couldn't have come at a more

crucial time—had Kim and Lahiri lost the 17th hole, the match would have entered the 18th hole all square, giving Hoffman and Chappell a chance to win the hole and clinch the Presidents Cup for the U.S. Team prior to the Sunday Singles Matches, which would have been a first in Presidents Cup history.

After both sides made pars on the 18th hole, Lahiri and Kim clinched the only full point for the International Team during both sessions on Saturday, giving the International Team a fighting chance to win the Presidents Cup for just the second time in the event's 12-year history (the 2003 event ended in a tie).

Lahiri and Kim were both winless this week heading into their afternoon match (neither played in the Saturday morning Four-Ball Matches), and this marked Lahiri's first win in two Presidents Cup appearances. At the 2015 Presidents Cup, Lahiri was unable to convert a short birdie putt of his own to halve his singles match against Chris Kirk—which was all square heading into the 18th. The International Team ended up losing the Presidents Cup 15.5 to 14.5.

Hoffman's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-0 Hoffman's Four-Ball record: 1-1-0 Chappell's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-0 Chappell's Four-Ball record: 1-1-0 Kim's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-0 Kim's Four-Ball record: 1-0-0 Lahiri's Presidents Cup record: 1-4-0 Lahiri's Four-Ball record: 1-2-0

Match 18

Dustin Johnson/Brooks Koepka (U.S) def. Branden Grace/Marc Leishman (International), 3 and 2.

Paired together as Four-Ball partners for the second time this week and fresh off their 3 and 2 Four-Ball victory over Adam Scott and Jhonattan Vegas Friday afternoon, Johnson and Koepka never trailed at any point on Saturday afternoon. Koepka reeled off three birdies on Nos. 3, 4, 8 and an eagle on No. 9 to put the Americans 2-up heading into the back nine.

Oosthuizen brought the match back to 1-up in favor of the Americans but two more birdies by Koepka on Nos. 13 and 15 sealed the deal for a U.S. victory.

Johnson is the only U.S. Team member this week who has earned outright victories (no halves) in all of his matches (4-0-0 this week). Should Johnson win his singles match tomorrow, he would become the sixth player to win five matches in one year, a Presidents Cup Record, most recently accomplished by Branden Grace in 2015.

Dustin Johnson's Presidents Cup record: 8-4-1 Dustin Johnson's Four-Ball record: 2-3-0 Brooks Koepka's Presidents Cup record: 2-1-0 Brooks Koepka's Four-Ball record: 2-0-0 Branden Grace's Presidents Cup record: 6-6-1 Branden Grace's Four-Ball record: 2-4-0 Marc Leishman's President's Cup record: 3-7-2 Marc Leishman's Four-Ball record: 0-4-0

Sunday pairings -- Singles Matches

Match 19: Kevin Chappell (U.S.) vs. Marc Leishman (International)

12:15 p.m.

Match 20: Charley Hoffman (U.S.) vs. Jason Day (International)

12:26 p.m.

Match 21: Justin Thomas (U.S.) vs. Hideki Matsuyama (International)

12:37 p.m.

Match 22: Daniel Berger (U.S.) vs. Si Woo Kim (International)

12:48 p.m.

Match 23: Matt Kuchar (U.S.) vs. Charl Schwartzel (International)

12:59 p.m.

Match 24: Patrick Reed (U.S.) vs. Louis Oosthuizen (International)

1:10 p.m.

Match 25: Dustin Johnson (U.S.) vs. Branden Grace (International)

1:21 p.m.

Match 26: Brooks Koepka (U.S.) vs. Adam Scott (International)

1:32 p.m.

Match 27: Jordan Spieth (U.S.) vs. Jhonattan Vegas (International)

1:43 p.m.

Match 28: Kevin Kisner (U.S.) vs. Anirban Lahiri (International)

1:54 p.m.

Match 29: Phil Mickelson (U.S.) vs. Adam Hadwin (International)

2:05 p.m.

Match 30: Rickie Fowler (U.S.) vs. Emiliano Grillo (International)