



2019 Presidents Cup - Round Three - Results and Notes - December 14, 2019

Overall Score – International 9, United States 5

Round 3 – Four-Ball – International 2.5, United States 1.5

Round 2 – Foursomes – International 2.5, United States 2.5

Round 1 – Four-Ball – International 4, United States 1

The Royal Melbourne Golf Club, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Things to Know

- First time the International Team has carried the lead after the third round since 1998
- Last time the International Team recorded 2.5 points or more in each of the first three sessions was in 1998
- International Team remains undefeated in Four-Ball sessions at Royal Melbourne with a 5-0-1 record and has outscored the U.S., 19-11, in Four-Ball in three Presidents Cups at Royal Melbourne.
- Since 2003 the International Team has outscored the U.S. Team in Four-Ball competition, 49-45
- Seven International Team rookies are a combined 8-4-3 through three rounds; the U.S. Team's five rookies are 2-7-2
- The International Team is seeking its first Presidents Cup victory since winning at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club in 1998

Fourth Round (Saturday Afternoon) – Pairings – Foursomes

Match 15 (1:56 p.m.) – Louis Oosthuizen/Adam Scott (INT) vs. Dustin Johnson/Gary Woodland (U.S.)

Match 16 (2:07 p.m.) – Marc Leishman/Abraham Ancer (INT) vs. Justin Thomas/Rickie Fowler (U.S.)

Match 17 (2:18 p.m.) – Cameron Smith/Sungjae Im (INT) vs. Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay (U.S.)

Match 18 (2:29 p.m.) – Byeong Hun An/Joaquin Niemann (INT) vs. Matt Kuchar/Tony Finau (U.S.)

Third Round (Saturday Morning) – Four-Ball – International 2.5, United States 1.5

Match 11 – Justin Thomas/Rickie Fowler (U.S.) def. Marc Leishman/Haotong Li (INT), 3 and 2

Match 12 – Sungjae Im/Abraham Ancer (INT) def. Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay (U.S.), 3 and 2

Match 13 – Hideki Matsuyama/C.T. Pan (INT) def. Patrick Reed/Webb Simpson (U.S.), 5 and 3

Match 14 – Adam Scott/Byeong Hun An (INT) vs. Matt Kuchar/Tony Finau (U.S.), tied

Round Three Notes: This week marks the first time the International Team has carried the lead into round four since 1998; The International Team improved their Presidents Cup Four-Ball record to 49-45 since 2003; International Team rookies improve their combined record to 8-4-3 while the U.S. Team's rookies fell to 2-7-2.

Second Round (Friday) – Foursomes – International 2.5, United States 2.5

Match 6 – Louis Oosthuizen/Adam Scott (INT) def. Dustin Johnson/Matt Kuchar (U.S.), 3 and 2

Match 7 – Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay (U.S.) def. Adam Hadwin/Joaquin Niemann (INT), 1-up

Match 8 – Marc Leishman/Abraham Ancer (INT) def. Webb Simpson/Patrick Reed (U.S.), 3 and 2

Match 9 – Justin Thomas/Tiger Woods (U.S.) def. Byeong Hun An/Hideki Matsuyama (INT), 1-up

Match 10 – Sungjae Im/Cameron Smith (INT) vs. Gary Woodland/Rickie Fowler (U.S.), tied

First Round (Thursday) – Four-Ball – International 4, United States 1

Match 1 – Tiger Woods/Justin Thomas (U.S.) def. Marc Leishman/Joaquin Niemann (INT), 4 and 3

Match 2 – Adam Hadwin/Sungjae Im (INT) def. Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay (U.S.), 1-up

Match 3 – Adam Scott/Byeong Hun An (INT) def. Bryson DeChambeau/Tony Finau (U.S.), 2 and 1

Match 4 – Hideki Matsuyama/C.T. Pan (INT) def. Webb Simpson/Patrick Reed (U.S.), 1-up

Match 5 – Abraham Ancer/Louis Oosthuizen (INT) def. Dustin Johnson/Gary Woodland (U.S.), 4 and 3

Third Round Match-by-Match Recaps

Match 11 – Justin Thomas/Rickie Fowler (U.S.) def. Marc Leishman/Haotong Li (INT), 3 and 2

Justin Thomas and Rickie Fowler won the par-5 second hole with a birdie and never trailed in a 3-and-2 win over Australia's Marc Leishman and Mainland China's Haotong Li, who was making his Presidents Cup debut.

Thomas holed the decisive putt for the second consecutive match with a birdie putt from 13' 1" on the 16th hole. Thomas improved his Presidents Cup record to 6-1-1 (4-0-0 in Four-Ball), with his only loss coming in Singles against Hideki Matsuyama in 2017.

Thomas and Fowler are now 3-0-1 as partners in the Presidents Cup (2-0-1 in 2017).

Leishman's Four-Ball record falls to 0-6-0.

Leishman's Presidents Cup record: 4-9-3

Leishman's Four-Ball record: 0-6-0

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

Li's Four-Ball record: 0-1-0

Thomas' Presidents Cup record: 6-1-1

Thomas' Four-Ball record: 4-0-0

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

Fowler's Four-Ball record: 2-1-0

Match 12 – Sungjae Im/Abraham Ancer (INT) def. Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay (U.S.), 3 and 2

After tying the first seven holes, Korea's Sungjae Im and Mexico's Abraham Ancer won Nos. 8 and 10 to take a 2-up lead over Xander Schauffele and Patrick Cantlay, who were paired together for the third time this week.

Following a Cantlay birdie on the par-4 12th to shrink the International Team's lead to 1-up, Ancer responded with a birdie on the par-3 14th to regain a 2-up lead and holed another birdie on the par-4 16th hole from 26' 5" just behind the green to win the match after Schauffele missed his birdie from 10' 12".

Ancer improved to 3-0-0 in his Presidents Cup debut and has yet to have a match reach the 17th hole. Ancer can become the second International Team rookie to earn a 5-0-0 record in the Presidents Cup (Shigeki Maruyama, 1998).

Im's Presidents Cup record: 2-0-1

Im's Four-Ball record: 2-0-0

Ancer's Presidents Cup record: 3-0-0

Ancer's Four-Ball record: 2-0-0

Schauffele's Presidents Cup record: 1-2-0

Schauffele's Four-Ball record: 0-2-0

Cantlay's Presidents Cup record: 1-2-0

Cantlay's Four-Ball record: 0-2-0

Match 13 – Hideki Matsuyama/C.T. Pan (INT) def. Patrick Reed/Webb Simpson (U.S.), 5 and 3

Chinese Taipei's C.T. Pan and Japan's Hideki Matsuyama converted birdies on Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, to take an early 2-up lead and never trailed en route to a 5-and-3 victory over Patrick Reed and Webb Simpson, who suffered their third consecutive defeat as team partners this week. Simpson is making his second Presidents Cup appearance at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club and earned a 3-2-0 record in what was his debut.

Pan, one of seven International Team rookies and the first Presidents Cup representative from Chinese Taipei, holed five birdies in the Four-Ball format, including a birdie putt from just over 5 feet on the par-5 15th hole to win the match.

Pan improved his Presidents Cup record to 2-0-0 while Matsuyama, who contributed two birdies to the match, saw his record improve to 6-7-3.

Matsuyama's Presidents Cup record: 6-7-3

Matsuyama's Four-Ball record: 3-2-2

Pan's Presidents Cup record: 2-0-0

Pan's Four-Ball record: 2-0-0

Reed's Presidents Cup record: 4-6-2

Reed's Four-Ball record: 2-2-1

Simpson's Presidents Cup record: 5-6-2

Simpson's Four-Ball record: 2-3-1

Match 14 – Adam Scott/Byeong Hun An (INT) vs. Matt Kuchar/Tony Finau (U.S.), tied

Tony Finau birdied the 17th and 18th holes to tie the match against Australia's Adam Scott and Korea's Byeong Hun An. Finau finished the match with six birdies (Nos. 2, 5, 6, 14, 17, 18).

With the International Team taking a 1-up lead to the 17th hole, An holed his fourth birdie of the match from 19' 6" on the 17th hole, but Finau answered from 11 feet to extend the match.

Scott holed four birdies of his own, including three in a four-hole stretch at Nos. 8, 10 and 11 to give the International Team their first lead of the match.

Players on both teams combined for 16 birdies in the Four-Ball match.

Most matches played in tournament history: Phil Mickelson (55), Tiger Woods (42), Adam Scott (42).

An's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-1

An's Four-Ball record: 1-0-1

Scott's Presidents Cup record: 16-20-6

Scott's Four-Ball record: 4-9-4

Kuchar's Presidents Cup record: 6-9-3

Kuchar's Four-Ball record: 3-1-1

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

Finau's Four-Ball record: 0-1-1

Miscellaneous Presidents Cup Notes

All matches are worth one point, for a total of 30 points. There are no playoffs, with each side receiving a half point if a match is tied after 18 holes. In a change inspired by the events of the 2003 Presidents Cup, if the match is deadlocked at the end of Singles play, the competition will be deemed a tie and the teams will share the Presidents Cup.

For the 2019 Presidents Cup, a minor format change was implemented, stating each player shall only be required to play a minimum of one match prior to the Sunday Singles matches. This is a change from previous years when players were required to compete in two matches prior to Singles matches.