

# 2019 Presidents Cup - Round Four - Results and Notes - December 14, 2019

Overall Score – International 10, United States 8

Round 4 - Foursomes - United States 3, International 1

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

- Marks the first time the International Team has held a lead heading into Sunday Singles since 2003
- With a 3-1 score in the fourth round, U.S. Team extended its overall record in Foursomes since 2007 to 50.5-20.5.
- Marc Leishman and Abraham Ancer overcome a 5-down deficit through 10 holes to tie the match
- Neither team has come back to win the Presidents Cup after trailing heading into Sunday Singles. The International Team held a three-point lead in the 2003 Presidents Cup that concluded in a tie.
- U.S. Team has not won a Singles session since 2009 (7-5); U.S. Team holds a 75.5-68.5 lead in the Singles format
- International Team is seeking its first Presidents Cup victory since winning at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club in 1998

# Final Round (Sunday) - Singles

Match 19 (10:02 a.m.) – Abraham Ancer (INT) vs. Tiger Woods U.S.)

Match 20 (10:13 a.m.) – Hideki Matsuyama (INT) vs. Tony Finau (U.S.)

Match 21 (10:24 a.m.) - C.T. Pan (INT) vs. Patrick Reed (U.S.)

Match 22 (10:35 a.m.) – Haotong Li (INT) vs. Dustin Johnson (U.S.)

Match 23 (10:46 a.m.) – Adam Hadwin (INT) vs. Bryson DeChambeau (U.S.)

Match 24 (10:57 a.m.) – Sungjae Im (INT) vs. Gary Woodland (U.S.)

Match 25 (11:08 a.m.) – Joaquin Niemann (INT) vs. Patrick Cantlay (U.S.)

Match 26 (11:19 a.m.) – Adam Scott (INT) vs. Xander Schauffele (U.S.)

Match 27 (11:30 a.m.) - Byeong Hun An (INT) vs. Webb Simpson (U.S.)

Match 28 (11:41 a.m.) – Cameron Smith (INT) vs. Justin Thomas (U.S.)

Match 29 (11:52 a.m.) – Louis Oosthuizen (INT) vs. Matt Kuchar (U.S.)

Match 30 (12:03 p.m.) – Marc Leishman (INT) vs. Rickie Fowler (U.S.)

# Fourth Round (Saturday Afternoon) - Foursomes - United States 3, International 1

Match 15 - Dustin Johnson/Gary Woodland (U.S.) def. Louis Oosthuizen/Adam Scott (INT), 2 and 1

Match 16 - Marc Leishman/Abraham Ancer (INT) vs. Justin Thomas/Rickie Fowler (U.S.), tied

Match 17 – Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay (U.S.) def. Cameron Smith/Sungjae Im (INT), 2 and 1

Match 18 - Byeong Hun An/Joaquin Niemann (INT) vs. Matt Kuchar/Tony Finau (U.S.), tied

#### 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

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

## Fourth Round Match-by-Match Recaps

# Match 15 – Dustin Johnson/Gary Woodland (U.S.) def. Louis Oosthuizen/Adam Scott (INT), 2 and 1

Dustin Johnson and Gary Woodland each earned their first victories of the week with a 2-and-1 win over Louis Oosthuizen and Adam Scott. The U.S. Team was 1-down through five holes and tied through 10 before taking the lead for good with birdies on Nos. 11 and 12.

Johnson and Woodland partnered to make four birdies on the round in the Foursomes format, while Oosthuizen and Scott could only manage an eagle on the par-5 second and a birdie on the par-5 15<sup>th</sup> as their only under-par scores of the day.

Johnson improved his Foursomes record to 6-1-1 while Woodland earned his first match victory in the Presidents Cup.

Oosthuizen's Presidents Cup record: 9-6-3 Oosthuizen's Foursomes record: 4-3-1 Scott's Presidents Cup record: 16-21-6

Scott's Foursomes record: 7-9-2

Johnson's Presidents Cup record: 9-6-2 Johnson's Foursomes record: 6-1-1 Woodland's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-1 Woodland's Foursomes record: 1-0-1

#### Match 16 – Marc Leishman/Abraham Ancer (INT) vs. Justin Thomas/Rickie Fowler (U.S.), tied

Justin Thomas and Rickie Fowler held a 5-up lead through 10 holes and were 3-up with three holes to play before finishing bogey-bogey-bogey to tie their match with Marc Leishman and Abraham Ancer. Ancer and Leishman did not win their first hole of the match until No. 11

Ancer holed a birdie on the par-5 15<sup>th</sup> from 20" 6" to extend the match and was followed by Leishman on the 16<sup>th</sup> with a par from 17' 5" to win the hole. After the International Team won with a par on the par-4 17<sup>th</sup>, Thomas missed the fairway with his tee shot on the par-4 18<sup>th</sup> and resulted in a bogey.

Ancer (3-0-1) is one of two undefeated players on the International Team through four rounds (C.T. Pan, 2-0-0).

With the tie, Thomas and Fowler remain undefeated as partners, moving their record to 3-0-2. This marks the fifth time Thomas and Fowler have partnered together in the Presidents Cup, tied for third-most all time:

- 7 Branden Grace/Louis Oosthuizen
- 6 Ernie Els/Adam Scott
- 6 Ernie Els/Vijay Singh
- 5 Justin Thomas/Rickie Fowler
- 5 Six others

Leishman's Presidents Cup record: 4-9-4 Leishman's Foursomes record: 2-3-3 Ancer's Presidents Cup record: 3-0-1 Ancer's Foursomes record: 1-0-1 Thomas' Presidents Cup record: 6-1-2 Thomas' Foursomes record: 2-0-2 Fowler's Presidents Cup record: 5-3-3 Fowler's Foursomes record: 2-1-3

### Match 17 - Xander Schauffele/Patrick Cantlay (U.S.) def. Cameron Smith/Sungjae Im (INT), 2 and 1

Cameron Smith and Sungjae Im won four of the first five holes to take an early 3-up lead before the U.S. Team rallied with birdies on Nos. 6, 7 and 8 to square the match heading to the back nine. A birdie on the par-5 15<sup>th</sup> gave the U.S. Team a 2-up lead, which they converted into a 2-and-1 win.

Cantlay and Schauffele converted six total birdies on the round to earn their second Foursomes victory of the week after defeating Joaquin Niemann and Adam Hadwin on Friday, 1-up.

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

Schauffele's Presidents Cup record: 2-2-0 Schauffele's Foursomes record: 2-0-0 Cantlay's Presidents Cup record: 2-2-0 Cantlay's Foursomes record: 2-0-0

# Match 18 - Byeong Hun An/Joaquin Niemann (INT) vs. Matt Kuchar/Tony Finau (U.S.), tied

Matt Kuchar and Tony Finau won the first hole with a birdie and held the lead until a birdie by Byeong Hun An and Joaquin Niemann on the par-5 15<sup>th</sup> tied the match with three holes to play. Niemann holed a par from 19' 6" on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole to keep the match tied and both teams parred the final two holes to tie the match.

The International Team had a chance to win on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole after Niemann hit his approach shot from 132 yards to 6' 8", but An's birdie bid missed.

Niemann, 21, secured his first points in the Presidents Cup after beginning his debut with an 0-2-0 record. Niemann was selected by Els as captain's pick after finishing 28<sup>th</sup> in the International Team standings, the third-lowest-ranked player in Presidents Cup history:

Player	Rank	Year	Record
Phil Mickelson	30 <sup>th</sup>	2015	(3-0-1)
Tiger Woods	29 <sup>th</sup>	2011	(2-3-0)
Joaquin Niemann	28 <sup>th</sup>	2019	(0-2-1)

An's Presidents Cup record: 1-1-2 An's Foursomes record: 0-1-1

Niemann's Presidents Cup record: 0-2-1 Niemann's Foursomes record: 0-1-1 Kuchar's Presidents Cup record: 6-9-4 Kuchar's Foursomes record: 3-4-3 Finau's Presidents Cup record: 0-1-2 Finau's Foursomes record: 0-0-1

# **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.