

2023 World Champions Cup



Day 1 Notes

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The Concession Golf Club | Bradenton, Florida

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WORLD CHAMPIONS CUP

- **Course Setup (9 holes):** Par 36 / Morning: 3,292 yards / Afternoon: 3,268 yards
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the low-70s and winds NE at 6-12 mph
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	Team	Total Points
1	Europe	55.5
2	USA	55
3	International	51.5

Session 1 Scores (Morning Six Ball)

- **Six Ball #1**
 - Colin Montgomerie/Darren Clarke (EUR): 13 points
 - Steven Alker/Retief Goosen (INT): 7.5 points
 - David Toms/Brett Quigley (USA): 6.5 points
- **Six Ball #2**
 - Steve Stricker/Billy Andrade (USA): 10 points
 - Miguel Angel Jimenez/Robert Karlsson (EUR): 8.5 points
 - K.J. Choi/Ernie Els (INT): 8.5 points
- **Six Ball #3**
 - Jerry Kelly/Justin Leonard (USA): 10 points
 - Bernhard Langer/Alex Cejka (EUR): 10 points
 - Vijay Singh/Stephen Ames (INT): 7 points

Session 1 Notes

- In the first group of the Morning Six Ball, **Colin Montgomerie/Darren Clarke** (Team Europe) closed eagle-birdie to score four of a possible six points on the final two holes. During their first nine-hole round of the day, they scored 13 points to lead all groups during the first session.
- Team USA Vice Captain **Billy Andrade** replaced Captain **Jim Furyk**, who is battling a back injury, in the team lineup. Andrade, paired with 2023 Charles Schwab Cup winner **Steve Stricker**, together scored the most points in the second Morning Six Ball group (10).
- **Jerry Kelly/Justin Leonard** (Team USA) matched the German duo of **Bernhard Langer/Alex Cejka** (Team Europe) for the most points (10) in the third and final group of the Morning Six Ball.

Team Scores After Session 1:

	Team	Points
1	Europe	31.5
2	USA	26.5
3	International	23

Session 2 Scores (Afternoon Scotch Sixsomes)

- **Scotch Sixsome #1**
 - Steven Alker/Retief Goosen (INT): 10 points
 - David Toms/Brett Quigley (USA): 9 points
 - Colin Montgomerie/Darren Clarke (EUR): 8 points

- **Scotch Sixsome #2**
 - K.J. Choi/Ernie Els (INT): 10 points
 - Steve Stricker/Billy Andrade (USA): 9.5 points
 - Miguel Angel Jimenez/Robert Karlsson (EUR): 7.5 points

- **Scotch Sixsome #3**
 - Jerry Kelly/Justin Leonard (USA): 10 points
 - Bernhard Langer/Alex Cejka (EUR): 8.5 points
 - Vijay Singh/Stephen Ames (INT): 8.5 points

Session 2 Notes

- In the first group of the Afternoon Scotch Sixsomes, **Steven Alker/Retief Goosen** (Team International) was the lone pairing to go bogey-free. As a result, they scored 10 points to lead all teams in the first group.
- After going back-and-forth with Stricker/Andrade (Team USA) for much of the Afternoon Scotch Sixsomes, **K.J. Choi/Ernie Els** (Team International) eagled the 18th hole to edge the Americans by 0.5 points.
- Kelly/Leonard (Team USA) birdied two of the last three holes to score 10 points in the third and final group of the Afternoon Scotch Sixsomes. **Vijay Singh/Stephen Ames** (Team International) played the first five holes in 2-over before birdying each of the final three holes to win five of a possible nine points during that stretch.

Team Scores After Session 2:

	Team	Total Points	Session 2
1	Europe	55.5	24
2	USA	55	28.5
3	International	51.5	28.5

Format/Scoring Overview

- In every group, all nine holes of competition will be played. No group will feature close-outs.
- A total of three points will be awarded on each hole of every nine-hole competition during Thursday and Friday's team competition as well as for Sunday's morning and afternoon Singles groups.
 - The team with the lowest score on each hole will receive two points. The team with the second-lowest score on a hole will receive one point. The team with the highest score will receive no points.
 - Whenever teams finish with the same score on a hole, those teams will be awarded the same number of points.
 - If two teams finish with the lowest score on a hole, each team will receive one and a half points. The third team, finishing with the highest score, will receive no points.
 - If one team finishes with the lowest score on a hole and the other two finish with the same (higher) score, the team with the lowest score will receive two points, with the other two teams receiving a half point.
 - If all three teams finish with the same score on a hole, each team will receive one point.
- If two or three teams are tied at the conclusion of play, the captains of those teams tied will compete in a sudden-death playoff to determine the inaugural winner.

Definitions

- **Six Ball** (Best Ball): Each player plays his own ball for the entire hole, and the lowest score from each team is used.
- **Scotch Sixsomes** (Modified Alternate-Shot): Each player hits a tee shot, and the team then selects one tee shot to play from. Alternate-shot play begins from there, with the player whose drive was not selected hitting the second shot on the hole.