# 2023 World Champions Cup

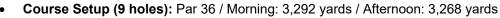
## **Day 1 Notes**

## Thursday, December 7, 2023

The Concession Golf Club | Bradenton, Florida

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- Weather: Mostly sunny with temps in the low-70s and winds NE at 6-12 mph
- Interviews: Transcripts | Content Hub
- Scoring
- Day 2 Tee Times
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Team		<b>Total Points</b>	
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
- o 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	<b>Points</b>
1	Europe	31.5
2	USA	26.5
3	International	23



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## **Session 2 Scores (Afternoon Scotch Sixsomes)**

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

#### Scotch Sixsome #2

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

### Scotch Sixsome #3

- o Jerry Kelly/Justin Leonard (USA): 10 points
- o 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.
  - o 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 suddendeath 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.