

# 2023 World Champions Cup



## Day 3 Notes

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WORLD CHAMPIONS CUP

- **Course Setup (9 holes):** Par 36 / Morning: 3,261 yards / Afternoon: 3,249 yards
- **Weather:** Partly sunny and breezy with temps in the high-70s and winds S/SW at 10-16 mph
- **Interviews:** [Transcripts](#) | [Content Hub](#)
- [Scoring](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

	Team	Total Points
1	USA	221
2	International	219
3	Europe	208

### Things to Know

- Team USA edged Team International by two points to win the inaugural World Champions Cup, 221-219.
- Team International led 218.5-216.0 with three total holes remaining before Team USA outscored them by 4.5 points during the closing stretch.
- Playing Hole No. 8 in the final group, **David Toms** (Team USA) birdied to score 2.0 points, while his playing partners split a half point.
- Meanwhile in the penultimate group, playing No. 9, **Billy Andrade** (Team USA) made a par putt and **Vijay Singh** (Team International) bogeyed. As a result, Andrade scored 1.5 points on the hole and Singh scored zero.
- On the final group's ninth hole, **Retief Goosen's** (Team International) approach shot found the penalty area. He made double bogey to score zero points, while Toms' two-putt bogey earned Team USA 1.5 points on the hole.
- **Jerry Kelly** (Team USA) led all 18 players in the competition with 61 total points. He scored double-digit points in five of the six sessions.

### Session 5 Scores (Morning Singles)

- **Singles #1**
  - Steve Stricker (USA): 10 points
  - Steven Alker (INT): 10 points
  - Colin Montgomerie (EUR): 7.0 points
- **Singles #2**
  - Jerry Kelly (USA): 12.5 points
  - Darren Clarke (EUR): 8.0 points
  - Stephen Ames (INT): 6.5 points
- **Singles #3**
  - Ernie Els (INT): 12 points
  - Robert Karlsson (EUR): 9.5 points
  - Justin Leonard (USA): 5.5 points
- **Singles #4**
  - David Toms (USA): 11 points
  - Alex Cejka (EUR): 8.0 points

- K.J. Choi (INT): 8.0 points
- **Singles #5**
  - Miguel Angel Jimenez (EUR): 10 points
  - Vijay Singh (INT): 10 points
  - Brett Quigley (USA): 7.0 points
- **Singles #6**
  - Bernhard Langer (EUR): 9.5 points
  - Retief Goosen (INT): 9.0 points
  - Billy Andrade (USA): 8.5 points

#### Session 5 Notes

- In the first Singles group, **Steve Stricker** (Team USA) and **Steven Alker** (Team International) tied with 10 points apiece, splitting the first three holes, to get a head start on **Colin Montgomerie** (Team Europe), who scored seven points.
- **Jerry Kelly** (Team USA) played a bogey-free nine holes to earn 12.5 points, the most of any player during the Morning Singles. Kelly scored at least one point on eight of the nine holes.
- **Ernie Els** (Team International) scored 12 points during a bogey-free nine holes to lead the third Morning Singles group.
- **David Toms** (Team USA) won three of the five holes from Nos. 4-8 outright to earn 11 points in the fourth Morning Singles group.
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (Team Europe) and **Vijay Singh** (Team International) each scored 10 points in the fifth Morning Singles group.
- In a closely contested final Singles group that included a combined nine birdies and only one bogey, **Bernhard Langer** (Team Europe) edged **Retief Goosen** (Team International) by a half point and **Billy Andrade** (Team USA) by one point.

#### Team Scores After Session 5:

	Team	Total Points	Session 5
1	International	167	55.5
2	USA	165.5	54.5
3	Europe	153.5	52.0

#### Session 6 Scores (Afternoon Singles)

- **Singles #7**
  - Steven Alker (INT): 10 points
  - Steve Stricker (USA): 8.5 points
  - Colin Montgomerie (EUR): 8.5 points
- **Singles #8**
  - Stephen Ames (INT): 10.5 points
  - Jerry Kelly (USA): 10 points
  - Darren Clarke (EUR): 6.5 points
- **Singles #9**
  - Robert Karlsson (EUR): 9.5 points
  - Ernie Els (INT): 9.5 points
  - Brett Quigley (USA): 8.0 points
- **Singles #10**
  - Alex Cejka (EUR): 9.5 points
  - K.J. Choi (INT): 9.5 points
  - Justin Leonard (USA): 8.0 points
- **Singles #11**
  - Billy Andrade (USA): 11 points

- Miguel Angel Jimenez (EUR): 9.0 points
- Vijay Singh (INT): 7.0 points
- **Singles #12**
  - Bernhard Langer (EUR): 11.5 points
  - David Toms (USA): 10 points
  - Retief Goosen (INT): 5.5 points

### Session 6 Notes

- **Steven Alker** (Team International) captured 10 points to lead the first group in the Afternoon Singles.
- **Stephen Ames** (Team International) edged **Jerry Kelly** (Team USA) by a half point in the second Afternoon Singles group after both players birdied the final hole.
- **Robert Karlsson** (Team Europe) birdied the final hole to earn two points and earned 9.5 points in the group to tie **Ernie Els** (Team International).
- **Alex Cejka** (Team Europe) birdied Nos. 7-9 to score 5.5 of a possible 9 points during that stretch. His 9.5 total in the fourth Afternoon Singles group matched **K.J. Choi** (Team International).
- **Billy Andrade** (Team USA) scored 11 points to lead the fifth Afternoon Singles group.
- **Bernhard Langer** (Team Europe) led all players in the Afternoon Singles with 11.5 points. He birdied Nos. 3-5 to score 5 of a possible 9 points during that stretch.

### Team Scores After Session 6:

	Team	Total Points	Session 6
1	USA	221	55.5
2	International	219	52.0
3	Europe	208	54.5

### 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.

Team USA	Thu AM	Thu PM	Fri AM	Fri PM	Sun AM	Sun PM	Total Points
<b>Jerry Kelly</b>	10	10	11	7.5	12.5	10	61
<b>Billy Andrade</b>	10	9.5	7.5	11	8.5	11	57.5
<b>Steve Stricker</b>	10	9.5	7.5	11	10	8.5	56.5
<b>David Toms</b>	6.5	9	11.5	7.5	11	10	55.5
<b>Justin Leonard</b>	10	10	11	7.5	5.5	8	52

<b>Brett Quigley</b>	6.5	9	11.5	7.5	7	8	49.5
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<b>Team Europe</b>	<b>Thu AM</b>	<b>Thu PM</b>	<b>Fri AM</b>	<b>Fri PM</b>	<b>Sun AM</b>	<b>Sun PM</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>Bernhard Langer</b>	10	8.5	5	12	9.5	11.5	56.5
<b>Alex Cejka</b>	10	8.5	5	12	8	9.5	53
<b>Miguel Angel Jimenez</b>	8.5	7.5	11.5	5	10	9	51.5
<b>Robert Karlsson</b>	8.5	7.5	11.5	5	9.5	9.5	51.5
<b>Colin Montgomerie</b>	13	8	3.5	9	7	8.5	49
<b>Darren Clarke</b>	13	8.0	3.5	9	8	6.5	48

<b>Team International</b>	<b>Thu AM</b>	<b>Thu PM</b>	<b>Fri AM</b>	<b>Fri PM</b>	<b>Sun AM</b>	<b>Sun PM</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>Steven Alker</b>	7.5	10	12	10.5	10	10	60
<b>Ernie Els</b>	8.5	10	8	11	12	9.5	59
<b>K.J. Choi</b>	8.5	10	8	11	8	9.5	55
<b>Retief Goosen</b>	7.5	10.0	12	10.5	9	5.5	54.5
<b>Vijay Singh</b>	7	8.5	11	7.5	10	7	51
<b>Stephen Ames</b>	7	8.5	11	7.5	6.5	10.5	51