

2015 SOLHEIM CUP

The United States knew it would take an epic comeback on Sunday if they were going to bring The Solheim Cup back across the pond.

Having never come back from bigger than a two-point deficit heading into singles, the U.S. needed the largest comeback in history if it was going to end Europe's reign of two straight victories in the Solheim Cup as they trailed 10-6.

Rally is exactly what Team USA did on Sunday by capturing nine of the 12 matches and earning a halve in the opening match to earn exactly the $8 \frac{1}{2}$ points needed to regain The Solheim Cup. U.S. Captain Juli Inkster said the final session came down to something she preached to her players all week.

"You know what, I was on them all week," said Inkster. "You've got to play with heart. You've got to play with fire in your belly. Never give up. I saw my team out there today, it didn't look good early, they hung in there, a lot of 2-downs came to evens, and then plus 1."

Things started off slowly for the Americans as there was a lot of blue on the scoreboard in the early holes, but the tide turned red in the middle of the day thanks to some hot play from Team USA.

Sitting 3-down to Charley Hull on the fourth hole, Cristie Kerr made nine birdies in her next 11 holes en route to a 3&2 victory. Michelle Wie shot 30 on the front nine while capturing a 6&4 victory over Caroline Hedwall. In the last three matches of the day, the U.S. won by no less than Kerr's 3&2 victory.

The Cup ended up coming down to two matches: Gerina Piller vs. Caroline Masson and Angela Stanford vs. Suzann Pettersen. Piller was 2 UP with two to play but Masson parred the 17th to cut the lead to one heading to 18. With Masson facing a 10-foot birdie putt, Piller had to get up and down from the thick rough in order to have a chance to win the match. Masson missed her birdie putt and Piller sank the biggest putt of her career and was swarmed by her teammates on the 18th green in celebration.

Stanford was all square with Pettersen through 14, but birdies on 15 and 16 gave her a 2 UP lead with two to play. The U.S. couldn't afford a split, and Stanford clinched the victory with a par and halved hole on No. 17 for the 2&1 win.

There was a little extra motivation for the Americans in their comeback following some controversy early Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Saturday afternoon four-ball matches. Three matches had to finish on Sunday. The Americans won one of the first two and appeared to have a chance to gain at least another half point in the final fourball match between Brittany Lincicome & Alison Lee and Suzann Pettersen and Hull. But with the match all square on the 17th, Lee missed a birdie putt that would have won the hole and when she picked up the 1½ footer that remained for par, the Europeans stated that they had not conceded the putt although Lee had thought she heard them do so. The Europeans were then granted the hole and went 1 UP into the 18th and went on to win the critical point.

Lee went out in the fifth singles match and got a bit of redemption herself with a 3&1 win over Gwladys Nocera. Lee, who was the only rookie on either team this week, played like a season-veteran in the afternoon after rallying from a 2-down deficit early on and rattled off three consecutive birdies on Nos. 5-7 and never looked back. She won three more holes on the back nine including the 17th after Nocera hit her approach shot in the water. Lee said the win helped soothed the heartache from the morning's controversy.

"Yes, of course," said Lee. "I really felt like we had that match, and I was sure we had that point for our team. And losing that match and seeing all the girls surrounding me and giving me a lot of support and showing me that they had my back, it felt great. And I think it really did motivate us all to play well in the afternoon and fire back."



DAY ONE

Foursomes Match Results

Morgan Pressel/Paula Creamer (USA) def. Anna Nordqvist/Suzann Pettersen, 3&2 Charley Hull/Melissa Reid (EUR) def. Michelle Wie/Brittany Lincicome, 2&1 Cristie Kerr/Lexi Thompson (USA) def. Karine Icher/Azahara Munoz, 2&! Sandra Gal/Catriona Matthew (EUR) def. Stacy Lewis/Lizette Salas, 3&2

Foursomes Total: Europe 2, USA 2

Four-Ball Match Results

Anna Nordqvist/Caroline Hedwall (EUR) def. Morgan Pressel/Paula Creamer (USA), 4&3 Charley Hull/Gwladys Nocera (EUR) def. Alison Lee/Angela Stanford (USA), 3&2 Melissa Reid/Carlota Ciganda (EUR) halved Cristie Kerr/Lexi Thompson (USA) Gerina Piller/Brittany Lang (USA) halved Caroline Masson/Sandra Gal (EUR)

Four-Ball Total: Europe 3, USA 1

First-day cumulative total: Europe 5, USA 3

DAY TWO

Foursomes Match Results

Melissa Reid/Carlota Ciganda (EUR) def. Alison Lee/Michelle Wie (USA), 4&3 Charley Hull/Suzann Pettersen (EUR) def. Paula Creamer/Morgan Pressel (USA), 1 up Sandra Gal/Catriona Matthew (EUR) def. Angela Stanford/Brittany Lincicome (EUR), 1 up Stacy Lewis/Gerina Piller (USA) def. Anna Nordqvist/Caroline Hedwall (EUR), 5&4

Foursomes Total: Europe 3, USA 1

Four-Ball Match Results

Lexi Thompson/Cristie Kerr (USA) def. Azahara Munoz/Carlota Ciganda (EUR), 3&2 Karine Icher/Catriona Matthew (EUR) def. Lizette Salas/Brittany Lang (USA), 2&1 Suzann Pettersen/Charley Hull (EUR) def. Alison Lee/Brittany Lincicome (USA), 2 up Stacy Lewis/Gerina Piller (USA) def. Caroline Masson/Caroline Hedwall (EUR), 1 up

Four-Ball Total: EUR 2, USA 2

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 10, USA 6

DAY THREE

Singles Matches Results

Lexi Thompson (USA) halved with Carlota Ciganda (EUR) Morgan Pressel (USA) def. Catriona Matthew (EUR), 2 up Karine Icher (EUR) def. Brittany Lincicome (USA), 3&2 Melissa Reid (EUR) def. Brittany Lang (USA), 2&1 Alison Lee (USA) def. Gwladys Nocera (EUR), 3&1 Gerina Piller (USA) def. Caroline Masson (EUR), 1 up Anna Nordqvist (EUR) def. Stacy Lewis (USA), 2&! Lizette Salas (USA) def. Azahara Munoz (EUR), 3&1 Angela Stanford (USA) def. Suzann Pettersen (EUR), 2&1 Cristie Kerr (USA) def. Charley Hull (EUR), 3&2 Michelle Wie (USA) def. Caroline Hedwall (EUR), 6&4 Paula Creamer (USA) def. Sandra Gal (EUR), 4&3

Singles Total: USA 8.5, Europe 3.5

FINAL TOTAL: USA 14.5, EUROPE 13.5



2013 SOLHEIM CUP

The 2013 Solheim Cup, the 13th staging of the event, was held at Colorado Golf Club in Parker, Colo., Aug. 16-18. The U.S. team was looking to recover from a devastating loss on European soil in 2011 and entered the week more prepared and motivated than ever before, but the European team had other plans. Taking a commanding 10.5 - 5.5 lead heading into Sunday's singles matches, the European team charged to the finish line and sealed a 18-10 victory to capture the Cup on American soil for the first time in the event's history.

The European team took the early lead Friday morning, ending the foursomes matches 3-1. They went on to win two more matches in the afternoon four-ball session to take a 5-3 lead over the U.S. team heading into Saturday's second day of play. Saturday morning's foursomes matches brought out a different U.S. team, as they fought to earn 2.5 points to trail Europe 6.5-5.5 entering the afternoon four-ball matches. But a hungry European team increased their lead thanks to a spectacular afternoon four-ball session on Saturday afternoon in which they took all four points. Team Europe led the U.S. team 10.5 - 5.5 heading into Sunday's singles matches, which ties their largest lead ever heading into the final day of the Solheim Cup.

As the sun rose over the Rocky Mountains on Sunday, the Americans knew that it would take a massive effort for them to get the Cup back, as they needed to win nine points out of the 12 singles matches. U.S. Solheim Cup captain Meg Mallon sent out her top two American players in the first two matches of the day in order to try and get momentum on their side. Unfortunately for the U.S. team, neither Stacy Lewis nor Paula Creamer were able to capture a full point. Creamer lost easily, 5&4, to 17-year-old rookie sensation Charley Hull while Lewis halved with Sweden's Anna Nordqvist. Brittany Lang kept the U.S. hopes alive by capturing the first full point for the U.S. with a 2&1 victory over Spain's Azahara Munoz.

The U.S. team started out their matches strong, taking the lead in many of their matches but any momentum they had was then halted by Mother Nature. Play was suspended at 5:20 p.m. local time due to lightning in the area. After nearly an hour delay, play resumed at 6:16 p.m. with the critical match between Sweden's Caroline Hedwall and Michelle Wie on the 17th hole. The two players halved the par-3 17th to go to 18 all-square and that's when Hedwall stepped up and delivered a 4-foot birdie putt on 18 assuring the Europeans would retain the Cup for the first time since the event began in 1990. One match later, European Solheim Cup veteran Catriona Matthew sank a par putt on the 18th hole to halve her match with Gerina Piller and earn the half-point that gave the Europeans back-to-back victories for the first time in the history of the event.

Playing in her third Solheim Cup, Brittany Lang was the star for the U.S. team as she was the only American with a winning record for the week, posting 3-1-0. Lang's only loss came during Friday's foursomes matches when she was paired with Angela Stanford. The pair fell to Norway's Suzann Pettersen and Spain's Beatriz Recarit, 2&1. Lang now holds an overall Solheim Cup record of 5-4-2. Perhaps it was only fitting that Caroline Hedwall secured the point that would retain the Cup for Europe since it also brought her record for the week to 5-0. The 24-year-old Swede is the only player in Solheim Cup history to earn five points in a single event. The previous record had been 4.5 points, which was held by 2013 European assistant Solheim Cup captain, Carin Koch.

DAY ONE

Foursomes Match Results

Anna Nordqvist/Caroline Hedwall (EUR) def. Stacy Lewis/Lizette Salas (USA), 4&2 Suzann Pettersen/Beatriz Recari (EUR) def. Brittany Lang/Angela Stanford, 2&1 Morgan Pressel/Jessica Korda (USA) def. Catriona Matthew/Jodi Ewart Shadoff, 3&2 Azahara Munoz/Karine Icher (EUR) def. Cristie Kerr/Paula Creamer, 2&1

Foursomes Total: Europe 3, USA 1

Four-Ball Match Results

Suzann Pettersen/Carlota Ciganda (EUR) def. Stacy Lewis/Lexi Thompson (USA), 1 up Caroline Hedwall/Caroline Masson (EUR) def. Angela Stanford/Gerina Piller (USA), 2&1



Brittany Lincicome/Brittany Lang (USA) def. Anna Nordqvist/Giulia Sergas (EUR), 4&3 Cristie Kerr/Michelle Wie (USA) def. Catriona Matthew/Charley Hull (EUR) 2&1

Four-Ball Total: USA 2, Europe 2

First-day cumulative total: Europe 5, USA 3

DAY TWO

Foursomes Match Results

Anna Nordqvist/Caroline Hedwall (EUR) def. Morgan Pressel/Jessica Korda, 2&1 Stacy Lewis/Paula Creamer (USA) def. Azahara Munoz/Karine Icher (EUR), 1 up Catriona Matthew/Caroline Masson (EUR) halved with Brittany Lincicome/Lizette Salas (USA) Michelle Wie/Brittany Lang (USA) def. Suzann Pettersen/Beatriz Recari (EUR), 2&1

Foursomes Total: USA 2.5, Europe 1.5

Four-Ball Match Results

Jodi Ewart Shadoff/Charley Hull (EUR) def. Paula Creamer/Lexi Thompson, 2 up Azahara Munoz/Carlota Ciganda (EUR) def. Gerina Piller/Angela Stanford (USA), 1 up Caroline Hedwall/Caroline Masson (EUR) def. Michelle Wie/Jessica Korda (USA), 2&1 Beatriz Recari/Karine Icher (EUR) def. Cristie Kerr/Morgan Pressel, 1 up

Four-Ball Total: EUR 4, USA 0

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 10.5, USA 5.5

DAY THREE

Singles Matches Results

Anna Nordqvist (EUR) halved with Stacy Lewis (USA)
Charley Hull (EUR) def. Paula Creamer (USA), 5&4
Brittany Lang (USA) def. Azahara Munoz (EUR), 2&1
Carlota Ciganda (EUR) def. Morgan Pressel (USA), 4&2
Caroline Hedwall (EUR) def. Michelle Wie (USA), 1 up
Catriona Matthew (EUR) halved with Gerina Piller (USA)
Suzann Pettersen (EUR) halved with Lizette Salas (USA)
Giulia Sergas (EUR) halved with Jessica Korda (USA)
Lexi Thompson (USA) def. Caroline Masson (EUR), 4&3
Jodi Ewart Shadoff (EUR) def. Brittany Lincicome (USA), 3&2
Beatriz Recari (EUR) def. Angela Stanford (USA), 2&1
Karine Icher (EUR) halved with Cristie Kerr (USA)

Singles Total: Europe 7.5, USA 4.5

FINAL TOTAL: EUROPE 18, USA 10

2011 SOLHEIM CUP

The 2011 Solheim Cup, the 12th staging of the event, was held at Killeen Castle in Co. Meath, Ireland, Sept. 23-25. The U.S. team entered the week as favorites on paper, but Europe was determined to regain control of the Cup on their home soil. Tied 8-8 entering Sunday's singles play, the European team played flawless golf in the midst of torrential downpours and wind to steal a 15-13 victory and regain control of The Solheim Cup for the first time since 2003 and the fourth time overall.

The U.S. and European team ended Friday morning's Foursome tied 2-2, but the Alison Nicholas-led European team took command early in the afternoon Four-Ball matches and finished the day with a 4.5 to 3.5 lead, though the difference could have been much greater if not for a late U.S. surge. Europe increased the lead to 7-5 after the Saturday morning foursomes matches and once



again took control early in the afternoon four-ball matches, but the U.S. team then launched a formidable comeback beginning with Solheim Cup rookies Stacy Lewis and Ryann O'Toole's 2&1 victory over Christel Boeljon and Sandra Gal. In the final match of the day, Brittany Lincicome and Paula Creamer defeated Maria Hjorth and Azahara Munoz 3&1 to pull the U.S. even with Europe at 8-8.

Come Sunday, most expected the U.S. team to dominate the singles matches as they historically have, but early on it seemed the day might belong to Europe following two unforeseen events. The first involved the final match of the day, when Cristie Kerr conceded her match with Karen Stupples due to a wrist injury, giving Europe the first point of the day. The second involved the first match of the day where Scotland's Catriona Matthew trounced Paula Creamer, who was previously unbeaten in singles play, 6&5. The focus then shifted to the weather, with three separate delays totaling nearly two hours hampering play. Amidst the delays, it appeared that the U.S. team might overcome the early adversity to gain control of the day – and a ninth Solheim Cup – but after Suzann Pettersen stole the spotlight with three-consecutive birdies to close out Michelle Wie with a 1-up victory, the momentum swung to Team Europe. Solheim Cup rookie Caroline Hedwall, a member of both the LPGA and LET, then battled back from two down on the 16th hole against fellow rookie Ryann O'Toole to squeeze out a half point, setting up Azahara Munoz, who was walking to the 18th tee with a 1-up lead over Angela Stanford, to clinch the 15th and final point for Team Europe.

Playing in her third Solheim Cup, Morgan Pressel was the star for the U.S. team. Pressel was the only American to go undefeated with a record of 4-0-0 to earn a total of four points for the U.S. team. The two-time LPGA Tour winner now holds an overall Solheim Cup record of 7-2-2. After serving her time as the first-ever playing Assistant Captain, Juli Inkster announced that 2011 was the final Solheim Cup she would compete in as a player.

LPGA Tour and Ladies European Tour veteran Laura Davies rewrote the Solheim Cup records books overtaking Annika Sorenstam as the all-time leader in points scored by either team.

DAY ONE

Foursomes Match Results

Michelle Wie/Cristie Kerr (USA) def. Maria Hjorth/Anna Nordqvist (EUR), 2&1 Paula Creamer/Brittany Lincicome (USA) def. Karen Stupples/Melissa Reid (EUR), 1 up Catriona Matthew/Azahara Munoz (EUR) def. Stacy Lewis/Angela Stanford (USA), 3&2 Suzann Pettersen/Sophie Gustafson (EUR) def. Brittany Lang/Juli Inkster (USA), 1 up

Foursomes Total: USA 2, Europe 2

Four-Ball Match Results

Morgan Pressel/Paula Creamer (USA) def. Laura Davies/Melissa Reid (EUR), 1 up Christina Kim/Ryann O'Toole (USA) havled with Catriona Matthew/Sandra Gal (EUR) Sophie Gustafson/Caroline Hedwall (EUR) def. Vicky Hurst/Brittany Lincicome (USA), 5&4 Suzann Pettersen/Anna Nordqvist (EUR) def. Cristie Kerr/Michelle Wie (USA), 2 up

Four-Ball Total: Europe 2.5, USA 1.5

First-day cumulative total: Europe 4.5, USA 3.5

DAY TWO

Foursomes Match Results

Caroline Hedwall/Sophie Gustafson (EUR) def. Angela Stanford/Stacy Lewis (USA), 6&5 Morgan Pressel/Ryann O'Toole (USA) def. Karen Stupples/Christel Boeljon (EUR), 3&2 Anna Nordqvist/Sophie Gustafson (EUR) def. Brittany Lang/Juli Inkster (USA), 3&2 Cristie Kerr/Paula Creamer (USA) halved with Catriona Matthew/Azahara Munoz (EUR)

Foursomes Total: USA 1.5, Europe 2.5



Four-Ball Match Results

Laura Davies/Melissa Reid (EUR) def. Brittany Lang/Michelle Wie, 4&3 Morgan Pressel/Cristie Kerr (USA) def. Suzann Pettersen/Caroline Hedwall (EUR), 1 up Stacy Lewis/Ryann O'Toole (USA) def. Sandra Gal/Christel Boeljon (EUR), 2&1 Paula Creamer/Brittany Lincicome (USA) def. Maria Hjorth/Azahara Munoz (EUR), 3&1

Four-Ball Total: USA 3, EUR 1

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 8, USA 8

DAY THREE

Singles Matches Results

Catriona Matthew (EUR) def. Paula Creamer (USA), 6&5 Sophie Gustafson (EUR) def. Stacy Lewis (EUR), 2 up Morgan Pressel (USA) def. Anna Nordqvist (EUR), 2&1 Juli Inkster (USA) halved with Laura Davies (EUR) Vicky Hurst (USA) def. Melissa Reid (EUR), 2 up Christel Boeljon (EUR) def. Brittany Lincicome (USA), 2 up Brittany Lang (USA) def. Sandra Gal (EUR), 6&5 Christina Kim (USA) def. Maria Hjorth (EUR), 4&2 Suzann Pettersen (EUR) def. Michelle Wie (USA), 1 up Ryann O'Toole (USA) halved with Caroline Hedwall (EUR) Azahara Munoz (EUR) def. Angela Stanford (USA), 1 up Karen Stupples (EUR) def. Cristie Kerr (USA), Won

Singles Total: Europe 7, USA 5

FINAL TOTAL: EUROPE 15, USA 13

2009 SOLHEIM CUP

The 2009 Solheim Cup, the 11th staging of the event, was held at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove, Ill., Aug 21-23. The U.S. Solheim Cup Team kept its undefeated record on home soil intact in front of a record crowd of 120,000. Tied 8-8 entering Sunday's singles play, the U.S. team pulled away to a 16-12 victory on Sunday to take an 8-3 lead all-time in Solheim Cup play.

Beth Daniel's U.S. team was considered heavy favorites on paper entering the event, but for the first two days of the 2009 Solheim Cup, no clear winner was established. The U.S. team took a 4.5 to 3.5 lead after Day One, but the Alison Nicholas-led European team matched their efforts on Day Two, evening the score at 8-8.

On Sunday, the U.S. team won the first three singles matches of the day to take an early lead. Angela Stanford earned a 5&4 victory over Becky Brewerton to get the scoring starting. She was quickly followed by Paula Creamer, who defeated Suzann Pettersen, 3&2, and Michelle Wie, who in her rookie campaign defeated 2007 European Captain Helen Alfredsson, 1 up. In need of six points to retain the Cup, Brittany Lang halved her match against Laura Davies with an 18th-hole birdie and Juli Inkster recorded a half point versus Gwladys Nocera. The winning point came in the 11th match of the day when Morgan Pressel defeated Anna Nordqvist 3&2 to retain the Cup.

Much of the week's hype was centered on LPGA rookie and captain's pick Michelle Wie, who became just the second Tour rookie to play on a U.S. team. Wie rose to the occasion by tying for the team lead in points scored with 3.5 on the heels of an undefeated 3-0-1 record. Other standouts included Creamer who, like Wie earned 3.5 points and fully emerged as the leader of the U.S. team for years to come. The 23-year-old improved her overall record to 8-2-4 with 10 points scored. Second-time U.S. team member Christina Kim used her fiery personality to energize the crowd and also earn 3.5 points for the U.S. team's effort.



The Europeans were led by Gwladys Nocera who earned a 3-0-1 record and 3.5 points. Playing in her 11th Solheim Cup, Laura Davies participated in two matches with a 0-1-1 record. Davies owns a 21-17-5 record all-time with 23.5 points scored, one-half point shy of Annika Sorenstam's Solheim Cup record 24 points. The United States leads the overall competition 8-3.

DAY ONE

Four-Ball Match Results

Paula Creamer/Cristie Kerr (USA) def Suzann Pettersen/Sophie Gustafson (EUR), 1 up Helen Alfredsson/Tania Elosegui (EUR) def. Angela Stanford/Juli Inkster (USA), 1 up Brittany Lang/Brittany Lincicome (USA) def. Laura Davies/Becky Brewerton (EUR), 5&4 Catriona Matthew/Maria Hjorth (EUR) halved with Morgan Pressel/Michelle Wie (USA)

Four-Ball Total: USA 2.5, Europe 1.5

Foursomes Match Results

Christina Kim/Natalie Gulbis (USA) def. Suzann Pettersen/Sophie Gustafson (EUR), 4&2 Becky Brewerton/Gwladys Nocera (EUR) def. Angela Stanford/Nicole Castrale (USA), 3&1 Maria Hjorth/Anna Nordqvist (EUR) def. Kristy McPherson/Brittany Lincicome (USA), 3&2 Paula Creamer/Juli Inkster (USA) def. Catriona Matthew/Janice Moodie (EUR), 2&1

Foursomes Total: USA 2, Europe 2

First-day cumulative total: USA 4.5, Europe 3.5

DAY TWO

Four-Ball Match Results

Christina Kim/Michelle Wie (USA) def. Helen Alfredsson/Tania Elosegui (EUR), 5&4 Diana Luna/Catriona Matthew (EUR) halved with Brittany Lang/Angela Stanford (USA) Anna Nordqvist/Suzann Pettersen (EUR) def. Nicole Castrale/Cristie Kerr (USA), 1 up Maria Hjorth/Gwladys Nocera (EUR) def. Brittany Lincicome/Kristy McPherson (USA), 1 up

Four-Ball Total: USA 1.5, Europe 2.5

Foursomes Match Results

Sophie Gustafson/Janice Moodie (EUR) def. Paula Creamer/Juli Inkster (USA), 4&3 Kristy McPherson/Morgan Pressel (USA) def. Helen Alfredsson/Suzann Pettersen (EUR), 2 up Becky Brewerton/Gwladys Nocera (EUR) def. Natalie Gulbis/Christina Kim (USA), 5&4 Cristie Kerr/Michelle Wie (USA) def. Maria Hjorth/Anna Nordqvist (EUR), 1 up

Foursomes Total: USA 2, Europe 2

Second-day cumulative total: USA 8, Europe 8

DAY THREE

Singles Matches Results

Paula Creamer (USA) def. Suzann Pettersen (EUR), 3&2 Angela Stanford (USA) def. Becky Brewerton (EUR), 5&4 Michelle Wie (USA) def. Helen Alfredsson (EUR), 1 up Brittany Lang (USA) halved with Laura Davies (EUR) Juli Inkster (USA) halved with Gwladys Nocera (EUR) Catriona Matthew (EUR) def. Kristy McPherson (USA), 3&2 Brittany Lincicome (USA) def. Sophie Gustafson (EUR), 3&2 Diana Luna (EUR) def. Nicole Castrale (USA), 3&2 Christina Kim (USA) def. Tania Elosegui (EUR), 2 up Cristie Kerr (USA) halved with Maria Hjorth (EUR)



Morgan Pressel (USA) def. Anna Nordqvist (EUR), 3&2 Natalie Gulbis (USA) halved with Janice Moodie (EUR)

Singles Total: USA 8, Europe 4

FINAL TOTAL: USA 16, EUROPE 12

2007 SOLHEIM CUP

The 2007 Solheim Cup, the 10th staging of the event, was held at Halmstad Golf Club in Halmstad, Sweden, Sept. 14-16. The U.S. team used a dominant performance in the Sunday singles matches to defeat the European team 16 to 12. It marked only the second time in The Solheim Cup history that a team has won on foreign soil and the first time since the 1996 U.S. team accomplished the same feat in Wales.

Going into the week, the U.S. team was statistically stronger, however, the European team had the advantage of a combined 40 Solheim Cup appearances by team members to the United States' 22. The European team, led by Sweden's Helen Alfredsson, also had the home-crowd advantage and the history of a 3-1 home record.

The U.S. team, led by Betsy King, took the early lead with two wins in Friday's foursome matches, but the European team regained some momentum in the Friday afternoon four-ball competition with a win and two halved matches. The U.S. team also got a victory and two halved matches to hold a 4.5 to 3.5 lead going into day two. This marked the first time since the 2002 Solheim Cup that the U.S. team held the lead after day one. On day two, the Saturday morning foursome matches were dead even as each team won one match and halved the other two. In the afternoon, though, Europe pulled ahead during the four-ball matches with two victories and a halved match to take an 8.5 to 7.5 lead entering the Sunday singles matches.

On Sunday, the United States stepped up to capture 8.5 of a possible 12 points in the singles matches. A day-three surge by three U.S. team rookies secured the itinerary for the Cup's return trip to the United States. The first rookie to emerge victorious was Stacy Prammanasudh as she defeated Suzann Pettersen 2 up, to give the U.S. team their fourth point in singles matches. Fellow U.S. team rookie Morgan Pressel fought a tightly contested match against Europe's Annika Sorenstam, who has made eight Solheim Cup appearances and ranks as the top point earner in the event's history. Pressel's birdie on 16 gave her a 2-up advantage and the match was closed out on 17, with a 2&1 upset. Nicole Castrale was the third rookie to win as she defeated European team rookie Bettina Hauert 3&2 to give the U.S. team their 14th point, which was enough to retain the Cup.

Veteran Juli Inkster, a seven-time U.S. team member, scored three points for the U.S. team with a 2-0-2 record and experienced her first Solheim Cup win on foreign soil. With a 14-8-5 overall Solheim Cup record, Inkster's 16.5 points matches Meg Mallon for most points earned by a U.S. Solheim Cup Team member.

Scot Catriona Matthew led the way for Europe with three points, while Sorenstam, Laura Davies and Maria Hjorth each accumulated 2.5 points. Sorenstam held on to her spot as the event's all-time points earner with 24 points, while Davies trails by one point. Davies is the only player to compete in all 10 Solheim Cup events and has compiled a 21-16-4 record. The United States now leads the overall competition, 7-3.

DAY ONE

Foursomes Match Results

Pat Hurst/Cristie Kerr (USA) halved with Suzann Pettersen/Sophie Gustafson (EUR) Sherri Steinhauer/Laura Diaz (USA) defeated Annika Sorenstam/Catriona Matthew (EUR), 4&2 Juli Inkster/Paula Creamer (USA) defeated Laura Davies/Becky Brewerton (EUR), 2&1 Gwladys Nocera/Maria Hjorth (EUR) defeated Natalie Gulbis/Morgan Pressel (USA), 3&2

Foursomes Total: USA 2.5, Europe 1.5



Four-Ball Match Results

Catriona Matthew/Iben Tinning (EUR) defeated Pat Hurst/Brittany Lincicome (USA), 4&2 Angela Stanford/Stacy Prammanasudh (USA) halved with Annika Sorenstam/Maria Hjorth (EUR) Nicole Castrale/Cristie Kerr (USA) defeated Sophie Gustafson/Gwladys Nocera (EUR), 3&2 Paula Creamer/Morgan Pressel (USA) halved with Trish Johnson/Laura Davies (EUR)

Europe 2, USA 2

First-day Cumulative Total: USA 4.5, Europe 3.5

DAY TWO

Foursomes Match Results

Sherri Steinhauer/Laura Diaz (USA) halved with Maria Hjorth/Gwladys Nocera (EUR) Paula Creamer/Juli Inkster (USA) halved with Sophie Gustafson/Suzann Pettersen (EUR) Pat Hurst/Angela Stanford (USA) defeated Iben Tinning/Bettina Hauert (EUR), 4&2 Catriona Matthew/Annika Sorenstam (EUR) defeated Nicole Castrale/Cristie Kerr (USA), 1 UP **USA 2, Europe 2**

Four-Ball Match Results

Paula Creamer/Brittany Lincicome (USA) halved with Linda Wessberg/Maria Hjorth (EUR) Stacy Prammanasudh/Juli Inkster (USA) halved with Trish Johnson/Iben Tinning (EUR) Becky Brewerton/Laura Davies (EUR) defeated Natalie Gulbis/Nicole Castrale (USA), 2 UP Annika Sorenstam/Suzann Pettersen (EUR) defeated Cristie Kerr/Morgan Pressel (USA), 3&2

Europe 3, USA 1

Second-day Cumulative Total: Europe 8.5, USA 7.5

DAY THREE

Singles Match Results

Catriona Matthew (EUR) defeated Laura Diaz (USA), 3&2
Pat Hurst (USA) defeated Sophie Gustafson (EUR), 2&1
Stacy Prammanasudh (USA) defeated Suzann Pettersen (EUR), 2 UP
Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Iben Tinning (EUR), 4&3
Sherri Steinhauer (USA) halved with Becky Brewerton (EUR)
Angela Stanford (USA) defeated Trish Johnson (EUR), 3&2
Morgan Pressel (USA) defeated Annika Sorenstam (EUR), 2&1
Laura Davies (EUR) defeated Brittany Lincicome (USA), 4&3
Nicole Castrale (USA) defeated Bettina Hauert (EUR), 3&2
Paula Creamer (USA) defeated Maria Hjorth (EUR), 2&1
Linda Wessberg (EUR) defeated Cristie Kerr (USA), 1 UP
Natalie Gulbis (USA) defeated Gwladys Nocera (EUR), 4&3
USA 8.5, Europe 3.5

THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: USA 16, EUROPE 12

2005 SOLHEIM CUP

The 2005 Solheim Cup, the ninth staging of the event, was held at famed Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., Sept. 9-11. Attempting to keep its untarnished record on home soil intact, the U.S. Solheim Cup Team did not disappoint the record 103,000 fans with a dominant performance in the Sunday singles matches to close out one of the closest Solheim Cups in history. Captained by the legendary Nancy Lopez, the U.S. team won seven of 12 singles matches to take back The Solheim Cup with a three-point victory over Europe, 15.5 to 12.5. Both teams came into the final day of competition all square at eight points each.



The European team, led once again by Sweden's Catrin Nilsmark, set the tone early in the competition, winning three of the four morning foursomes matches on Friday, but the U.S. team regained some momentum with two wins in Friday's four-ball competitions to finish the day down 5-3. On day two, the U.S. team came out strong with three foursome victories in the morning. In the afternoon four-ball competition, each team won one match and halved the other two to go into the final day tied at eight.

The United States wasted little time in breaking an 8-8 tie on Sunday by winning the first five singles matches to take a 13-8 lead. It was the second time in Solheim Cup history that the United States took the first five singles matches, as they accomplished the same feat at the inaugural event in 1990. Needing 6.5 points on Sunday to regain the Solheim Cup, the competition ended when Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Karen Stupples (EUR) 3&1 on the 17th hole of the 11th match. Mallon is now the all-time leading points earner for the U.S. team with 16.5 points.

There was a lot of talk about how the three U.S. Solheim Cup Team rookies—Christina Kim, Natalie Gulbis and Paula Creamer—would fare on golf's biggest stage, but the trio answered the call and combined for an 8-3-2 record. Creamer went 3-1-1, Gulbis 3-1-0 and Kim was 2-1-1. 19-year-old Creamer, the first LPGA Tour rookie to make the U.S. team and the youngest player in Solheim Cup history, sealed an incredible Solheim Cup performance with a 7&5 trouncing of Europe's Laura Davies, who is the only player to compete in all nine stagings of the event.

Laura Diaz and Iben Tinning had two things in common when they both stepped to the first tee for their singles match: they were both undefeated in Solheim Cup singles play; and both were pregnant. Diaz won the match 6&5 to improve her singles record to 3-0-0, making her the only player with a 3-0-0 record in singles play.

Thanks to a 4-1-0 record, Annika Sorenstam became the events all-time points earner. Sorenstam's career record is now 20-9-3 and her 21.5 points earned are the most in the history of the event. Before this year's matches, Sorenstam was tied with fellow European team member Davies with 17.5 points. Davies went 3-2-0 in 2005 and has 20.5 points, just one point behind Sorenstam.

Just two years after the largest victory margin in Solheim Cup history, the U.S. team's three-point win ties the closest match in the history of the event, as the 2002 and 1990 Solheim Cups were also decided by three points. The U.S.A. now leads the overall competition, 6-3, with a perfect 5-0 record on home soil.

DAY ONE

Foursomes Match Results

Carin Koch / Catriona Matthew (EUR) halved with Beth Daniel / Paula Creamer (USA) Laura Davies / Maria Hjorth (EUR) defeated Cristie Kerr / Natalie Gulbis (USA), 2 & 1 Sophie Gustafson / Trish Johnson (EUR) halved with Christina Kim / Pat Hurst (USA) Annika Sorenstam / Suzann Pettersen (EUR) defeated Michele Redman / Laura Diaz (USA), 1 UP *Europe 3, USA 1*

Four-Ball Match Results

Rosie Jones / Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Maria Hjorth / Iben Tinning (EUR), 3 & 2 Cristie Kerr / Natalie Gulbis (USA) defeated Sophie Gustafson / Karen Stupples (EUR), 2 & 1 Annika Sorenstam / Catriona Matthew (EUR) defeated Pat Hurst / Wendy Ward (USA), 2 & 1 Laura Davies / Suzann Pettersen (EUR) defeated Paula Creamer / Juli Inkster (USA), 4 & 3

Europe 2, USA 2

First-day Cumulative Total: Europe 5, USA 3

DAY TWO

Foursomes Match Results

Christina Kim / Natalie Gulbis (USA) defeated Gwladys Nocera / Ludivine Kreutz (EUR), 4 & 2



Paula Creamer / Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Laura Davies / Maria Hjorth (EUR), 3 & 2 Sophie Gustafson / Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Laura Diaz / Wendy Ward (USA), 5 & 3 Michele Redman / Pat Hurst (USA) defeated Annika Sorenstam / Catriona Matthew (EUR), 2 UP **USA 3, Europe 1**

Four-Ball Match Results

Iben Tinning / Trish Johnson (EUR) halved with Beth Daniel / Juli Inkster (USA) Sophie Gustafson / Suzann Pettersen (EUR) halved with Rosie Jones / Meg Mallon (USA) Cristie Kerr / Paula Creamer (USA) defeated Carin Koch / Catriona Matthew (EUR), 1 UP Laura Davies / Annika Sorenstam (EUR) defeated Pat Hurst / Christina Kim (USA), 4 & 2

Europe 2, USA 2

Second-day Cumulative Total: USA 8, Europe 8

DAY THREE

Singles Match Results

Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Sophie Gustafson (EUR), 2 & 1 Paula Creamer (USA) defeated Laura Davies (EUR), 7 & 5 Pat Hurst (USA) defeated Trish Johnson (EUR), 2 & 1 Laura Diaz (USA) defeated Iben Tinning (EUR), 6 & 5 Christina Kim (USA) defeated Ludivine Kreutz (EUR), 5 & 4 Annika Sorenstam (EUR) defeated Beth Daniel (USA), 4 & 3 Natalie Gulbis (USA) defeated Maria Hjorth (EUR), 2 & 1 Catriona Matthew (EUR) defeated Wendy Ward (USA), 3 & 2 Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Michele Redman (USA), 2 & 1 Gwladys Nocera (EUR) defeated Cristie Kerr (USA), 2 & 1 Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Karen Stupples (EUR), 3 & 1 Suzann Pettersen (EUR) halved with Rosie Jones (USA) **USA 7.5, Europe 4.5**

THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: USA 15.5, EUROPE 12.5

2003 SOLHEIM CUP

The 2003 Solheim Cup, the eighth staging of the event, was held for the first time in Scandinavia at Barsebäck Golf and Country Club in Malmo, Sweden, Sept. 12-14. Once again featuring top U.S.-born players from the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and the top European-born players from the Evian Ladies European Tour (LET), the European team dominated the matches from start to finish. Led by Swede Catrin Nilsmark, who captained her team from crutches due to a ruptured disk in her back that made walking almost unbearable, the European team claimed the Cup on home soil for the third time.

The superior shot-making exhibited by both sides delighted the first sold-out crowd in Solheim Cup history, and the 90,000 fans had much to cheer about right from the start as the European team won three of the four morning foursome matches on day one and halved the fourth. As in years past, however, the U.S. team rallied in the four-ball format that afternoon to close the gap to 4.5 to 3.5. But as the sun rose over the shores of Oresund on day two, it was again Europe's time to shine. The home team won three of four points in the morning foursomes matches, then pounced as the U.S. team uncharacteristically struggled in the afternoon four-balls, earning two crucial points to take a 9.5 to 6.5 lead. The final four-ball match was one of the most competitive and memorable matches in Solheim Cup history, with Suzann Pettersen and Annika Sorenstam carding two dramatic birdies on the final two holes to defeat Kelly Robbins and Laura Diaz, 1 up. The win gave Europe the spark it needed for Sunday's singles matches, a format typically dominated by the Americans.



Needing to win only five of the 12 singles matches in order to reclaim the Cup, Europe wasted no time on Sunday morning. Janice Moodie, Sophie Gustafson, Iben Tinning and Annika Sorenstam all posted European blue on the leaderboards by winning their matches. The 2003 Solheim Cup ended when Catriona Matthew defeated Rosie Jones on the 17th hole of only the sixth match. Five more matches were still being completed, but once Jones missed her birdie try and then conceded Matthew's 9-foot birdie putt, it was all over. Three of the five remaining matches were conceded to the European team once the Cup was secured, giving the Europeans the largest margin of victory since the competition began in 1990, 17.5 – 10.5.

Annika Sorenstam added an exclamation mark to her already stellar 2003 season with a 4-1-0 record, giving her 17-.5 points in her Solheim Cup career. Sorenstam is now tied with Laura Davies as the event's all-time leading points earner. The overall score of The Solheim Cup now stands at 5-3, favoring the United States. The European team has won three of the four events contested on their home soil.

DAY ONE

Foursomes match results

Beth Daniel/Kelly Robbins (USA) halved with Carin Koch/Laura Davies (EUR) Janice Moodie/Catriona Matthew (EUR) defeated Juli Inkster/Wendy Ward, 5&3 Annika Sorenstam/Suzann Pettersen (EUR) defeated Laura Diaz/Heather Bowie, 4&3 Sophie Gustafson/Elisabeth Esterl (EUR) defeated Meg Mallon/Rosie Jones, 3&2 *Europe 3.5, USA .5*

Four-ball match results

Kelli Kuehne/Cristie Kerr (USA) defeated Laura Davies/Catriona Matthew (EUR), 2&1 Juli Inkster/Beth Daniel (USA) defeated Annika Sorenstam/Carin Koch (EUR), 1 up Suzann Pettersen/P. Meunier-Lebouc (EUR) defeated Angela Stanford/Meg Mallon (USA), 3&2 Michele Redman/Rosie Jones (USA) defeated Iben Tinning/Sophie Gustafson (EUR), 2 up

USA 3, Europe 1

First-day cumulative total: Europe 4.5, USA 3.5

DAY TWO

Foursomes match results

Sophie Gustafson/Suzann Pettersen (EUR) defeated Kelli Kuehne/Cristie Kerr (USA), 3&1 Angela Stanford/Michele Redman (USA) halved with Elisabeth Esterl/Iben Tinning (EUR) Annika Sorenstam/Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Wendy Ward/Heather Bowie (USA), 3&2 Meg Mallon/Kelly Robbins (USA) halved with Janice Moodie/Catriona Matthew (EUR) *Europe 3, USA 1*

Four-ball match results

Beth Daniel/Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Ana B. Sanchez/Mhairi McKay (EUR), 5&4 Cristie Kerr/Kelli Kuehne (USA) defeated Sophie Gustafson/Laura Davies (EUR), 2&1 Catriona Matthew/Janice Moodie (EUR) defeated Wendy Ward/Rosie Jones (USA), 4&3 Annika Sorenstam/Suzann Pettersen (EUR) defeated Kelly Robbins/Laura Diaz (USA), 1 up

Europe 2, USA 2

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 9.5, USA 6.5

DAY THREE

Singles match results

Janice Moodie (EUR) defeated Kelli Kuehne (USA), 3&2 Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Carin Koch (EUR), 5&4



Sophie Gustafson (EUR) defeated Heather Bowie (USA), 5&4
Iben Tinning (EUR) defeated Wendy Ward (USA), 2&1
Michele Redman (USA) defeated Ana B. Sanchez (EUR), 3&1
Catriona Matthew (EUR) defeated Rosie Jones (USA), 3&1
Annika Sorenstam (EUR) defeated Angela Stanford (USA), 3&2
Cristie Kerr (USA) defeated S. Pettersen (EUR) when Pettersen conceded the match after 15 holes
Laura Davies (EUR) defeated Meg Mallon (USA) when Mallon conceded the match after 14 holes
Laura Diaz (USA) defeated Elisabeth Esterl (EUR), 5&4
Mhairi McKay (EUR) defeated Beth Daniel (USA) when Daniel conceded the match after 14 holes
P. Meunier-Lebouc (EUR) defeated K. Robbins (USA) when Robbins conceded the match after 11 holes

Europe 8, USA 4

THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: EUROPE 17.5, USA 10.5

2002 SOLHEIM CUP

The 2002 Solheim Cup, the seventh staging of the event, was held at Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minn., Sept. 20-22. Featuring the top U.S.-born players from the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and the top European-born players from the Evian Ladies European Tour (LET), the U.S. team staged a thrilling come-from-behind victory to regain the Cup and keep its untarnished record on U.S. soil intact.

It was an event of sudden swings and lead changes, as well as one of the most closely contested Solheim Cups ever. Europe won three of the four morning foursomes matches on Friday, but the U.S. team rallied to win three of the four four-ball matches in the afternoon to tie the competition at 4-4 after the first day. The home team's momentum carried over into the morning foursomes matches on Saturday, where it won three of four matches to take a 7-5 lead. But the tide turned again in the afternoon as the Europeans swept the four-ball matches to take a commanding 9-7 lead into the final day.

The U.S. team, led by Captain Patty Sheehan and Assistant Captain Jane Geddes, once again showed its strength in the singles matches on Sunday, winning seven of 12 matches and halving three. Wendy Ward, who took world No. 1 Annika Sorenstam to 18 holes, earned a key half-point. In the final match of the day, Rosie Jones clinched the Cup for the U.S. team with a par putt on the 15th hole, giving the U.S. a 15.5 – 12.5 victory.

Laura Davies earned two points for the European team and became the all-time leading points earner in Solheim Cup competition (16) over Dottie Pepper (14), who qualified for the U.S. team but was unable to compete due to injury. Carin Koch continued her stellar Solheim Cup play, posting a 4-0-1 record to compliment her 3-0-0 record from the 2000 event. Koch's only blemish to a perfect record came in the singles matches when she halved with veteran Beth Daniel after the outcome of the event was already decided.

DAY ONE

Foursomes match results

Laura Davies/Paula Marti (EUR) defeated Juli Inkster/Laura Diaz (USA), 2 up Beth Daniel/Wendy Ward (USA) defeated Iben Tinning/Raquel Carriedo (EUR), 1 up Helen Alfredsson/Suzann Pettersen (EUR) defeated Kelly Robbins/Pat Hurst (USA), 4&2 Annika Sorenstam/Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Meg Mallon/Kelli Kuehne (USA) 3&2

Europe 3, USA 1

Four-ball match results

Rosie Jones/Cristie Kerr (USA) defeated Laura Davies/Paula Marti (EUR), 1 up Laura Diaz/Emilee Klein (USA) defeated Sophie Gustafson/Karine Icher (EUR), 4&3



Michele Redman/Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Annika Sorenstam/Maria Hjorth (EUR), 2&1 Mhairi McKay/Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Juli Inkster/Kelli Kuehne (USA), 3&2

USA 3, Europe 1

First-day cumulative total: USA 4, Europe 4

DAY TWO

Foursomes match results

Annika Sorenstam/Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Cristie Kerr/Michele Redman (USA), 4&3 Emilee Klein/Wendy Ward (USA) defeated Iben Tinning/Mhairi McKay (EUR), 3&2 Meg Mallon/Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Paula Marti/Laura Davies (EUR), 2&1 Laura Diaz/Kelly Robbins (USA) defeated Helen Alfredsson/Suzann Pettersen (EUR), 3&1 **USA 3, Europe 1**

Four-ball match results

Annika Sorenstam/Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Beth Daniel/Wendy Ward (USA), 4&3 Maria Hjorth/Iben Tinning (EUR) defeated Pat Hurst/Kelli Kuehne (USA), 1 up Karine Icher/Raquel Carriedo (EUR) defeated Rosie Jones/Cristie Kerr (USA), 1 up Laura Davies/Sophie Gustafson (EUR) defeated Kelly Robbins/Emilee Klein (USA), 1 up

Europe 4, USA 0

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 9, USA 7

DAY THREE

Singles match results

Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Raquel Carriedo (EUR), 4&3
Laura Diaz (USA) defeated Paula Marti (EUR), 5&3
Emilee Klein (USA) defeated Helen Alfredsson (EUR), 2&1
Iben Tinning (EUR) defeated Kelli Kuehne (USA), 3&2
Michele Redman (USA) halved with Suzann Pettersen (EUR)
Wendy Ward (USA) halved with Annika Sorenstam (EUR)
Kelly Robbins (USA) defeated Maria Hjorth (EUR), 5&3
Sophie Gustafson (EUR) defeated Cristie Kerr (USA), 3&2
Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Laura Davies (EUR), 3&2
Pat Hurst (USA) defeated Mhairi McKay (EUR), 3&2
Beth Daniel (USA) halved with Carin Koch (EUR)
Rosie Jones (USA) defeated Karine Icher (EUR), 3&2

USA 8.5, Europe 3.5

THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: USA 15.5, EUROPE 12.5

2000 SOLHEIM CUP

The 2000 Solheim Cup, the sixth staging of the event, was held at Loch Lomond Golf Club, Oct. 6-8, in Alexandria by Luss, Scotland. Featuring the top U.S.-born players from the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and the top European-born players from the Evian Ladies European Tour (LET), the European team captured the Cup from the defending U.S. team by a score of 14.5 – 11.5.

After posting an unprecedented 4-0 record in the morning foursomes matches, the European team, captained by Dale Reid and Assistant Captain Pamela Wright, took a commanding three-point lead after the first day of foursomes matches. Europe widened its lead to five points following the second day of play by winning four of the six four-ball matches.



The U.S. team, led by Captain Pat Bradley and Assistant Captain Debbie Massey, fought back on the final day of play, winning seven of the 12 singles matches, but fell short of the 13 points it needed to retain the Cup. Carin Koch made a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole of the second-to-last match that clinched the victory for Europe. The last time Europe had won The Solheim Cup was in 1992, when the competition was first played in Scotland.

DAY ONE

Foursomes match results (Morning session)

Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR) defeated Dottie Pepper/Juli Inkster (USA), 4&3 Trish Johnson/Sophie Gustafson (EUR) defeated Kelly Robbins/Pat Hurst (USA), 3&2 Catrin Nilsmark/Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Brandie Burton/Becky Iverson (USA), 2&1 Annika Sorenstam/Janice Moodie (EUR) defeated Meg Mallon/Beth Daniel (USA), 1 up *Europe 4, USA O*

Foursomes match results (Afternoon session)

Becky Iverson/Rosie Jones (USA) defeated Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR), 6&5 Juli Inkster/Sherri Steinhauer (USA) halved with Trish Johnson/Sophie Gustafson (EUR) Kelly Robbins/Pat Hurst (USA) defeated Liselotte Neumann/Helen Alfredsson (EUR), 1 up Janice Moodie/Annika Sorenstam (EUR) defeated Meg Mallon/Beth Daniel (USA), 1 up **USA 2.5, Europe 1.5**

First-day cumulative total: Europe 5.5, USA 2.5

DAY TWO

Four-ball match results

Trish Johnson/Sophie Gustafson (EUR) defeated Rosie Jones/Becky Iverson (USA), 3&2 Alison Nicholas/Helen Alfredsson (EUR) defeated Juli Inkster/Sherri Steinhauer (USA), 3&2 Catrin Nilsmark/Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Nancy Scranton/Michele Redman (USA), 2&1 Dottie Pepper/Brandie Burton (USA) halved with Liselotte Neumann/Patricia Meunier-Lebouc (EUR) Meg Mallon/Beth Daniel (USA) halved with Laura Davies/Raquel Carriedo (EUR) Kelly Robbins/Pat Hurst (USA) defeated Janice Moodie/Annika Sorenstam (EUR), 2&1

Europe 4, USA 2

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 9.5, USA 4.5

DAY THREE

Singles match results

Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Annika Sorenstam (EUR), 5&4
Brandie Burton (USA) defeated Sophie Gustafson (EUR), 4&3
Helen Alfredsson (EUR) defeated Beth Daniel (USA), 4&3
Dottie Pepper (USA) defeated Trish Johnson (EUR), 2&1
Kelly Robbins (USA) defeated Laura Davies (EUR), 3&2
Pat Hurst (USA) halved with Liselotte Neumann (EUR)
Sherri Steinhauer (USA) halved with Alison Nicholas (EUR)
Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Patricia Meunier-Lebouc (EUR), 1 up
Catrin Nilsmark (EUR) defeated Rosie Jones (USA), 1 up
Becky Iverson (USA) defeated Raquel Carriedo (EUR), 3&2
Carin Koch (EUR) defeated Michele Redman (USA), 2&1
Janice Moodie (EUR) defeated Nancy Scranton (USA), 1 up

USA 7, Europe 5



THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: EUROPE 14.5, USA 11.5

1998 SOLHEIM CUP

The 1998 Solheim Cup, the fifth staging of the event, was held at Muirfield Village Golf Club, Sept. 18-20, in Dublin, Ohio. Featuring the top U.S.-born players from the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and the European-born players from the European Ladies' Professional Golf Association (ELPGA), the United States retained the Cup by defeating the European team, 16-12.

The U.S. team, captained by Judy Rankin, had the lead going into the final day, but the European team mounted a strong effort, winning six of the singles matches outright. Sherri Steinhauer's putt to win her match against Catriona Matthew, 3&2, clinched the U.S. team's title. Meg Mallon, playing in the day's final match, conceded the 18th hole to Sophie Gustafson to halve the match.

Tammie Green became the first pregnant Solheim Cup competitor, and Dottie Pepper was the only player to go undefeated during the three-day competition. Attendance records for the Solheim Cup were set every day of the competition, as well as for the opening and closing ceremonies.

DAY ONE

Foursomes match results

Dottie Pepper/Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Laura Davies/Trish Johnson (EUR), 3&1 Meg Mallon/Brandie Burton (USA) defeated Helen Alfredsson/Alison Nicholas (EUR), 3&1 Kelly Robbins/Pat Hurst (USA) defeated Lisa Hackney/Liselotte Neumann (EUR), 1 up Annika Sorenstam/Catriona Matthew (EUR) defeated Donna Andrews/Tammie Green (USA), 3&2 **USA 3, Europe 1**

Four-ball match results

Betsy King/Chris Johnson (USA) halved with Laura Davies/Charlotta Sorenstam (EUR) Pat Hurst/Rosie Jones (USA) defeated Lisa Hackney/Sophie Gustafson (EUR), 7&5 Helen Alfredsson/Marie-Laure de Lorenzi (EUR) defeated Kelly Robbins/S. Steinhauer (USA), 2&1 Dottie Pepper/Brandie Burton (USA) defeated Annika Sorenstam/Catrin Nilsmark (EUR), 2 up

USA 2.5, Europe 1.5

First-day cumulative total: USA 5.5, Europe 2.5

DAY TWO

Foursomes match results

Donna Andrews/Sherri Steinhauer (USA) defeated A. Sorenstam/Catriona Matthew (EUR), 3&2 Laura Davies/Charlotta Sorenstam (EUR) defeated Meg Mallon/Brandie Burton (USA), 3&2 Dottie Pepper/Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Helen Alfredsson/Marie-Laure de Lorenzi (EUR), 1 up Kelly Robbins/Pat Hurst (USA) defeated Liselotte Neumann/Catrin Nilsmark (EUR), 1 up **USA 3, Europe 1**

Four-ball match results

Annika Sorenstam/Catrin Nilsmark (EUR) defeated Betsy King/Rosie Jones (USA), 5&3 Laura Davies/Lisa Hackney (Hall) (EUR) defeated Chris Johnson/Tammie Green (USA), 2 up Donna Andrews/Sherri Steinhauer (USA) defeated Marie-Laure de Lorenzi/Helen Alfredsson (EUR), 4&3 Meg Mallon/Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Liselotte Neumann/Charlotta Sorenstam (EUR), 2&1

USA 2, Europe 2

Second-day cumulative total: USA 10.5, Europe 5.5



DAY THREE

Singles match results

Laura Davies (EUR) defeated Pat Hurst (USA), 1 up
Helen Alfredsson (EUR) defeated Juli Inkster (USA), 2&1
Annika Sorenstam (EUR) defeated Donna Andrews (USA), 2&1
Liselotte Neumann (EUR) defeated Brandie Burton (USA), 1 up
Dottie Pepper (USA) defeated Trish Johnson (EUR), 3&2
Kelly Robbins (USA) defeated Charlotta Sorenstam (EUR), 2&1
Marie-Laure de Lorenzi (EUR) defeated Chris Johnson (USA), 1 up
Rosie Jones (USA) defeated Catrin Nilsmark (EUR), 6&4
Tammie Green (USA) defeated Alison Nicholas (EUR), 1 up
Sherri Steinhauer (USA) defeated Catriona Matthew (EUR), 3&2
Lisa Hackney (Hall) (EUR) defeated Betsy King (USA), 6&5
Meg Mallon (USA) halved with Sophie Gustafson (EUR)

Europe 6.5, USA 5.5

THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: USA 16, EUROPE 12

1996 SOLHEIM CUP

The fourth staging of the biennial trans-Atlantic women's professional team match-play competition between the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET), the 1996 Solheim Cup was played at the Marriott St. Pierre Hotel & Country Club in Chepstow, Wales, from Sept. 20-22, 1996.

The U.S. team successfully defended its possession of the Waterford crystal trophy bringing the overall, four-year competition score to 3-1. The U.S. team pulled out its victory on the third and final day of competition by winning 10 out of 12 singles matches, bringing the 1996 competition's final point total to 17–11.

For the first time, The Solheim Cup featured two teams of 12 players. The first and second day's play featured four four-somes matches in the morning and four four-ball matches in the afternoon. The competition culminated on the third day with 12 singles matches.

DAY ONE

Foursomes match results

Kelly Robbins/Michelle McGann (USA) halved with Annika Sorenstam/Catrin Nilsmark (EUR) Patty Sheehan/Rosie Jones (USA) defeated Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR), 1 up Beth Daniel/Val Skinner (USA) defeated Marie-Laure de Lorenzi/Dale Reid (EUR), 1 up Dottie Pepper/Brandie Burton (USA) defeated Helen Alfredsson/Liselotte Neumann (EUR), 2&1 *USA 3.5, Europe .5*

Four-ball match results

Laura Davies/Trish Johnson (EUR) defeated Kelly Robbins/Pat Bradley (USA), 6&5 Annika Sorenstam/Kathryn Marshall (EUR) defeated Val Skinner/Jane Geddes (USA), 1 up Dottie Pepper/Betsy King (USA) defeated Liselotte Neumann/Catrin Nilsmark (EUR), 1 up Meg Mallon/Beth Daniel (USA) halved with Helen Alfredsson/Alison Nicholas (EUR)

Europe 2.5, USA 1.5

First-day cumulative total: USA 5, Europe 3



DAY TWO

Foursomes match results

Laura Davies/Trish Johnson (EUR) defeated Patty Sheehan/Rosie Jones (USA), 4&3 Annika Sorenstam/Catrin Nilsmark (EUR) defeated Dottie Pepper/Brandie Burton (USA), 1 up Meg Mallon/Jane Geddes (USA) halved with Liselotte Neumann/Kathryn Marshall (EUR) Marie-Laure de Lorenzi/Helen Alfredsson (EUR) defeated Kelly Robbins/Michelle McGann (USA), 4&3 *Europe 3.5, USA.5*

Four-ball match results

Laura Davies/Lisa Hackney (Hall) (EUR) defeated Beth Daniel/Val Skinner (USA), 6&5 Michelle McGann/Meg Mallon (USA) halved with Annika Sorenstam/Trish Johnson (EUR) Kelly Robbins/Betsy King (USA) defeated Marie-Laure de Lorenzi/Joanne Morley (EUR), 2&1 Catrin Nilsmark/Liselotte Neumann (EUR) defeated Patty Sheehan/Jane Geddes (USA), 3&1

Europe 2.5, USA 1.5

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 9, USA 7

DAY THREE

Singles match results

Annika Sorenstam (EUR) defeated Pat Bradley (USA), 2&1
Val Skinner (USA) defeated Kathryn Marshall (EUR), 2&1
Michelle McGann (USA) defeated Laura Davies (EUR), 3&2
Beth Daniel (USA) halved with Liselotte Neumann (EUR)
Brandie Burton (USA) defeated Lisa Hackney (Hall) (EUR), 1 up
Dottie Pepper (USA) defeated Trish Johnson (EUR), 3&2
Kelly Robbins (USA) halved with Alison Nicholas (EUR)
Betsy King (USA) defeated Marie-Laure de Lorenzi (EUR), 5&4
Rosie Jones (USA) defeated Joanne Morley (EUR), 5&4
Jane Geddes (USA) defeated Dale Reid (EUR), 2 up
Patty Sheehan (USA) defeated Catrin Nilsmark (EUR), 2&1
Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Helen Alfredsson (EUR), 4&2

USA 10, Europe 2

THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: USA 17, EUROPE 11

1994 SOLHEIM CUP

The 1994 Solheim Cup, the third staging of the biennial trans-Atlantic women's professional team match-play competition between the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET), was played at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., from Oct. 21-23, 1994. The U.S. team successfully regained possession of the coveted Solheim Cup trophy, bringing the overall, three-year competition score to 2-1. The U.S. team soundly defeated the European squad, the defending champion, on the strength of eight singles match victories on the final day, bringing the total points tally to 13-7.

The first day's play comprised five alternate shot, foursomes matches. The second round included five four-ball matches, where the best score from each team counted on each hole. The competition culminated on the final day with 10 singles matches.

DAY ONE

Foursomes match results

Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie/Brandie Burton (USA) defeated Liselotte Neumann/Helen Alfredsson (EUR), 3&2



Annika Sorenstam/Catrin Nilsmark (EUR) defeated Beth Daniel/Meg Mallon (USA), 1 up Dale Reid/Lora Fairclough (EUR) defeated Tammie Green/Kelly Robbins (USA), 2&1 Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR) defeated Donna Andrews/Betsy King (USA), 2&1 Patty Sheehan/Sherri Steinhauer (USA) defeated Pam Wright/Trish Johnson (EUR), 2 up *Europe 3, USA 2*

DAY TWO

Four-ball match results

Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie/Brandie Burton (USA) defeated Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR), 2&1 Beth Daniel/Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Catrin Nilsmark/Annika Sorenstam (EUR), 6&5 Dale Reid/Lora Fairclough (EUR) defeated Tammie Green/Kelly Robbins (USA), 4&3 Donna Andrews/Betsy King (USA) defeated Trish Johnson/Pam Wright (EUR), 3&2 Liselotte Neumann/Helen Alfredsson (EUR) defeated Patty Sheehan/Sherri Steinhauer (USA), 1 up **USA 3, Europe 2**

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 5, USA 5

DAY THREE

Singles match results

Helen Alfredsson (EUR) defeated Betsy King (USA), 2&1
Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie (USA) defeated Catrin Nilsmark (EUR), 6&5
Beth Daniel (USA) defeated Trish Johnson (EUR), 1 up
Kelly Robbins (USA) defeated Lora Fairclough (EUR), 4&2
Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Pam Wright (EUR), 1 up
Alison Nicholas (EUR) defeated Patty Sheehan (USA), 3&2
Brandie Burton (USA) defeated Laura Davies (EUR), 1 up
Tammie Green (USA) defeated Annika Sorenstam (EUR), 3&2
Sherri Steinhauer (USA) defeated Dale Reid (EUR), 2 up
Donna Andrews (USA) defeated Liselotte Neumann (EUR), 3&2

USA 8, Europe 2

THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: USA 13, EUROPE 7

1992 SOLHEIM CUP

At the 1992 Solheim Cup at the Dalmahoy Hotel Golf and Country Club in Edinburgh, Scotland, Oct. 2-4, 1992, the European team outplayed the U.S. team on all three days of competition. The Europeans, representing the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET), scored an 11.5 to 6.5 victory over the U.S. players from the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour. At the conclusion of the second running of The Solheim Cup, the WPGET had avenged its 1990 loss and became the new holder of the beautiful Waterford crystal trophy.

The first day's play comprised four alternate shot, foursomes matches. The second round included four four-ball matches, whereby the best score from each team counted on each hole. The competition culminated on the final day with 10 singles matches.

DAY ONE

Foursomes match results

Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR) defeated Betsy King/Beth Daniel (USA), 1 up Liselotte Neumann/Helen Alfredsson (EUR) defeated Pat Bradley/Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie (USA), 2&1 Danielle Ammaccapane/Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Florence Descampe/Trish Johnson (EUR), 1 up Dale Reid/Pamela Wright (EUR) halved with Patty Sheehan/Juli Inkster (USA)



Europe 2.5, USA 1.5

DAY TWO

Four-ball match results

Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR) defeated Patty Sheehan/Juli Inkster (USA), 1 up Florence Descampe/Trish Johnson (EUR) halved with Brandie Burton/Deb Richard (USA) Betsy King/Meg Mallon (USA) defeated Dale Reid/Pamela Wright (EUR), 1 up Helen Alfredsson/Liselotte Neumann (EUR) halved with Pat Bradley/Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie (USA)

Europe 2, USA 2

Second-day cumulative total: Europe 4.5, USA 3.5

DAY THREE

Singles match results

Laura Davies (EUR) defeated Brandie Burton (USA), 4&2
Helen Alfredsson (EUR) defeated D. Ammaccapane (USA), 4&3
Trish Johnson (EUR) defeated Patty Sheehan (USA), 2&1
Juli Inkster (USA) defeated Alison Nicholas (EUR), 3&2
Beth Daniel (USA) defeated Florence Descampe (EUR), 3&1
Pamela Wright (EUR) defeated Pat Bradley (USA), 4&3
Catrin Nilsmark (EUR) defeated Meg Mallon (USA), 3&2
Deb Richard (USA) defeated Kitrina Douglas (EUR), 7&6
Liselotte Neumann (EUR) defeated Betsy King (USA), 2&1
Dale Reid (EUR) defeated Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie (USA), 3&2

Europe 7, USA 3

THREE-DAY CUMULATIVE TOTAL: EUROPE 11.5, USA 6.5

1990 SOLHEIM CUP

The 1990 Solheim Cup was the first staging of the biennial trans-Atlantic women's professional team match-play competition between the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour and the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET). A milestone in the history of women's professional golf, the event was played over the Tom Fazio-designed Lake Nona Golf Club in Orlando, Fla., from Nov. 16-18, 1990. The United States scored a resounding victory against Europe, defeating the WPGET 11.5 to 4.5.

The first day's play featured four alternate shot, foursomes matches. The second round included four four-ball matches, where the best score from each team counted on each hole. The competition culminated on the final day with eight singles matches.

DAY ONE

Foursomes match results

Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR) defeated Pat Bradley/Nancy Lopez (USA), 2&1 Cathy Gerring/Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie (USA) defeated Pamela Wright/Liselotte Neumann (EUR), 6&5 Patty Sheehan/Rosie Jones (USA) defeated Dale Reid/Helen Alfredsson (EUR), 6&5 Beth Daniel/Betsy King (USA) defeated Trish Johnson/Marie-Laure de Lorenzi (EUR), 5&4 **USA 3, Europe 1**

DAY TWO

Four-ball match results
Beth Daniel/Betsy King (USA) defeated Laura Davies/Alison Nicholas (EUR), 4&3



2015 SOLHEIM CUP

The United States knew it would take an epic comeback on Sunday if they were going to bring The Solheim Cup back across the pond.

Having never come back from bigger than a two-point deficit heading into singles, the U.S. needed the largest comeback in history if it was going to end Europe's reign of two straight victories in the Solheim Cup as they trailed 10-6.

Rally is exactly what Team USA did on Sunday by capturing nine of the 12 matches and earning a halve in the opening match to earn exactly the $8 \frac{1}{2}$ points needed to regain The Solheim Cup. U.S. Captain Juli Inkster said the final session came down to something she preached to her players all week.

"You know what, I was on them all week," said Inkster. "You've got to play with heart. You've got to play with fire in your belly. Never give up. I saw my team out there today, it didn't look good early, they hung in there, a lot of 2-downs came to evens, and then plus 1."

Things started off slowly for the Americans as there was a lot of blue on the scoreboard in the early holes, but the tide turned red in the middle of the day thanks to some hot play from Team USA.

Sitting 3-down to Charley Hull on the fourth hole, Cristie Kerr made nine birdies in her next 11 holes en route to a 3&2 victory. Michelle Wie shot 30 on the front nine while capturing a 6&4 victory over Caroline Hedwall. In the last three matches of the day, the U.S. won by no less than Kerr's 3&2 victory.

The Cup ended up coming down to two matches: Gerina Piller vs. Caroline Masson and Angela Stanford vs. Suzann Pettersen. Piller was 2 UP with two to play but Masson parred the 17th to cut the lead to one heading to 18. With Masson facing a 10-foot birdie putt, Piller had to get up and down from the thick rough in order to have a chance to win the match. Masson missed her birdie putt and Piller sank the biggest putt of her career and was swarmed by her teammates on the 18th green in celebration.

Stanford was all square with Pettersen through 14, but birdies on 15 and 16 gave her a 2 UP lead with two to play. The U.S. couldn't afford a split, and Stanford clinched the victory with a par and halved hole on No. 17 for the 2&1 win.

There was a little extra motivation for the Americans in their comeback following some controversy early Sunday morning at the conclusion of the Saturday afternoon four-ball matches. Three matches had to finish on Sunday. The Americans won one of the first two and appeared to have a chance to gain at least another half point in the final fourball match between Brittany Lincicome & Alison Lee and Suzann Pettersen and Hull. But with the match all square on the 17th, Lee missed a birdie putt that would have won the hole and when she picked up the 1½ footer that remained for par, the Europeans stated that they had not conceded the putt although Lee had thought she heard them do so. The Europeans were then granted the hole and went 1 UP into the 18th and went on to win the critical point.

Lee went out in the fifth singles match and got a bit of redemption herself with a 3&1 win over Gwladys Nocera. Lee, who was the only rookie on either team this week, played like a season-veteran in the afternoon after rallying from a 2-down deficit early on and rattled off three consecutive birdies on Nos. 5-7 and never looked back. She won three more holes on the back nine including the 17th after Nocera hit her approach shot in the water. Lee said the win helped soothed the heartache from the morning's controversy.

"Yes, of course," said Lee. "I really felt like we had that match, and I was sure we had that point for our team. And losing that match and seeing all the girls surrounding me and giving me a lot of support and showing me that they had my back, it felt great. And I think it really did motivate us all to play well in the afternoon and fire back."