



List of Ryder Cup records

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The **Ryder Cup** is a biennial men's golf competition between teams from Europe and the United States. Originally contested between Great Britain and the United States, the first official Ryder Cup took place in 1927. The representation of "Great Britain and Ireland" was extended to include continental Europe from 1979.

In all the following tables Europe includes Great Britain/Great Britain and Ireland up to 1977.

For details of individual players' complete Ryder Cup records see: [List of European Ryder Cup golfers](#) and [List of American Ryder Cup golfers](#).

Summary

There have been a total of 956 individual matches played in the 41 Ryder Cups. Of these the United States has won 465, Europe (including Great Britain/Great Britain and Ireland up to 1977) has won 358 with 133 matches halved. Thus the United States have scored a total of 531½ points to Europe's 424½.^[1]

Team	All Ryder Cups				36 hole matches			18 hole matches			
	Overall	Singles	Foursomes	Fourballs	Overall	Singles	Foursomes	Overall	Singles	Foursomes	Fourballs
 United States won	465	235	136	94	94	61	33	371	174	103	94
 Europe won	358	169	107	82	48	33	15	310	136	92	82
Halved	133	66	30	37	14	10	4	119	56	26	37
 United States points	531½	268	151	112½	101	66	35	430½	202	116	112½
 Europe points	424½	202	122	100½	55	38	17	369½	164	105	100½
Total	956	470	273	213	156	104	52	800	366	221	213

36 holes matches were played up to 1959, 18 hole matches from 1961 onwards. Fourball matches were first played in 1963. The table includes three 18 hole single matches (in 1979, 1991 and 1993) which were not actually played because of injury but were declared as halved matches.

Holes-in-one

[2]

Europe

Hole	Player	Match	Type	Year
16th at Muirfield	<u>Peter Butler</u>	<u>Brian Barnes</u> & <u>Peter Butler</u> lost 1 hole v <u>Jack Nicklaus</u> & <u>Tom Weiskopf</u>	Foursomes	<u>1973</u>
14th at The Belfry	<u>Nick Faldo</u>	<u>Nick Faldo</u> halved with <u>Paul Azinger</u>	Singles	<u>1993</u>
6th at Oak Hill	<u>Costantino Rocca</u>	<u>Sam Torrance</u> & <u>Costantino Rocca</u> won 6 & 5 v <u>Davis Love III</u> & <u>Jeff Maggert</u>	Foursomes	<u>1995</u>
11th at Oak Hill	<u>Howard Clark</u>	<u>Howard Clark</u> won 1 hole v <u>Peter Jacobsen</u>	Singles	<u>1995</u>
14th at The K Club	<u>Paul Casey</u>	<u>Paul Casey</u> & <u>David Howell</u> won 5 & 4 v <u>Stewart Cink</u> & <u>Zach Johnson</u>	Foursomes	<u>2006</u>

United States

Hole	Player	Match	Type	Year
14th at The K Club	<u>Scott Verplank</u>	<u>Scott Verplank</u> won 4 & 3 v <u>Pádraig Harrington</u>	Singles	<u>2006</u>

Largest margins of victory in a match

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36 hole matches (to 1959)

All victories by 7 or more holes for Europe and by 8 or more holes for the United States are listed.

Europe

Margin	Winner	Loser	Type	Year
10 & 8	<u>George Duncan</u>	<u>Walter Hagen</u>	Singles	<u>1929</u>
9 & 8	<u>Abe Mitchell</u>	<u>Olin Dutra</u>	Singles	<u>1933</u>
9 & 7	<u>Fred Daly</u>	<u>Ted Kroll</u>	Singles	<u>1953</u>

The largest victory in a foursomes match was a 7&5 win by Aubrey Boomer & Charles Whitcombe against Leo Diegel & Bill Mehlhorn in 1927.

United States

Margin	Winner	Loser	Type	Year
10 & 9	<u>Walter Hagen</u> & <u>Denny Shute</u>	<u>George Duncan</u> & <u>Arthur Havers</u>	Foursomes	<u>1931</u>
10 & 9	<u>Ed Oliver</u> & <u>Lew Worsham</u>	<u>Henry Cotton</u> & <u>Arthur Lees</u>	Foursomes	<u>1947</u>
9 & 8	<u>Leo Diegel</u>	<u>Abe Mitchell</u>	Singles	<u>1929</u>
9 & 8	<u>Paul Runyan</u> & <u>Horton Smith</u>	<u>Bill Cox</u> & <u>Ted Jarman</u>	Foursomes	<u>1935</u>

18 hole matches (from 1961)

All victories by 5 or more holes for Europe and by 6 or more holes for the United States are listed.

Europe

Margin	Winner	Loser	Type	Year
7 & 5	José Maria Cañizares & José Rivero	Tom Kite & Calvin Peete	Foursomes	1985
7 & 5	Ian Woosnam & Bernhard Langer	Paul Azinger & Payne Stewart	Foursomes	1993
6 & 5	Dave Thomas & George Will	Arnold Palmer & Dave Marr	Foursomes	1965
6 & 5	Nick Faldo & Peter Oosterhuis	Andy Bean & Tom Kite	Foursomes	1979
6 & 5	Des Smyth & José Maria Cañizares	Bill Rogers & Bruce Lietzke	Fourball	1981
6 & 5	Seve Ballesteros & José María Olazábal	Tom Watson & Mark O'Meara	Fourball	1989
6 & 5	Ian Woosnam & Peter Baker	Fred Couples & Paul Azinger	Fourball	1993
6 & 5	Sam Torrance & Costantino Rocca	Davis Love III & Jeff Maggert	Foursomes	1995
6 & 5	Luke Donald & Lee Westwood	Steve Stricker & Tiger Woods	Foursomes	2010

The largest victory in a singles match has been a 5&4 win, achieved 9 times, firstly by [Bernard Hunt](#) against [Jerry Barber](#) in [1961](#).

United States

Margin	Winner	Loser	Type	Year
8 & 7	Tom Kite	Howard Clark	Singles	1989
8 & 7	Fred Couples	Ian Woosnam	Singles	1997
7 & 6	Miller Barber	Maurice Bembridge	Singles	1969
7 & 6	Lee Trevino	Brian Huggett	Singles	1971
7 & 6	Hale Irwin & Tom Kite	Ken Brown & Des Smyth	Foursomes	1979
7 & 6	Paul Azinger & Mark O'Meara	Nick Faldo & David Gilford	Foursomes	1991
7 & 6	Tom Lehman	Ignacio Garrido	Singles	1997
7 & 6	Keegan Bradley & Phil Mickelson	Lee Westwood & Luke Donald	Foursomes	2012

The largest victory in a fourball match has been a 7&5 win by [Lee Trevino & Jerry Pate](#) against [Nick Faldo & Sam Torrance](#) in [1981](#).

Pairings

Most frequent pairings

Pairings used 7 or more times for Europe and 5 or more times for the United States are listed.^[4]

Europe

Pairing	Number	Points	First Year	Last Year	Overall Record W–L–H	Foursomes Record W–L–H	Fourballs Record W–L–H
<u>Seve Ballesteros & José María Olazábal</u>	15	12	1987	1993	11–2–2	6–1–1	5–1–1
<u>Peter Alliss & Christy O'Connor Snr</u>	12	5.5	1959	1969	5–6–1	4–4–1	1–2–0
<u>Brian Barnes & Bernard Gallacher</u>	10	5.5	1973	1979	5–4–1	2–3–0	3–1–1
<u>Nick Faldo & Ian Woosnam</u>	10	6	1987	1991	5–3–2	2–1–2	3–2–0
<u>Neil Coles & Bernard Hunt</u>	8	2.5	1963	1967	2–5–1	1–2–1	1–3–0
<u>Darren Clarke & Lee Westwood</u>	8	6	1999	2006	6–2–0	3–1–0	3–1–0
<u>Neil Coles & Christy O'Connor Snr</u>	7	3.5	1963	1973	3–3–1	2–1–0	1–2–1
<u>Tony Jacklin & Peter Oosterhuis</u>	7	4	1973	1975	3–2–2	1–1–1	2–1–1
<u>Bernhard Langer & Colin Montgomerie</u>	7	5.5	1991	2002	5–1–1	3–0–1	2–1–0
<u>Nick Faldo & Colin Montgomerie</u>	7	3.5	1993	1995	3–3–1	3–1–0	0–2–1
<u>Sergio García & Lee Westwood</u>	7	5	2002	2008	4–1–2	2–0–1	2–1–1

United States

Pairing	Number	Points	First Year	Last Year	Overall Record W–L–H	Foursomes Record W–L–H	Fourballs Record W–L–H
<u>Patrick Reed & Jordan Spieth</u>	7	5	2014	2016	4–1–2	1–0–2	3–1–0
<u>Larry Nelson & Lanny Wadkins</u>	6	4	1979	1987	4–2–0	2–1–0	2–1–0
<u>Tom Kite & Curtis Strange</u>	6	2.5	1987	1989	2–3–1	2–1–1	0–2–0
<u>Phil Mickelson & David Toms</u>	6	3.5	2002	2006	3–2–1	2–1–1	1–1–0
<u>Steve Stricker & Tiger Woods</u>	6	2	2010	2012	2–4–0	1–2–0	1–2–0
<u>Julius Boros & Tony Lema</u>	5	3.5	1963	1965	3–1–1	3–0–1	0–1–0
<u>Gardner Dickinson & Arnold Palmer</u>	5	5	1967	1971	5–0–0	4–0–0	1–0–0
<u>Keegan Bradley & Phil Mickelson</u>	5	4	2012	2014	4–1–0	2–1–0	2–0–0

Age-related records

The ages given are on the first day of the Ryder Cup. Generally the leading 5 in each category are given.^[1]

Youngest players

Europe

Age	Player	Year	Date of Birth	Date of Cup
19 years, 258 days	<u>Sergio García</u>	<u>1999</u>	9 January 1980	24 September 1999
20 years, 59 days	<u>Nick Faldo</u>	<u>1977</u>	18 July 1957	15 September 1977
20 years, 216 days	<u>Paul Way</u>	<u>1983</u>	12 March 1963	14 October 1983
20 years, 221 days	<u>Bernard Gallacher</u>	<u>1969</u>	9 February 1949	18 September 1969
20 years, 249 days	<u>Ken Brown</u>	<u>1977</u>	9 January 1957	15 September 1977

United States

Age	Player	Year	Date of Birth	Date of Cup
20 years, 339 days	<u>Horton Smith</u>	<u>1929</u>	22 May 1908	26 April 1929
21 years, 61 days	<u>Jordan Spieth</u>	<u>2014</u>	27 July 1993	26 September 2014
21 years, 270 days	<u>Tiger Woods</u>	<u>1997</u>	30 December 1975	26 September 1997
21 years, 292 days	<u>Rickie Fowler</u>	<u>2010</u>	13 December 1988	1 October 2010
23 years, 35 days	<u>Horton Smith</u>	<u>1931</u>	22 May 1908	26 June 1931

Oldest players

Europe

Age	Player	Year	Date of Birth	Date of Cup
50 years, 67 days	<u>Ted Ray</u>	<u>1927</u>	28 March 1877	3 June 1927
48 years, 273 days	<u>Christy O'Connor, Snr</u>	<u>1973</u>	21 December 1924	20 September 1973
48 years, 196 days	<u>Dai Rees</u>	<u>1961</u>	31 March 1913	13 October 1961
47 years, 283 days	<u>George Duncan</u>	<u>1931</u>	16 September 1883	26 June 1931
47 years, 257 days	<u>Arthur Lees</u>	<u>1955</u>	21 February 1908	5 November 1955

The oldest rookie was Ted Ray in 1927. Excluding Ray, who was playing in the first Ryder Cup, Tom Haliburton who was 46 years, 130 days in 1961 is the oldest European rookie.

United States

Age	Player	Year	Date of Birth	Date of Cup
51 years, 20 days	<u>Raymond Floyd</u>	<u>1993</u>	4 September 1942	24 September 1993
50 years, 290 days	<u>Jay Haas</u>	<u>2004</u>	2 December 1953	17 September 2004
49 years, 23 days	<u>Raymond Floyd</u>	<u>1991</u>	4 September 1942	27 September 1991
48 years, 95 days	<u>Fred Funk</u>	<u>2004</u>	14 June 1956	17 September 2004
48 years, 40 days	<u>Kenny Perry</u>	<u>2008</u>	10 August 1960	19 September 2008

The oldest rookie was Fred Funk in 2004.

Longest lived players

Europe

Age ^[†]	Player	Date of Birth	Date of Death
95 years, 311 days	<u>Ted Jarman</u>	2 July 1907	9 May 2003
92 years, 288 days	<u>John Panton</u>	9 October 1916	24 July 2009
91 years, 335 days	<u>Aubrey Boomer</u>	1 November 1897	2 October 1989
91 years, 334 days	<u>Sam King</u>	27 March 1911	24 February 2003
91 years, 305 days	<u>John Jacobs</u>	14 March 1925	13 January 2017

Peter Alliss, currently aged 93 years, 40 days, is the oldest living British/European Ryder Cup player and is the only survivor of the 1953 British team.

United States

Age ^[†]	Player	Date of Birth	Date of Death
97 years, 75 days	<u>Gene Sarazen</u>	27 February 1902	13 May 1999
95 years, 281 days	<u>Doug Ford</u>	6 August 1922	14 May 2018
101 years, 70 days	<u>Jack Burke Jr.</u>	29 January 1923	Living
94 years, 234 days	<u>Byron Nelson</u>	4 February 1912	26 September 2006
93 years, 248 days	<u>Paul Runyan</u>	12 July 1908	17 March 2002

Jack Burke Jr. is the only survivor of the 1951, 1953 and 1955 American teams.

† ^ denotes age at death, or, if living, age as of 8 April 2024

Captains

- Youngest Ryder Cup captain: Arnold Palmer - 34 years, 31 days in 1963
- Youngest European captain: Charles Whitcombe - 35 years, 278 days in 1931
- Youngest non-playing captain: Ben Hogan - 37 years, 34 days in 1949
- Youngest non-playing European captain: Tony Jacklin - 39 years, 99 days in 1983
- Oldest Ryder Cup captain: Tom Watson - 65 years, 22 days in 2014
- Oldest European captain: J.H. Taylor - 62 years, 99 days in 1933
- Oldest playing captain: Ted Ray - 50 years, 67 days in 1927
- Oldest playing United States captain: Sam Snead - 47 years, 163 days in 1959

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