

# 1969 RYDER CUP

Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Southport, England  
September 18-20, 1969



In the closest contest to date in Ryder Cup history, 18 of the 32 matches reached Royal Birkdale's final hole. With the matches tied going into the final day, Great Britain won five of the eight morning singles. But the U.S. roared back, winning four of the first six afternoon matches to even the score.

In Brian Huggett's match against Billy Casper, Huggett made a four-foot putt to halve the match. That left the Ryder Cup to be decided by the last group of Tony Jacklin and Jack Nicklaus, who were deadlocked heading to No. 18. In one of golf's most memorable moments of sportsmanship, Nicklaus, playing in his first Ryder Cup, made a four-foot comeback par putt, then conceded a two-foot par putt to Jacklin. Their halved match resulted in the first draw in the Ryder Cup, 16-16, as the Americans retained the Ryder Cup.

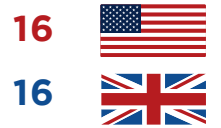
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Par	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	36	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	5	5	36	74
Yds	493	427	416	212	358	533	158	459	410	3,466	393	412	190	517	202	536	401	510	513	3,674	7,140

GREAT BRITAIN	MATCHES	FOUR-BALL	FOURSOMES	SINGLES	OVERALL	POINTS
<b>Captain: Eric Brown, Scotland</b>						
Peter Alliss,England	3	0-1-0	0-0-1	0-1-0	0-2-1	1/2
Brian Barnes,Scotland	3	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	0
Maurice Bembidge,England	5	0-0-1	1-1-0	1-1-0	2-2-1	2 1/2
Peter Butler,England	4	0-1-0	0-1-0	2-0-0	2-2-0	2
Alex Caygill,England	1	0-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-1	1/2
Neil Coles,England	6	1-0-1	1-1-0	1-1-0	3-2-1	3 1/2
Bernard Gallacher,Scotland	4	0-1-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	2-2-0	2
Brian Huggett,Wales	5	0-1-1	1-1-0	0-0-1	1-2-2	2
Bernard Hunt,England	2	0-0-1	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1/2
Tony Jacklin,England	6	1-0-1	2-0-0	1-0-1	4-0-2	5
Christy O'Connor, Ireland	4	1-0-0	0-0-1	1-1-0	2-1-1	2 1/2
Peter Townsend,England	5	1-1-0	2-0-0	0-1-0	3-2-0	3

USA	MATCHES	FOUR-BALL	FOURSOMES	SINGLES	OVERALL	POINTS
<b>Captain: Sam Snead</b>						
Tommy Aaron	4	0-0-1	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-1	1 1/2
Miller Barber	4	0-0-2	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-2	2
Frank Beard	4	1-0-0	0-1-1	0-1-0	1-2-1	1 1/2
Billy Casper	5	1-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	2-1-2	3
Dale Douglass	2	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0
Raymond Floyd	4	0-0-2	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-2	1
Dave Hill	6	1-1-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	4-2-0	4
Gene Littler	3	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	3
Jack Nicklaus	4	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-1	1-2-1	1 1/2
Dan Sikes	3	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	2
Ken Still	3	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	1
Lee Trevino	6	1-0-1	1-1-0	1-1-0	3-2-1	3 1/2



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## Thursday Morning — Foursomes

Session: Great Britain 3 1/2, USA 1/2

Match 1	• Brian Huggett & Neil Coles	def.	• Miller Barber & Raymond Floyd	3 & 2
Match 2	• Bernard Gallacher & Maurice Bembidge	def.	• Ken Still & Lee Trevino	2 & 1
Match 3	• Peter Townsend & Tony Jacklin	def.	• Tommy Aaron & Dave Hill	3 & 1
Match 4	• Billy Casper & Frank Beard	tied	• Peter Alliss & Christy O'Connor	Tied

## Thursday Afternoon — Foursomes

Session: USA 3, Great Britain 1

Match 5	• Dave Hill & Tommy Aaron	def.	• Neil Coles & Brian Huggett	1 Up
Match 6	• Lee Trevino & Gene Littler	def.	• Maurice Bembidge & Bernard Gallacher	1 Up
Match 7	• Peter Townsend & Tony Jacklin	def.	• Frank Beard & Billy Casper	1 Up
Match 8	• Dan Sikes & Jack Nicklaus	def.	• Peter Butler & Bernard Hunt	1 Up

THURSDAY TOTALS: Great Britain 4 1/2 USA 3 1/2

## Friday Morning — Four-Ball

Session: Great Britain 2 1/2, USA 1 1/2

Match 9	• Peter Townsend & Christy O'Connor	def.	• Dale Douglass & Dave Hill	1 Up
Match 10	• Raymond Floyd & Miller Barber	tied	• Alex Caygill & Brian Huggett	Tied
Match 11	• Lee Trevino & Gene Littler	def.	• Peter Alliss & Brian Barnes	1 Up
Match 12	• Tony Jacklin & Neil Coles	def.	• Jack Nicklaus & Dan Sikes	1 Up

## Friday Afternoon — Four-Ball

Session: USA 3, Great Britain 1

Match 13	• Billy Casper & Frank Beard	def.	• Peter Butler & Peter Townsend	2 Up
Match 14	• Ken Still & Dave Hill	def.	• Bernard Gallacher & Brian Huggett	2 & 1
Match 15	• Raymond Floyd & Tommy Aaron	tied	• Maurice Bembidge & Bernard Hunt	Tied
Match 16	• Lee Trevino & Miller Barber	tied	• Neil Coles & Tony Jacklin	Tied

FRIDAY TOTALS: USA 4 1/2 Great Britain 3 1/2

TWO-DAY TOTALS: USA 8 Great Britain 8

## Saturday Morning — Singles

Session: Great Britain 5, USA 3

Match 17	• Lee Trevino	def.	• Peter Alliss	2 & 1
Match 18	• Dave Hill	def.	• Peter Townsend	5 & 4
Match 19	• Neil Coles	def.	• Tommy Aaron	1 Up
Match 20	• Billy Casper	def.	• Brian Barnes	1 Up
Match 21	• Christy O'Connor	def.	• Frank Beard	5 & 4
Match 22	• Maurice Bembidge	def.	• Ken Still	1 Up
Match 23	• Peter Butler	def.	• Raymond Floyd	1 Up
Match 24	• Tony Jacklin	def.	• Jack Nicklaus	4 & 3

## Saturday Afternoon — Singles

Session: USA 5, Great Britain 3

Match 25	• Dave Hill	def.	• Brian Barnes	4 & 2
Match 26	• Bernard Gallacher	def.	• Lee Trevino	4 & 3
Match 27	• Miller Barber	def.	• Maurice Bembidge	7 & 6
Match 28	• Peter Butler	def.	• Dale Douglass	3 & 2
Match 29	• Dan Sikes	def.	• Neil Coles	4 & 3
Match 30	• Gene Littler	def.	• Christy O'Connor	2 & 1
Match 31	• Billy Casper	tied	• Brian Huggett	Tied
Match 32	• Jack Nicklaus	tied	• Tony Jacklin	Tied

SATURDAY TOTALS: USA 8 Great Britain 8

FINAL TOTALS: USA 16 Great Britain 16

• European Player • USA Player