

1975 RYDER CUP

Laurel Valley Golf Club, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, USA
September 19-21, 1975

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Arnold Palmer
USA Captain



Bernard Hunt
Great Britain &
Ireland Captain

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Jack Nicklaus came into Laurel Valley Golf Club playing what he called “the best golf of my life” and it was hard to argue. He’d won his fifth Masters in April, his fourth PGA Championship in August and the World Open at Pinehurst, N.C. Nicklaus’ on-course efforts sparked the U.S. Ryder Cup Team to a 21-11 conquest and allowed U.S. Captain Arnold Palmer to hoist the trophy just miles from his hometown of Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

The margin would have been even larger had Scotland’s Brian Barnes not pulled the upset most historians point to as the biggest in Ryder Cup history, topping Nicklaus not once but twice in the singles matches. “You’ve beaten me once, but there ain’t no way you’re going to beat me again,” Nicklaus said to Barnes on the first tee before the afternoon singles. Nicklaus began with a pair or birdies for an early lead before Barnes again rallied and won, 2 and 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Par	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	36	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	35	71
Yds	440	400	540	431	205	505	382	218	430	3,551	412	563	446	397	190	373	448	218	447	3,494	7,045

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND MATCHES FOUR-BALL FOURSOMES SINGLES OVERALL POINTS

Captain: Bernard Hunt, England

Brian Barnes,Scotland	5	0-1-1	0-1-0	2-0-0	2-2-1	2½
Maurice Bembridge,England	3	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0
Eamonn Darcy,Ireland	4	0-1-1	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-3-1	½
Bernard Gallacher,Scotland	5	0-1-1	0-1-0	0-0-2	0-2-3	1½
Tommy Horton,England	5	0-2-0	0-1-0	1-0-1	1-3-1	1½
Brian Huggett,England	2	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	1
Guy Hunt,England	3	0-0-1	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-1	½
Tony Jacklin,England	6	1-0-1	1-1-0	0-2-0	2-3-1	2½
Christy O'Connor,Ireland	2	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0
John O'Leary,Ireland	4	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-4-0	0
Peter Oosterhuis,England	6	1-0-1	0-2-0	2-0-0	3-2-1	3½
Norman Wood,Scotland	3	0-1-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-2-0	1

USA MATCHES FOUR-BALL FOURSOMES SINGLES OVERALL POINTS

Captain: Jack Burke, Jr.

Billy Casper	4	0-1-1	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-1-1	2½
Raymond Floyd	3	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-1-1	1½
Al Geiberger	4	0-0-1	2-0-0	0-0-1	2-0-2	3
Lou Graham	4	2-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	3-1-0	3
Hale Irwin	5	1-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-1	4-0-1	4½
Gene Littler	3	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	3
Johnny Miller	4	0-0-1	2-0-0	0-1-0	2-1-1	2½
Bob Murphy	4	0-0-1	0-1-0	2-0-0	2-1-1	2½
Jack Nicklaus	5	1-0-1	1-0-0	0-2-0	2-2-1	2½
J.C. Snead	3	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	2-1-0	2
Lee Trevino	5	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-1-1	2-2-1	2½
Tom Weiskopf	4	1-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	4



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Friday Morning — Foursomes

Session: USA 4, Great Britain & Ireland 0

Match 1	• Tom Weiskopf & Jack Nicklaus	def.	• Brian Barnes & Bernard Gallacher	5 & 4
Match 2	• Gene Littler & Hale Irwin	def.	• Maurice Bembridge & Norman Wood	4 & 3
Match 3	• Johnny Miller & Al Geiberger	def.	• Tony Jacklin & Peter Oosterhuis	3 & 1
Match 4	• Lee Trevino & J.C. Snead	def.	• Tommy Horton & John O'Leary	2 & 1

Friday Afternoon — Four-Ball

Session: USA 2½, Great Britain & Ireland 1½

Match 5	• Peter Oosterhuis & Tony Jacklin	def.	• Billy Casper & Raymond Floyd	2 & 1
Match 6	• Tom Weiskopf & Lou Graham	def.	• Eamonn Darcy & Christy O'Connor	3 & 2
Match 7	• Jack Nicklaus & Bob Murphy	tied	• Brian Barnes & Bernard Gallacher	Tied
Match 8	• Lee Trevino & Hale Irwin	def.	• Tommy Horton & John O'Leary	2 & 1

FRIDAY TOTALS: USA 6½ GB&I 1½

Saturday Morning — Four-Ball

Session: USA 3, Great Britain & Ireland 1

Match 9	• Johnny Miller & Billy Casper	tied	• Tony Jacklin & Peter Oosterhuis	Tied
Match 10	• J.C. Snead & Jack Nicklaus	def.	• Tommy Horton & Norman Wood	4 & 2
Match 11	• Gene Littler & Lou Graham	def.	• Brian Barnes & Bernard Gallacher	5 & 3
Match 12	• Al Geiberger & Raymond Floyd	tied	• Eamonn Darcy & Guy Hunt	Tied

Saturday Afternoon — Foursomes

Session: USA 3, Great Britain & Ireland 1

Match 13	• Tony Jacklin & Brian Huggett	def.	• Bob Murphy & Lee Trevino	3 & 2
Match 14	• Tom Weiskopf & Johnny Miller	def.	• Christy O'Connor & John O'Leary	5 & 3
Match 15	• Hale Irwin & Billy Casper	def.	• Maurice Bembridge & Peter Oosterhuis	3 & 2
Match 16	• Lou Graham & Al Geiberger	def.	• Eamonn Darcy & Guy Hunt	3 & 2

SATURDAY TOTALS: USA 6 GB&I 2

TWO-DAY TOTALS: USA 12½ GB&I 3½

Sunday Morning — Singles

Session: USA 5, Great Britain & Ireland 3

Match 17	• Bob Murphy	def.	• Tony Jacklin	2 & 1
Match 18	• Peter Oosterhuis	def.	• Johnny Miller	2 Up
Match 19	• Lee Trevino	tied	• Bernard Gallacher	Tied
Match 20	• Hale Irwin	tied	• Tommy Horton	Tied
Match 21	• Gene Littler	def.	• Brian Huggett	4 & 2
Match 22	• Billy Casper	def.	• Eamonn Darcy	3 & 2
Match 23	• Tom Weiskopf	def.	• Guy Hunt	5 & 3
Match 24	• Brian Barnes	def.	• Jack Nicklaus	4 & 2

Sunday Afternoon — Singles

Session: Great Britain & Ireland 4½, USA 3½

Match 25	• Raymond Floyd	def.	• Tony Jacklin	1 Up
Match 26	• Peter Oosterhuis	def.	• J.C. Snead	3 & 2
Match 27	• Al Geiberger	tied	• Bernard Gallacher	Tied
Match 28	• Tommy Horton	def.	• Lou Graham	2 & 1
Match 29	• Hale Irwin	def.	• John O'Leary	2 & 1
Match 30	• Bob Murphy	def.	• Maurice Bembridge	2 & 1
Match 31	• Norman Wood	def.	• Lee Trevino	2 & 1
Match 32	• Brian Barnes	def.	• Jack Nicklaus	2 & 1

SUNDAY TOTALS: USA 8½ GB&I 7½

FINAL TOTALS: USA 21 GB&I 11

• European Player • USA Player