

# 1961 RYDER CUP

Royal Lythan & St Annes, St Annes, England  
October 13-14, 1961

14½   9½

**Jerry Barber**      **Dai Rees**  
USA Captain      Great Britain Captain

This edition of the Ryder Cup was the first to be played in two sets of 18-hole foursomes and singles, which doubled the number of points available from 12 to 24. The move was proposed by Lord Brabazon, then president of The Professional Golfers' Association, in March 1960. The PGA of America agreed to the format change, and in September 1960 a tournament players' sub-committee further recommended the Ryder Cup be extended to three days, with the extra day to include four-ball matches (four-balls were introduced in 1963).

The U.S. Team turned in another consistent and strong performance to retain the Ryder Cup, 14½ to 9½, in Arnold Palmer's debut. Palmer's presence and the strength of Mike Souchak — each contributed 3½ points — made up for the absence of veteran Sam Snead, who was suspended from competition for 45 days by the PGA for competing in a non-sanctioned tour event, the Portland Open. Snead would not compete again in the Ryder Cup, although he was a non-playing Captain in 1969. Doug Ford replaced Snead on the American Team in '61.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
<b>Par</b>	3	4	5	4	3	5	5	4	3	36	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	5	4	38	74
<b>Yds</b>	208	424	456	393	188	466	551	394	164	3,244	336	483	166	339	445	462	356	549	379	3,515	6,759

GREAT BRITAIN	MATCHES	FOUR-BALL	FOURSOMES	SINGLES	OVERALL	POINTS
<b>Captain: Dai Rees, Wales</b>						
Peter Alliss,England	4		1-1-0	1-0-1	2-1-1	2½
Ken Bousfield,England	4		1-1-0	1-1-0	2-2-0	2
Neil Coles,England	4		0-2-0	1-0-1	1-2-1	1½
Tom Haliburton,Scotland	3		0-2-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0
Bernard Hunt,England	4		0-2-0	1-1-0	1-3-0	1
Ralph Moffitt,England	1		0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0
Christy O'Connor,Ireland	4		1-1-0	0-1-1	1-2-1	1½
John Panton,Scotland	2		0-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0
Dai Rees,Wales*	4		1-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	3
Harry Weetman,England	2		0-0-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0

USA	MATCHES	FOUR-BALL	FOURSOMES	SINGLES	OVERALL	POINTS
<b>Captain: Jerry Barber</b>						
Jerry Barber*	3		1-0-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	1
Billy Casper	3		2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	3
Bill Collins	3		1-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	1
Dow Finsterwald	3		1-0-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	2
Doug Ford	3		0-1-0	1-1-0	1-2-0	1
Jay Hebert	3		2-0-0	0-1-0	2-1-0	2
Gene Littler	3		0-1-0	0-0-2	0-1-2	1
Arnold Palmer	4		2-0-0	1-0-1	3-0-1	3½
Mike Souchak	4		1-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	3
Art Wall	3		2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	3

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## Friday Morning — Foursomes

Session: USA 3, Great Britain 1

Match 1	● Christy O'Connor & Peter Alliss	def.	● Doug Ford & Gene Littler	4 & 3
Match 2	● Art Wall & Jay Hebert	def.	● Bernard Hunt & John Panton	4 & 3
Match 3	● Arnold Palmer & Billy Casper	def.	● Ken Bousfield & Dai Rees	2 & 1
Match 4	● Mike Souchak & Bill Collins	def.	● Neil Coles & Tom Haliburton	1 Up

## Friday Afternoon — Foursomes

Session: USA 3, Great Britain 1

Match 5	● Art Wall & Jay Hebert	def.	● Peter Alliss & Christy O'Connor	1 Up
Match 6	● Arnold Palmer & Billy Casper	def.	● Bernard Hunt & John Panton	5 & 4
Match 7	● Dai Rees & Ken Bousfield	def.	● Bill Collins & Mike Souchak	4 & 2
Match 8	● Dow Finsterwald & Jerry Barber	def.	● Neil Coles & Tom Haliburton	1 Up

FRIDAY TOTALS: USA 6 Great Britain 2

## Saturday Morning — Singles

Session: USA 5, Great Britain 3

Match 9	● Doug Ford	def.	● Harry Weetman	1 up
Match 10	● Mike Souchak	def.	● Ralph Moffitt	5 & 4
Match 11	● Arnold Palmer	tied	● Peter Alliss	Tied
Match 12	● Billy Casper	def.	● Ken Bousfield	5 & 3
Match 13	● Dai Rees	def.	● Jay Hebert	2 & 1
Match 14	● Gene Littler	tied	● Neil Coles	Tied
Match 15	● Bernard Hunt	def.	● Jerry Barber	5 & 4
Match 16	● Dow Finsterwald	def.	● Christy O'Connor	2 & 1

## Saturday Afternoon — Singles

Session: Great Britain 4½, USA 3½

Match 17	● Art Wall	def.	● Harry Weetman	1 up
Match 18	● Peter Alliss	def.	● Bill Collins	3 & 2
Match 19	● Mike Souchak	def.	● Bernard Hunt	2 & 1
Match 20	● Arnold Palmer	def.	● Tom Haliburton	2 & 1
Match 21	● Dai Rees	def.	● Doug Ford	4 & 3
Match 22	● Ken Bousfield	def.	● Jerry Barber	1 Up
Match 23	● Neil Coles	def.	● Dow Finsterwald	1 up
Match 24	● Gene Littler	tied	● Christy O'Connor	Tied

SATURDAY TOTALS: USA 8½ Great Britain 7½

FINAL TOTALS: USA 14½ Great Britain 9½

● European Player ● USA Player