

1963 RYDER CUP

East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

October 11-13, 1963

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Arnold Palmer John Fallon

USA Captain Great Britain Captain

While Great Britain determined that a Captain was more advantageous planning strategy than playing, the U.S. felt differently. Arnold Palmer made his debut as a playing-captain and led his team to the second-largest victory margin in Ryder Cup history, 23 to 9. This was also the first Ryder Cup with a four-ball competition, increasing the point total to 32.

Playing in the Ryder Cup for the second time, Palmer had already won the Masters three times, the Open Championship twice and the U.S. Open once. Joining Palmer were rookies Tony Lema, Billy Maxwell, Johnny Pott and Dave Ragan. “This team would beat the rest of the world combined,” said Palmer before the start of the Ryder Cup. Palmer’s bold assessment proved true as America swept the second series of foursomes, then took the four-balls, 6-2, and rolled to victory in the afternoon singles, 7½ to ½.

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Par	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	35	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	35	70
Yds	418	194	410	470	470	180	380	395	515	3,432	411	235	408	377	442	483	470	410	230	3,466	6,898

GREAT BRITAIN	MATCHES	FOUR-BALL	FOURSOMES	SINGLES	OVERALL	POINTS
Captain: John Fallon, Scotland						
Peter Alliss,England	5	0-1-1	0-1-0	1-0-1	1-2-2	2
Neil Coles,England	6	1-1-0	0-1-1	0-1-1	1-3-2	2
Tom Haliburton,Scotland	3	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0
Brian Huggett,Wales	5	0-1-1	1-1-0	1-0-0	2-2-1	2½
Geoffrey Hunt,England	4	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-4-0	0
Bernard Hunt,England	5	0-0-1	0-1-1	1-1-0	1-2-2	2
Christy O'Connor,Ireland	5	1-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	1-4-0	1
Dave Thomas,Wales	6	0-1-1	0-1-1	0-2-0	0-4-2	1
Harry Weetman,England	5	0-1-0	0-1-1	1-1-0	1-3-1	1½
George Will,England	4	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-3-0	1

USA	MATCHES	FOUR-BALL	FOURSOMES	SINGLES	OVERALL	POINTS
Captain: Arnold Palmer						
Julius Boros	5	0-0-1	1-0-1	1-1-0	2-1-2	3
Billy Casper	5	2-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-1	4-0-1	4½
Dow Finsterwald	6	2-0-0	1-0-1	1-1-0	4-1-1	4½
Bob Goalby	5	0-1-1	1-0-0	2-0-0	3-1-1	3½
Tony Lema	5	1-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	3-0-2	4
Gene Littler	5	0-0-1	1-0-1	2-0-0	3-0-2	4
Billy Maxwell	4	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	4
Arnold Palmer*	6	2-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	4-2-0	4
Johnny Pott	3	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	1
Dave Ragan	4	0-1-1	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-1-1	2½

*Playing Captain



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Friday Morning — Foursomes			Session: USA 2, Great Britain 2		
Match 1	● George Will & Brian Huggett	def.	● Arnold Palmer & Johnny Pott		3 & 2
Match 2	● Dave Ragan & Billy Casper	def.	● Peter Alliss & Christy O'Connor		1 Up
Match 3	● Tony Lema & Julius Boros	tied	● Neil Coles & Bernard Hunt		Tied
Match 4	● Gene Littler & Dow Finsterwald	tied	● Dave Thomas & Harry Weetman		Tied

Friday Afternoon — Foursomes			Session: USA 4, Great Britain 0		
Match 5	● Billy Maxwell & Bob Goalby	def.	● Dave Thomas & Harry Weetman		4 & 3
Match 6	● Arnold Palmer & Billy Casper	def.	● Brian Huggett & George Will		5 & 4
Match 7	● Gene Littler & Dow Finsterwald	def.	● Neil Coles & Geoffrey Hunt		2 & 1
Match 8	● Tony Lema & Julius Boros	def.	● Tom Haliburton & Bernard Hunt		1 up

FRIDAY TOTALS:			USA 6	Great Britain 2
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Saturday Morning — Four-Ball			Session: USA 2½, Great Britain 1½		
Match 9	● Arnold Palmer & Dow Finsterwald	def.	● Brian Huggett & Dave Thomas		5 & 4
Match 10	● Gene Littler & Julius Boros	tied	● Peter Alliss & Bernard Hunt		Tied
Match 11	● Billy Maxwell & Billy Casper	def.	● Harry Weetman & George Will		3 & 2
Match 12	● Christy O'Connor & Neil Coles	def.	● Bob Goalby & Dave Ragan		1 Up

Saturday Afternoon — Four-Ball			Session: USA 3½, Great Britain ½		
Match 13	● Arnold Palmer & Dow Finsterwald	def.	● Neil Coles & Christy O'Connor		3 & 2
Match 14	● Johnny Pott & Tony Lema	def.	● Peter Alliss & Geoffrey Hunt		1 Up
Match 15	● Billy Maxwell & Billy Casper	def.	● Tom Haliburton & Geoffrey Hunt		2 & 1
Match 16	● Dave Ragan & Bob Goalby	tied	● Brian Huggett & Dave Thomas		Tied

SATURDAY TOTALS:			USA 6	Great Britain 2
TWO-DAY TOTALS:			USA 12	Great Britain 4

Sunday Morning — Singles			Session: Great Britain 4½, USA 3½		
Match 17	● Tony Lema	def.	● Geoffrey Hunt		5 & 3
Match 18	● Brian Huggett	def.	● Johnny Pott		3 & 1
Match 19	● Peter Alliss	def.	● Arnold Palmer		1 Up
Match 20	● Billy Casper	tied	● Neil Coles		Tied
Match 21	● Bob Goalby	def.	● Dave Thomas		3 & 2
Match 22	● Gene Littler	def.	● Christy O'Connor		1 Up
Match 23	● Harry Weetman	def.	● Julius Boros		1 Up
Match 24	● Bernard Hunt	def.	● Dow Finsterwald		2 Up

Sunday Afternoon — Singles			Session: USA 7½, Great Britain ½		
Match 25	● Arnold Palmer	def.	● George Will		3 & 2
Match 26	● Dave Ragan	def.	● Neil Coles		2 & 1
Match 27	● Tony Lema	tied	● Peter Alliss		Tied
Match 28	● Gene Littler	def.	● Tom Haliburton		6 & 5
Match 29	● Julius Boros	def.	● Harry Weetman		2 & 1
Match 30	● Billy Maxwell	def.	● Christy O'Connor		2 & 1
Match 31	● Dow Finsterwald	def.	● Dave Thomas		4 & 3
Match 32	● Bob Goalby	def.	● Bernard Hunt		2 & 1

SUNDAY TOTALS:			USA 11	Great Britain 5
FINAL TOTALS:			USA 23	Great Britain 9

● European Player ● USA Player