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### Solheim Cup

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#### Friday Four-Ball Notes

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**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72; 6,478 yards

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with a mix of sun and clouds. Easterly winds reaching 7-12 mph and temperatures approaching a high of 80F

**Competition:** [2024 Solheim Cup: The Format](#)

**Scoring:** Win – 1 point, Tie – ½ point, Lose – 0 points

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#### OVERALL SCORE: USA 6, EUR 2

See attached scoring sheet for full breakdown of results and scoring

#### SATURDAY FOURSOMES PAIRINGS (ALL TIMES LOCAL EST)

7:05 a.m. – Emily Pedersen/Carlota Ciganda (EUR) vs. Allisen Corpuz/Nelly Korda (USA)

7:17 a.m. – Esther Henseleit/Charley Hull (EUR) vs. Ally Ewing/Jennifer Kupcho (USA)

7:29 a.m. – Maja Stark/Georgia Hall (EUR) vs. Lexi Thompson/Lauren Coughlin (USA)

7:41 a.m. – Anna Nordqvist/Celine Boutier (EUR) vs. Lilia Vu/Sarah Schmelzel (USA)

#### SATURDAY FOURSOMES PAIRINGS NOTES

- The United States is putting out three of the same four pairings for Saturday morning foursomes as they did on Friday
  - The one difference is **Lexi Thompson** replacing **Rose Zhang** as **Lauren Coughlin's** partner in Match 11
  - **Nelly Korda** and **Allisen Corpuz**, now 3-0-0 in foursomes, will look to extend their win streak
    - They are the only pairing in the history of the U.S. Team to win three consecutive foursomes matches
  - As a pair, **Lilia Vu** and **Sarah Schmelzel** are now 1-0-0
  - **Ally Ewing** and **Jennifer Kupcho** lost their Friday foursomes match but will tee it up again on Saturday
    - The pair came in second together at the Dow Championship earlier this year
- Team Europe is only reusing one pairing from Friday's foursomes
  - **Esther Henseleit** and **Charley Hull** lost to **Nelly Korda** and **Allisen Corpuz**, 3 and 2, in Friday's foursomes
  - **Anna Nordqvist** is the only player that did not compete in Friday's foursomes that will be starting on Saturday
    - Nordqvist went 0-2-0 as a playing assistant captain last season and is 7-8-0 all-time
    - Paired with **Madelene Sagstrom**, Nordqvist defeated **Alison Lee** and **Lexi Thompson**, 6 and 5
  - **Carlota Ciganda** and Pedersen are teaming up for the second time in their Solheim Cup careers
    - They defeated Kupcho and **Lilia Vu**, 2 and 1, on Day 2 of the 2023 Solheim Cup
  - Stark and **Georgia Hall** as well as Nordqvist and **Celine Boutier** are making their Solheim Cup debuts as partners
  - 2024 European Team rookie **Albane Valenzuela** competed in both sessions on Friday, going 0-2-0, and is not in the line-up for Saturday's foursomes

#### THINGS TO KNOW

- The United States took a 6-2 lead after the opening day of play at the Solheim Cup
  - The only time either team had a lead of 6-2 or better through the first eight matches of a Solheim Cup was in 1990, when the Americans led exactly 6-2 after the first eight matches
  - That year, the format consisted of four matches on Day 1, four matches on Day 2 and 10 singles matches on Day 3
  - This is the first time in Solheim Cup history that a team has led 6-2 or better at the end of Day 1 under the current format
- This is the first time since 1998 that the U.S. has won each of the first two sessions on Day 1
- Four players on the U.S. Solheim Cup Team currently stand at 2-0-0 after Day 1 including **Nelly Korda**, **Rose Zhang**, **Sarah Schmelzel** and **Lauren Coughlin**
  - It is the first time in Solheim Cup history that four players from either team won two matches on Day 1
- Two matches this afternoon had early finishes including **Nelly Korda/Megan Khang** (6 and 4) and **Anna Nordqvist/Madelene Sagstrom** (6 and 5)
  - It is the first session since 1990 that there were two matches that did not reach the 15th hole.
  - In 1990, in the opening session, **Cathy Gerring/Dottie Pepper** (6 and 5), **Rosie Jones/Patty Sheehan** (6 and 5) and **Beth Daniel/Betsy King** (5 and 4) all finished their matches before the 15th hole
- **Nelly Korda** is currently 2-0-0 in the 2024 Solheim Cup
  - Her and **Allisen Corpuz** won eight holes in their foursomes match this morning, and her and **Megan Khang** won eight holes in their four-ball match this afternoon
    - It is the most holes won by a player in a single day of a Solheim Cup since 2015
  - Korda is the first American player to win by at least 3 up in each of their matches on Day 1 of a Solheim Cup; two Europeans have done that feat, **Carin Koch** (2002, 3 and 2, 3 and 2) and **Suzann Pettersen** (2003, 4 and 3, 3 and 2)
  - Korda won all eight par 5s that she played today; it is the longest streak at one Solheim Cup since 2015 when Mel Reid won six consecutive par 5s
- Solheim Cup rookies **Sarah Schmelzel** and **Lauren Coughlin** went undefeated on Day 1
  - They are the first U.S. rookies to do so since **Danielle Kang** went 2-0 on Day 1 in 2017
    - **Austin Ernst** also went undefeated in a single day as a rookie in 2017; she went 2-0 on Day 2
  - This is the first time in Solheim Cup history that a pair of Americans both earned two points on one day
    - The Europeans have done so once before, when Matilda Castren and Leona Maguire earned two points on Day 1 in 2021
  - Schmelzel and Coughlin were paired together in Friday's four-ball matches
    - The two defeated **Emily Pedersen** and **Maja Stark** 3 and 2
  - In Friday's foursomes matches, Schmelzel won with partner **Lilia Vu** (3 and 2) and Coughlin won with partner **Rose Zhang** (3 and 2)
- The tandem of **Georgia Hall** and **Leona Maguire** were 2-0-0 in four-ball play at the Solheim Cup prior to today's four-ball matches
  - They previously beat **Brittany Altomare** and **Yealimi Noh** in 2021, and **Lexi Thompson** and **Lilia Vu** in 2023
  - No European twosome has ever won three consecutive matches; Americans **Brittany Lincicome** and **Brittany Lang** won four consecutive matches between 2009 and 2017
- Stanford's **Rose Zhang** and **Andrea Lee** were paired up for the second time in a Solheim Cup
  - They lost, 2 and 1, to Sagstrom and Pedersen last year in Spain
  - They are the first American Solheim Cup tandem to share an alma mater since Ohio State's **Rosie Jones** and **Meg Mallon**, who forged a record of 1-1-1 spanning 2003 and 2005
- **Anna Nordqvist** and Sagstrom are the 14th different Swedish duo to compete in a Solheim Cup match together
  - In the history of being paired together, Swedish duos are 22-16-4
  - The pair's victory of 6 and 5 ties the largest margin of victory by Swedes, joining **Caroline Hedwall** and **Sophie Gustafson** who won a foursomes match 6 and 5 in 2011
    - It also ties the second-largest margin of victory in the history of Solheim Cup competition (both foursomes and four-ball), along with nine other teams
  - Prior to today, Nordqvist had lost each of her last three matches when paired with a fellow Swede (Hedwall in 2015, 2019 and 2023)
  - Nordqvist competed in her 32nd Solheim Cup match this afternoon, becoming the Swedish player with the second-most played matches
    - **Annika Sorenstam** has played in the most Solheim Cup matches of any Swedish player (37)
  - Sagstrom appeared in her 10th Solheim Cup match this afternoon, becoming the 10th player from Sweden to appear in as many as 10 Solheim Cup matches

#### MATCH 5 – Nelly Korda/Megan Khang (USA) def. Georgia Hall/Leona Maguire (EUR), 6 and 4

Korda and Khang brought the energy to the first tee this afternoon and continued it into their match, eventually earning a 6 and 4 victory over Europe's Hall and Maguire, who were 2-0-0 when paired together in Solheim Cup four-ball prior to Friday's match. The U.S. duo, both making their fourth Solheim Cup appearance, started their gradual climb to

victory with a birdie on No. 3 from Korda. They tied the 4th hole to maintain that lead before swapping birdies on the next four holes to take a massive lead of 5-up through 8. Korda and Khang briefly wavered, losing the par-3 9th hole, but then the pair won holes 12 and 14 to seal the deal and win the first match of Friday's four-ball.

After playing in both sessions today, Korda is now 2-0-0 in the 2024 Solheim Cup.

"When you have a teammate who's so pure off the tee, you never have to worry. You just kind of send it," said Korda who is now 2-0-0 in the 2024 Solheim Cup. "So that was kind of the motto, is I was going to go first and send it. If I sent it in the wrong direction, I knew had a really good partner that was going to go next."

#### **MATCH 6 – Anna Nordqvist/Madelene Sagstrom (EUR) def. Alison Lee/Lexi Thompson (USA), 6 and 5**

In their very first partnership – despite playing on three previous European Solheim Cup Teams together – Nordqvist and Sagstrom dominated their Friday four-ball match, defeating Thompson and Al. Lee 6 and 5. The pair were 1-up from the very start, with Nordqvist making birdie on No. 1, and they held that lead through three more holes. On No. 5, Thompson sank about a 10-foot putt for birdie to tie the match, and it remained tied for two more holes before Europe started their winning streak. The combination of Sagstrom and Nordqvist birdied holes 8-13 and won all five. Nine-time Solheim Cup veteran Nordqvist birdied Nos. 8, 11 and 13 while Sagstrom contributed with a birdie on 9 and an eagle on 13, accomplished with an over 40-foot putt from Sagstrom. With their win, the Swedes tied the second largest margin of victory in European four-ball history and put the second point on the board for Europe.

"She thought we were a strong team together, and obviously so today. We played really good. Today all we needed to do was go out and try to get a point for Europe. I mean, she believed in us to play together, which was a first for us," said Sagstrom on why European Team Captain Suzann Pettersen paired them together. "I said (to Anna) on the range, 'I'm so excited to play with you. This is going to be so much fun.' It was just a great day, Anna played super well. In the beginning I was a little bit everywhere, but that works in four ball. Then I scrapped it out on the back nine and helped her out a bit."

#### **MATCH 7 – Lauren Coughlin/Sarah Schmelzel (USA) def. Emily Pedersen/Maja Stark (EUR), 3 and 2**

Paired together for their second match of the day, Solheim Cup rookies Coughlin and Schmelzel battled out a 3 and 2 victory over Europe's Stark and Pedersen, who together won their morning foursomes match earlier on Friday. The two pairs remained tied through the first six holes on Friday – it's just the third time that's happened in Solheim Cup history and the U.S. Team lost each time – until the American's drew first blood to take a lead that they would not relinquish. A birdie on 7 from Schmelzel put the U.S. 1-up and Coughlin made it 2-up with a birdie on the very next hole, the par-5 8th. The Europeans made up ground courtesy of a birdie from Pedersen on 9, but Schmelzel took it back with a birdie on 10. The Americans went 3-up on 13 thanks again to Schmelzel, but it was Coughlin who closed the door. After the Pedersen made birdie on the par-3 16th, the Virginia native answered with a more than 15-foot putt for birdie to end the day with a roar.

Coughlin and Schmelzel are now 2-0 in their Solheim Cup careers, since both won their morning foursomes matches. It is the first time a U.S. Solheim Cup rookie has gone 2-0 on Day 1 since Danielle Kang did so in 2017.

"I think it just calmed your nerves," said Schmelzel on what she learned from playing in the morning foursomes match on Friday. "There's so much anticipation of what it's going to feel like, how you're going to play. Obviously both of us settled in pretty well this morning. We both came out this afternoon just really aggressive and wanting to play well and wanting to get a point after that first one. So I think we just stayed aggressive all day and believed in each other."

#### **MATCH 8 – Andrea Lee/Rose Zhang (USA) def. Linn Grant/Charley Hull (EUR), 5 and 4**

Solheim Cup sophomores Andrea Lee and Rose Zhang claimed their first match victory in their second pairing together, 5 and 4, over Europeans Linn Grant and Charley Hull. The U.S. duo of An. Lee and Zhang were paired together last year in Spain in the second session of four-ball matches on Saturday and lost 2 down to Madelene Sagstrom and Emily Pedersen. Grant and Hull won the first hole this afternoon and held their 1-up lead through the first two holes. They briefly lost the lead after No. 3 and picked it up once more on the 5th. The tables switched with the former Stanford players winning the par-5 5th to earn their first lead of the match. They briefly lost the lead for holes 7 and 8 before claiming holes 9-12 to build a 4-up lead. An. Lee and Zhang sealed the deal with a pair of eagles on hole 14 to wrap at 5 and 4.

"Nothing really. I think we -- especially in the front nine it takes a lot of grit to really just play out the round," said Zhang on if anything changed on the back nine for the U.S. duo. "We really fought hard in the beginning, and I knew that towards the end we had it in us to really grind it out. Being kept in the momentum, we just did what we needed to. Both of us ham and egged it and kept each other pumping the whole time."

#### **QUOTES FROM THE CAPTAINS**

*U.S. Captain Stacy Lewis on her takeaway from today's matches*

"It's been a really good day. I saw a ton of good golf, and really things played out the way we were hoping. So just really happy with the pairings I was able to put out, and the players produced some great shots and some great scores and got us a ton of points."

*European Captain Suzann Pettersen on her Team Europe's play on Friday*

"We picked ourselves up nicely after last year, which took a lot. We have a big task ahead of us. I think -- well, today's play is already history. We can't really go back and kind of change anything, but the Americans played really good golf all day. They've been making putts, kind of hitting it close, kind of hitting the right shots at the right moment. I feel like we've played decent; haven't made any putts. Maybe had a couple of semi poor decisions kind of along the way. It's just part of the game. But we've got to put that behind us and try to kind of really roll up our sleeves and see what we can create of finding the extra kind of power in you. Because this has got to come from the players themselves. It doesn't matter what I feel, what I want. They will have to kind of -- I need to go to bed tonight feeling that they want revenge, and I feel like we have a lot of players that actually played really solid. I feel like Emily has played fantastic all day. For her to get only 1 point for that game, it also shows you're playing really, really solid golfers. Probably get a few words in tonight. First get the pairings right, and then I've got to dig deep to find the right words to kind of get them going, I think, to get them really motivated, but I will. Don't worry."

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- An. Lee/Zhang and Grant/Hull – Match 8 Highlights

#### **U.S. SOLHEIM CUP TEAM**

Captain: Stacy Lewis

Vice Captains: Paula Creamer, Brittany Lincicome, Morgan Pressel, Angela Stanford

Players:	Allisen Corpuz	Lauren Coughlin	Ally Ewing
	Megan Khang	Nelly Korda	Jennifer Kupcho
	Alison Lee	Andrea Lee	Sarah Schmelzel
	Lexi Thompson	Lilia Vu	Rose Zhang

[U.S. Solheim Cup Team Roster and Records](#)

\*Average Age: 27.33

\*\*Average Rolex Ranking: 26.75

Combined Solheim Cups played: 22

Combined Solheim Cup record: 20-36-17

Combined Solheim Cup points earned: 37.5

\*Ages are based on the date of first match (9/13/24)

\*\*Rolex Rankings are based on the cutoff date for team selection (8/25/24)

#### **EUROPEAN SOLHEIM CUP TEAM**

Captain: Suzann Pettersen

Vice Captains: Laura Davies, Caroline Martens, Anna Nordqvist, Mel Reid  
Players: Celine Boutier Carlota Ciganda Linn Grant  
Georgia Hall Esther Henseleit Charley Hull  
Leona Maguire Anna Nordqvist Emily Pedersen  
Madelene Sagstrom Maja Stark Albane Valenzuela

[European Solheim Cup Team Roster and Records](#)

\*Average Age: 28.75

\*\*Average Rolex Ranking: 40.5

Combined Solheim Cups played: 37

Combined Solheim Cup record: 71-55-16

Combined Solheim Cup points earned: 79

*\*Ages are based on the date of first match (9/13/24)*

*\*\*Rolex Rankings are based on the cutoff date for team selection (8/25/24)*