

2026 SOLHEIM CUP // Day 1 Recap
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- For the first time in Solheim Cup history, both first two sessions of the competition resulted in a tie. As a further point of context, only one time in Ryder Cup history did the teams play to tie in each of the first two sessions of the competition. That was the case in 1965 at Royal Birkdale.
- The European Team had the advantage playing on the **first nine** holes of the golf course on Friday, winning 21 holes, losing 17 and tying 34.

The American Team had an advantage playing on the **second nine** holes of the golf course on Friday, winning 19 holes, losing 13 and tying 29.

As a result, the American Team had three **come-from-behind** victories on Friday whereas the European Team had just one such win (Mimi Rhodes & Nastasia Nadaud were 1-down through six holes against Allisen Corpuz & Auston Kim).

- Nelly Korda & Allisen Corpuz won the first match of the morning session, pushing their Solheim Cup record as a tandem to 5-0-0. All five games happened to be in foursomes play. They tie Laura Davies & Alison Nicholas (5-4-0, 5 points) for most points as a duo (5) in Solheim Cup history. In addition, Korda & Corpuz are the first Solheim duo to win five **consecutive** matches.

As far as the Ryder Cup is concerned, the only tandem to **start out with five consecutive wins** was Arnold Palmer & Gardner Dickinson (first 5, 1967-1971).

- Megan Khang extended her unbeaten streak to nine games (8-0-1), winning her four-ball match with partner Alison Lee Friday afternoon. The only player with a longer streak is Paula Creamer, who played 10 consecutive Solheim Cup matches without a loss between 2005 and 2009, posting a record of 7-0-3 during that span.

Khang has won each of her last six matches, which is also one shy of the record. Both Morgan Pressel (2009-2013) and Carin Koch (2000-2002) won seven straight Solheim Cup matches.

- Lauren Coughlin and Nelly Korda both earned 1½ points on Friday, improving their respective lifetime Solheim Cup records. Coughlin is now 4-0-2 (.833) which is the highest percentage for any player with at least five matches played. Korda is 11-5-2 (.667) and has overcome a deficit in six of her 11 wins, including in Friday morning's foursome match.
- Leona Maguire improved her lifetime Solheim record to 9-3-1 (.731) with a morning win in foursomes, playing with Esther Henseleit. Maguire now has the highest winning percentage in Solheim Cup history among European players with at least five matches.
- Alison Lee was the only player on either side to win both of her matches on Friday, improving her lifetime record to 4-5-1.
- The rookie pairing of Nastasia Nadaud & Mimi Rhodes produced a four-ball win on Friday afternoon. Since 2019, duos comprised of two Solheim rookies have a combined record of 5-3-1.
- Julia Lopez Ramirez became the 10th different player to be paired with Carlota Ciganda in a Solheim Cup match. Only two other players in Solheim Cup history have been paired with 10 or more different playing partners: Laura Davies (12) and Sophie Gustafson (10).
- Captain Anna Nordqvist decided to put out the tandems of Charley Hull & Lottie Woad as well as Celine Boutier & Nanna Koerstz Madsen Friday afternoon despite both pairs losing their respective foursomes matches in the morning session.

This was the 10th and 11th time that a Solheim Cup captain has put out a duo in the afternoon after they lost in the morning. Such teams are now 6-4-1 in the afternoon matches.

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