

RYDER CUP: TEAM USA



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R FOWLER	P MICKELSON
JB HOLMES	R MOORE
D JOHNSON	P REED
Z JOHNSON	B SNEDEKER
B KOEPKA	J SPIETH
M KUCHAR	J WALKER



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R CABRERA BELLO	J ROSE
M FITZPATRICK	H STENSON
S GARCIA	A SULLIVAN
M KAYMER	L WESTWOOD
R MCILROY	D WILLETT
T PIETERS	C WOOD

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RICKIE FOWLER

Age **27**
 Ryder Cups **Two**
 (2010, 2014)
 Overall record
P8, W0, L3, H5
 Foursomes **W0, L1, H2**
 Fourballs **W0, L1, H2**
 Singles **W0, L1, H1**
 World ranking **9**

Wildcard who is winless in eight Ryder Cup matches. In poor form. Likely to play with Jimmy Walker.



JB HOLMES

Age **34**
 Ryder Cups **One**
 (2008)
 Overall record
P3, W2, L0, H1
 Foursomes **W0, L0, H0**
 Fourballs **W1, L0, H1**
 Singles **W1, L0, H0**
 World ranking **21**

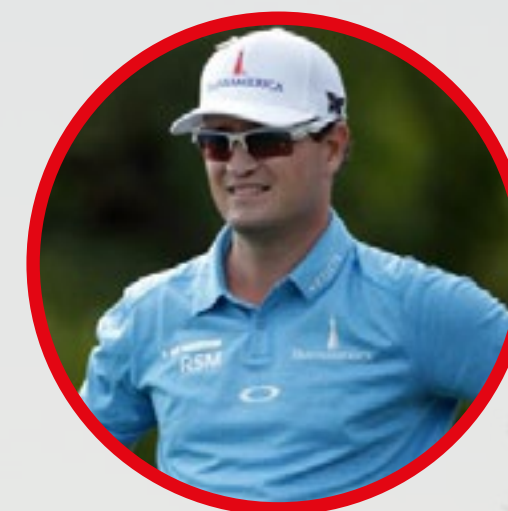
Wildcard making second Ryder Cup appearance. Was unbeaten on debut. Big-hitter likely to be used in the fourballs.



DUSTIN JOHNSON

Age **32**
 Ryder Cups **Two**
 (2010, 2012)
 Overall record
P7, W4, L3, H0
 Foursomes **W0, L1, H0**
 Fourballs **W2, L2, H0**
 Singles **W2, L0, H0**
 World ranking **2**

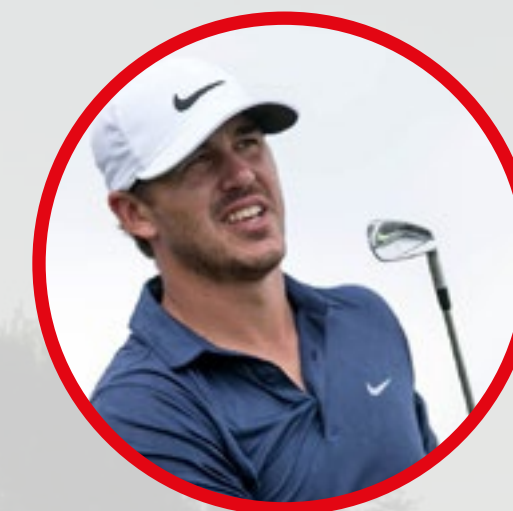
US Open champion with a winning Ryder Cup record. A key member of the American side and should play five matches.



ZACH JOHNSON

Age **40**
 Ryder Cups **Four**
 (2006, 2010, 2012, 2014)
 Overall record
P14, W6, L6, H2
 Foursomes **W3, L4, H1**
 Fourballs **W1, L1, H0**
 Singles **W2, L1, H1**
 World ranking **28**

Gritty and experienced Ryder Cup performer. Won The Open last year. Likely to team up with Phil Mickelson.



BROOKS KOEPKA

Age **26**
 Ryder Cups **Rookie**
 World ranking **22**

Powerhouse Floridian qualified automatically for the team, but has been in poor form in the build-up to this week.



MATT KUCHAR

Age **38**
 Ryder Cups **Three**
 (2010, 2012, 2014)
 Overall record
P11, W4, L5, H2
 Foursomes **W1, L2, H0**
 Fourballs **W2, L1, H2**
 Singles **W1, L2, H0**
 World ranking **17**

Wildcard selection who has never been on a winning side. Solid all-rounder who is likely to partner Dustin Johnson.

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PHIL MICKELSON

Age **46**
Ryder Cups **Ten**
(1995, 1997, 1999,
2002, 2004, 2006, 2008,
2010, 2012, 2014)
Overall record
P41, W16, L19, H6
Foursomes **W4, L6, H4**
Fourballs **W7, L8, H2**
Singles **W5, L5, H0**
World ranking **15**

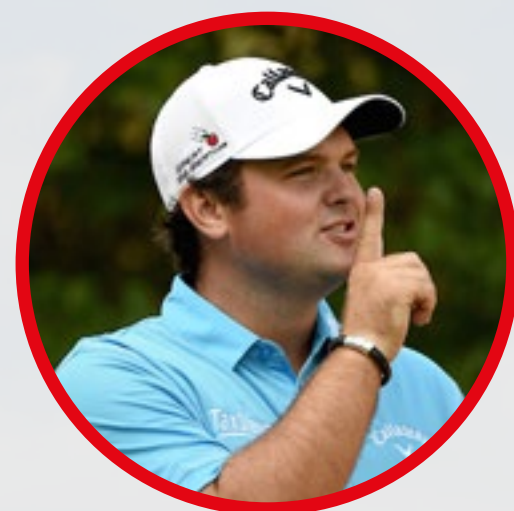
The oldest member
of Team USA. Slated
captain Tom Watson
after the last defeat.
Mercurial talent playing
in 11th Ryder Cup.



RYAN MOORE

Age **33**
Ryder Cups **Rookie**
World ranking **31**

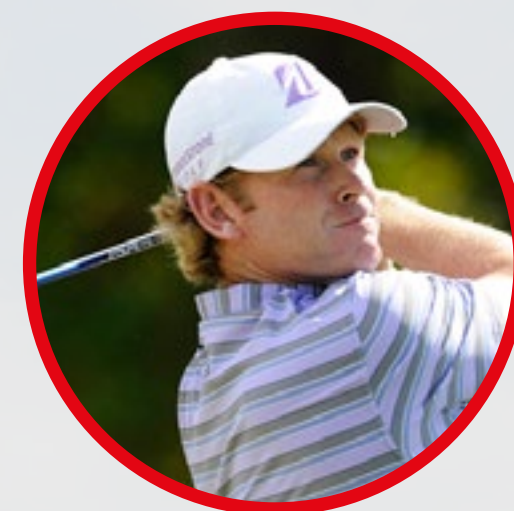
Earned last-gasp wildcard
pick after finishing
runner-up in the Tour
Championship last Sunday.
Steady operator should
see foursomes action.



PATRICK REED

Age **26**
Ryder Cups **One**
(2014)
Overall record
P4, W3, L0, H1
Foursomes **W0, L0, H1**
Fourballs **W2, L0, H0**
Singles **W1, L0, H0**
World ranking **8**

Was the star man
for USA in the last
match at Gleneagles.
A Ryder Cup natural
who should win plenty
of points.



BRANDT SNEDEKER

Age **35**
Ryder Cups **One**
(2012)
Overall record
P3, W1, L2, H0
Foursomes **W1, L1, H0**
Fourballs **W0, L0, H0**
Singles **W0, L1, H0**
World ranking **23**

Great putter who
can be loose with the
driver. Unlikely to be
employed for more than
two sessions before the
Sunday singles.



JORDAN SPIETH

Age **23**
Ryder Cups **One**
(2014)
Overall record
P4, W2, L1, H1
Foursomes **W0, L0, H1**
Fourballs **W2, L0, H0**
Singles **W0, L1, H0**
World ranking **4**

Former world
number one seems
set to team up with
Patrick Reed in a
fearsome all-star pairing.
Points should flow.



JIMMY WALKER

Age **37**
Ryder Cups **One**
(2014)
Overall record
P5, W1, L1, H3
Foursomes **W0, L1, H1**
Fourballs **W0, L0, H2**
Singles **W1, L0, H0**
World ranking **16**

Won the USPGA
Championship at the
end of July, but has
been inconsistent
since. Likely to team
up with Rickie Fowler.

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**RAFAEL
CABRERA-BELLO**

Age **32**
Ryder Cups **Rookie**
World ranking **30**

Spaniard who qualified automatically for Ryder Cup debut. Has won only twice on the European Tour. Nervous character. Weak link.



MATTHEW FITZPATRICK

Age **22**
Ryder Cups **Rookie**
World ranking **44**

English youngster with perfect swing. Former US Amateur champion. Good matchplay record but making Ryder Cup debut.



SERGIO GARCIA

Age **36**
Ryder Cups **Seven**
(1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014)
Overall record
P32, W18, L9, H5
Foursomes **W9, L2, H2**
Fourballs **W6, L3, H3**
Singles **W3, L4, H0**
World ranking **12**

Ryder Cup legend with a fantastic record in the event. Won on the US Tour in May. Set to partner Rafa Cabrera-Bello.



MARTIN KAYMER

Age **31**
Ryder Cups **Three**
(2010, 2012, 2014)
Overall record
P10, W4, L3, H3
Foursomes **W0, L0, H2**
Fourballs **W2, L2, H1**
Singles **W2, L1, H0**
World ranking **48**

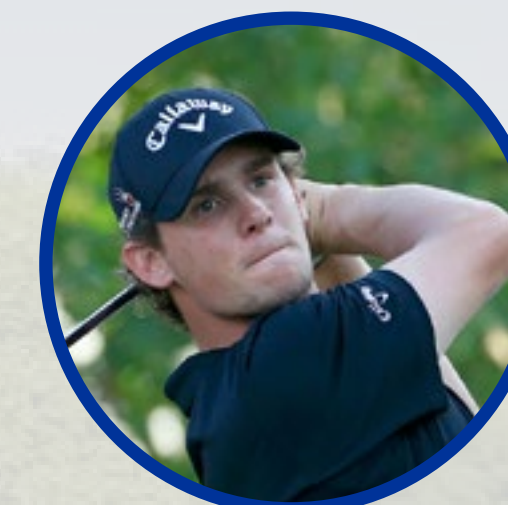
Gutsy German holed the decisive putt in the last Ryder Cup on American soil. Dual Major champion and consistent performer.



RORY MCILROY

Age **27**
Ryder Cups **Three**
(2010, 2012, 2014)
Overall record
P14, W6, L4, H4
Foursomes **W3, L2, H1**
Fourballs **W1, L2, H2**
Singles **W2, L0, H1**
World ranking **3**

Won two of the last three FedEx Cup playoff events to arrive at Hazeltine bursting with confidence. The star of the team and likely to play five matches.



THOMAS PIETERS

Age **24**
Ryder Cups **Rookie**
World ranking **42**

The Belgian bomber was handed a wildcard after impressive late-summer form. Should see fourballs action.

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JUSTIN ROSE

Age **36**
 Ryder Cups **Three**
 (2008, 2012, 2014)
 Overall record
P14, W9, L3, H2
 Foursomes **W4, L1, H1**
 Fourballs **W3, L2, H0**
 Singles **W2, L0, H1**
 World ranking **11**

Won the Olympics for Great Britain last month. Former US Open champion with an excellent Ryder Cup record. Likely to team up with Henrik Stenson.



HENRIK STENSON

Age **40**
 Ryder Cups **Three**
 (2006, 2008, 2014)
 Overall record
P11, W5, L4, H2
 Foursomes **W2, L1, H1**
 Fourballs **W2, L1, H1**
 Singles **W1, L2, H0**
 World ranking **5**

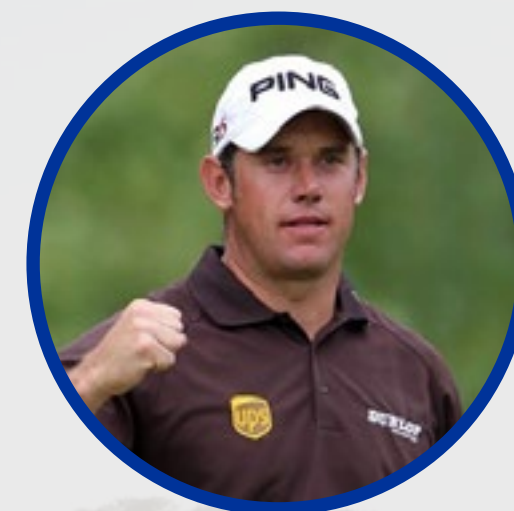
A knee injury sustained in the FedEx Cup playoffs is a worry. If fit, the Open champion should win plenty of points alongside Justin Rose.



ANDY SULLIVAN

Age **29**
 Ryder Cups **Rookie**
 World ranking **50**

Genial Midlander who qualified for the team automatically. Recent form poor, but set for fourballs action alongside Rory McIlroy.



LEE WESTWOOD

Age **43**
 Ryder Cups **Nine**
 (1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014)
 Overall record
P41, W20, L15, H6
 Foursomes **W9, L4, H4**
 Fourballs **W8, L5, H2**
 Singles **W3, L6, H0**
 World ranking **46**

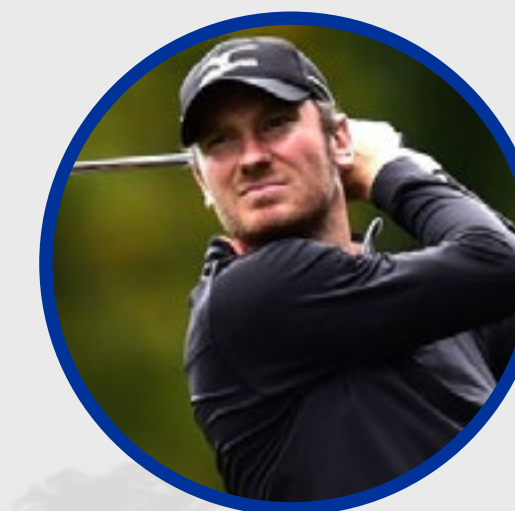
The old warhorse of Team Europe, who is bidding to break Nick Faldo's points-scoring record. Likely to partner Danny Willett.



DANNY WILLETT

Age **28**
 Ryder Cups **Rookie**
 World ranking **10**

Europe's best rookie. The Masters champion should team up with his good friend Lee Westwood in a strong pairing.

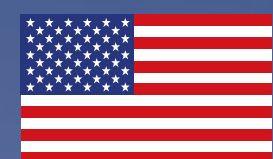


CHRIS WOOD

Age **28**
 Ryder Cups **Rookie**
 World ranking **32**

The weakest link in Team Europe. The injury-plagued Bristolian qualified through winning at Wentworth in May, but has been unconvincing since.

RYDER CUP: COURSE GUIDE



V



Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minnesota, USA

Length 7,628 yards Par 72

1

442 yards, par 4

The first hole typifies Hazeltine. The drive zone features fairway bunkers and shots out of the rough will be hard to keep on the tiered green, so an accurate approach shot is crucial.

2

429 yards, par 4

This dogleg left is an early birdie opportunity. A brave drive around the corner could leave a wedge to the green. But a fairway bunker on the left makes that a risky policy. Those playing safe must stay away from some new bunkers on the right.

3

633 yards, par 5

The first of three 600-yard plus holes is a real test. The drive must avoid the bunkers on the left and thick rough on the right. Aggressive second shots must stay left side or risk ending up well below the large green in the right rough.

4

210 yards, par 3

Surrounded by bunkers, the green features a shelf that is difficult to hold and a flat area across the front. In between is a slope, so tee shots that make the green but are not close to the hole can still lead to a bogey.

5

352 yards, par 4

A new cross bunker short of the green enhances the risk/reward character of the hole. It looks easy, but accuracy is essential as the green is small.

6

642 yards, par 5

A new tee has added length to the hole, bringing bunkers back into play, which should lead to higher scores, especially into the wind.

7

402 yards, par 4

The drive is over Hazeltine Lake, and must also be kept short of the creek on the left. The narrow, elevated green angles away and is difficult to hold. Hole locations on the right of the green bring the lake back into play.

8

186 yards, par 3

The green is surrounded by bunkers and water. A large bowl in the front left will capture any shots that are off the mark. Three putts are common.

9

475 yards, par 4

A new tee has lengthened this hole. The approach shots are played to a green with three tiers, so accuracy is at a premium.

10

452 yards, par 4

Accuracy off of the tee is critical. The perfect drive is to the corner of the dogleg. From there, the hole plunges down the hill toward Hazeltine Lake. Back left hole locations bring the lake into play and a ridge bisects the green.

11

606 yards, par 5

Attempts to reach the green in two that come up short on the third 600-yarder may find a new bunker from which birdie will be an unlikely score.

12

518 yards, par 4

One of the hardest holes on the course has had 50 yards added with a new tee. The green is shallow and firm, making approach shots difficult. Most putts are flat, but there are subtle breaks to watch out for.

13

248 yards, par 3

The hardest par three at Hazeltine has a pond on the left, trees on the right, bunkers front and right, and difficult hole locations provide a variety of challenges.

14

448 yards, par 4

Another new tee has added almost 50 yards to this hole. The longest hitters can try to fly the fairway bunkers, but the left rough is the thickest on the course. The green is narrow and the deep bunkers in the front and on the sides are to be avoided at all costs.

15

405 yards, par 4

The woods on either side of the narrow fairway must be avoided. The long green sits between bunkers on the right and a pond on the left.

16

572 yards, par 5

The shortest of the par fives at Hazeltine used to see most players going for the green in two when it was 29 yards shorter. A pond on the left prevents easy access and fairway bunkers have been added on the left side of the tee-shot landing area.

17

176 yards, par 3

The small green encircled by water and sand is anything but easy. Those who try to play it aggressively can pay the price.

18

432 yards, par 4

Bunkers on both sides of the fairway make this one of the most difficult driving holes. Hitting uphill into a green that's difficult to see means players have to get their yardage right.

TEAM USA: TOUR STATS



	SCORING AVERAGE	DRIVING DISTANCE	DRIVING ACCURACY %	GREENS IN REGULATION %	PUTTS PER GIR	SAND SAVE %
R FOWLER	70.17 (15)	301.6 (23)	58.69% (T113)	69.26% (15)	1.771 (T80)	52.03% (71)
JB HOLMES	70.85 (T88)	314.5 (1) ★	51.68% (179)	65.17% (105)	1.758 (T40)	53.91% (47)
D JOHNSON	69.48 (1) ★	313.6 (2)	57.17% (138)	67.82% (T43)	1.71 (T1) ★	45.24% (144)
Z JOHNSON	70.41 (T35)	280.1 (T167)	65.23% (32)	64.53% (122)	1.759 (T42)	53.68% (51)
B KOEPKA	70.13 (12)	302.6 (19)	58.6% (117)	66.98% (59)	1.744 (18)	51.75% (72)
M KUCHAR	70.04 (T8)	285.8 (T137)	65.67% (24)	67.82% (T43)	1.748 (T25)	54.61% (41)
P MICKELSON	69.97 (T5)	294.8 (T56)	54.82% (163)	66.05% (84)	1.73 (T5)	61.54% (3)
R MOORE	70.23 (19)	283.2 (150)	66.52% (18)	65.78% (87)	1.743 (17)	50.83% (82)
P REED	70.15 (T13)	297.4 (41)	55.96% (151)	64.65% (116)	1.753 (33)	56.71% (23)
B SNEDEKER	70.22 (18)	292.6 (75)	58.69% (T113)	65.67% (90)	1.75 (T27)	57.14% (20)
J SPIETH	69.72 (3)	295.4 (51)	58.14% (123)	63.52% (T145)	1.71 (T1) ★	54.70% (40)
J WALKER	70.55 (T48)	301.3 (T24)	48.31% (183)	63.96% (T135)	1.76 (T48)	46.76% (125)

Figures in brackets show ranking Top ranked ★

TEAM EUROPE: TOUR STATS



	SCORING AVERAGE	DRIVING DISTANCE	DRIVING ACCURACY %	GREENS IN REGULATION %	PUTTS PER GIR	SAND SAVE %
R CABRERA BELLO	70.41 (9)	284.2 (T147)	59% (91)	75.8% (7)	1.761 (T44)	61% (41)
M FITZPATRICK	71.13 (T40)	280 (181)	61.2% (T60)	74.9% (10)	1.789 (T106)	62.1% (T35)
S GARCIA	70.82 (T21)	292.3 (T60)	60.1% (T75)	75.5% (8)	1.81 (T157)	53.3% (T107)
M KAYMER	70.75 (17)	290 (86)	59.6% (T84)	70.8% (T31)	1.789 (T106)	68.6% (8)
R MCILROY	69.97 (3)	298.8	58% (T107)	78.8% (1) ★	1.74 (16)	55 % (T92)
T PIETERS	70.51 (11)	301.4 (16)	55.9% (T139)	68.7% (60)	1.785 (T92)	58.5% (T56)
J ROSE*	70.66 (T61)	303.9 (16)	57.9% (127)	67.92% (40)	1.77 (T73)	55.5% (31)
H STENSON	69.13 (1) ★	289.8 (T88)	76.2% (1) ★	78.2% (3)	1.754 (33)	65.2% (21)
A SULLIVAN	71.13 (T40)	290.3 (T78)	62% (T52)	70.2% (44)	1.761 (T44)	67.1% (T11)
L WESTWOOD	71.34 (60)	290.2 (T82)	60.3% (T72)	65.7% (T115)	1.786 (T95)	50.9% (T132)
D WILLETT	70.33 (7)	290.1 (T84)	58.2% (T103)	73% (19)	1.736 (15)	66.7% (T13)
C WOOD	71.2 (T52)	291.9 (T63)	53% (T171)	66.1% (T111)	1.751 (T27)	50% (T136)

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