

Golf

US takes 3-point lead in Day 1 of Solheim Cup

By LUKE MEREDITH Associated Press

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — The favored Americans found themselves trailing Europe after a sluggish start to the Solheim Cup.

The U.S. settled down on Friday afternoon, pulling away with a record-setting fourball performance.

The United States swept the afternoon fourball matches to take a 5 1/2-2 1/2 lead at Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

Lizette Salas and U.S. newcomer Danielle Kang each won two matches, teaming to beat Carlota Ciganda and Caroline Masson 1 up for the Americans' lone full point in the morning foursomes, then leading the U.S. to its first ever fourball sweep in the afternoon.

"This is the history we really don't want. We want the history on Sunday night. We want the Cup," U.S. captain Juli Inkster said. "We've got a lot of work (ahead). I know (European captain) Annika (Sorenstam) is going to get that team fired up."

Salas and rookie Angel Yin routed Ciganda and Emily Pedersen 6 and 5, and Kang and Michelle Wie topped Madelene Sagstrom and Jodi Ewart Shadoff 3 and 1.

In the other fourball matches, Brittany Lincicome and Brittany Lang beat Masson and Florentyna Parker 3 and 2, and Stacy Lewis and Gerina Pillier edged Charley Hull and Georgia Hall 2 and 1



United States' Danielle Kang, right, celebrates with teammate Lizette Salas as they walk off the 10th green during their foursomes match against Europe at the Solheim Cup on Friday in West Des Moines, Iowa.

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In the morning foursomes, Americans Cristie Kerr and Lexi Thompson rallied to halve with Hull and Mel Reid. For Europe, Hall and Anna Nordqvist beat Paula Creamer and Austin Ernst 3 and 1, and Karine Icher and Catriona Matthew topped Lewis and Pillier 1 up.

The U.S. would find a lot more success in fourball play — dominating so thoroughly that it never

trailed in any of the four matches.

Salas and the 18-year-old Yin set the tone for the afternoon. Salas opened with three straight birdies to win those holes, and wins on consecutive par 5s helped the duo end the match in 13 holes.

The 6-and-5 win was the second-largest in Solheim history.

"Everything kind of fell together," Salas said.

Kang's putting was solid

throughout the day — and back-to-back birdie putts sealed her and Wie's win after 17 holes.

Lincicome and Lang improved to 3-0-0 as a four-ball tandem, and Lewis made a short birdie putt on No. 17 to complete the sweep.

"It was beautiful. Never seen anything prettier," Lang said about seeing the leaderboard lit up in the Americans' red color.

Thompson, fueled by a surge

of adrenaline provided by the pro-American crowd singing songs and chanting "USA! USA!" drilled her tee shot on the first hole to set up Kerr's 12-foot eagle putt to open the three-day, biennial event.

But the Americans stumbled, and they appeared to be finished after Hull's long birdie chip on No. 16. Thompson birdied the next hole, and Kerr halved the match with another 12-footer on 18 — pumping her fist in the air before the ball even dropped in.

"It was pretty much a you-know-what sandwich out there," Kerr said. "I'm glad it ended up the way it did."

Nordqvist dealt with a case of mononucleosis this summer. But she and Hall, playing in her first Solheim Cup, cruised to the only point that came easy for the Europeans.

Europe will likely need Nordqvist and Hall's teammates to emulate those performances if it hopes to pull closer to the surging Americans.

"I would say that the spirit is still there, if not stronger," Sorenstam said. "You get a little fired up when you see an afternoon like this. We knew coming in here it was going to be a challenge. And I have fighters on the team, and I believe in them. We're just going to forget about this day. Tomorrow's Saturday. New points. Go out there and grab as many as we can."

After more foursomes and fourballs Saturday, the event will close with 12 singles matches Sunday.

Rookie Erik Jones wins first career pole at Bristol

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — Erik Jones has won the first Cup Series pole of his career with a quick run at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Jones turned a lap at 128.082 mph around the high-banked bullring to take the top starting spot for Saturday night's race. Jones, a rookie who drives

for Furniture Row Racing, bumped Kyle Larson from the pole.

Larson qualified second at 128.057 to continue his hot streak. He won Sunday at Michigan where he beat Furniture Row teammates Jones and Martin Truex Jr. on the final restart for his third victory of the year.

Kasey Kahne qualified third and was followed by Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott. Matt Kenseth was fifth,

followed by Truex and Denny Hamlin as Toyota drivers took four of the top seven spots.

Armour, Simpson share second round lead at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Ryan Armour shot a career-best 9-under 61 on Friday for a share of the lead with Webb Simpson after two rounds at the

Wyndham Championship.

Armour and Simpson were at 13-under halfway through the PGA Tour's final event of the regular season. Simpson shot a 64.

Henrik Stenson was a stroke behind them after a 66. Ollie Schniederjans and Vaughn Taylor and were 11. Schniederjans shot 63, Taylor had a 66.

First-round leader Matt Every followed his 61 with a 72 to slip six strokes off the lead.



Hermiston senior Joey Gutierrez returns a kick during Friday's practice at Kennison Field in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Eric Singer

DAWGS: Season starts at Union (WA) on Sept. 1

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to be leaders and leave a legacy. We're focusing on revolving our group around our senior class and it'll take a lot of effort from the juniors and sophomores but it'll be fun."

Faeteete said that he has right around 100 kids in the program this season, and one thing that stands out to him about the group is a "strong desire to be successful."

"There's a lot of guys that talk about (desire) and there are some great seniors that have been working hard and they know what it takes," Faeteete said. "They saw it their freshman year what putting it all together looks like (for the

state title) and they want to do it this year as well, they want to leave a legacy."

Their chance to leave the legacy the Bulldogs desire to starts on Sept. 1 when they travel to Vancouver, Washington to take on Union, a team that beat the Bulldogs 38-27 at Kennison Field last season.

"If we can play together as a team, we'll go farther than we did last year," Gutierrez said. "It's more of an everybody type of team now, not just the 11 guys on the field and that's good."

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Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 7, Toronto 4; Baltimore 9, L.A. Angels 7; Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 6; L.A. Dodgers 8, Detroit 5; Seattle 7, Tampa Bay 1; Chicago White Sox 4, Texas 3; Minnesota 10, Arizona 3; Houston 3, Oakland 1; Cleveland 10, Kansas City 1.

Saturday's Games

Toronto (Tepesch 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 7-10), 11:20 a.m.; L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 4-6) at Detroit (Fulmer 10-10), 1:05 p.m.; Seattle (Miranda 7-6) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-6), 3:10 p.m.; L.A. Angels (Ramirez 10-10) at Baltimore (Gausman 9-8), 4:05 p.m.; Arizona (Greinke 14-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 10-5), 4:10 p.m.; N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 9-5) at Boston (Sale 14-4), 4:10 p.m.; Oakland (Graveman 3-3) at Houston (McHugh 0-2), 4:10 p.m.; Cleveland (Bauer 11-8) at Kansas City (Vargas 14-6), 4:15 p.m.; Chicago White Sox (Holland 6-12) at Texas (Perez 7-10), 5:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Spokane 3, Vancouver 2; Salem-Keizer 4, Boise 3; Hillsboro 11, Eugene 1; Tri-City 4, Everett 0; Hillsboro at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.; Hillsboro at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.; Boise at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.; Tri-City at Everett, 7:05 p.m.; Spokane at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.

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Sunday's Games

Portland 2, New York 0; Columbus at Orlando City, 4:30 p.m.; Real Salt Lake at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.; Toronto FC at Chicago, 5 p.m.; FC Dallas at Sporting Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.

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