



## USA SETS RECORD IN SURGE TO 36-HOLE LEAD

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**When:** 30 August 2018

**What:** 28th Women's World Amateur Team Championship for the Espirito Santo Trophy

**Where:** Carton House, Montgomerie and O'Meara Courses, County Kildare/Dublin, Ireland

### Rapid Recap:

The USA set a 36-hole scoring mark, fueled by matching bogey-free scores of 8-under 65 from Jennifer Kupcho and Kristen Gillman on the O'Meara Course, to take a one-stroke lead over defending champion Republic of Korea and three strokes over first-round leader Japan.

"They are all world-class players," said USA captain Stasia Collins. "They know how to play; they know their games; they played to their strengths, and they all struck the ball very well."

McCormack medal winner Kupcho and two-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion Gillman, No.1 and 3, respectively in the World Amateur Golf Ranking™, combined for 16-under 272 and broke the 36-hole mark of 273 set by the Republic of Korea in 2010 in Argentina.

"I definitely hit the ball well today, but I still missed a lot of putts and hit it into the hazard on one hole," said Gillman. "I guess that's good news, but we can still go lower."

No.2-ranked Lillia Vu shot 4-under 69 for the USA to tie for the second-lowest non-counting score in WWATC history.

The Republic of Korea's Ayeon Cho, No. 20 in the WAGR, fired a 9-under 64 (best round of the championship to date), which moved her team into second-place at 17-under 273.

"The O'Meara course is shorter than Montgomerie," said Cho, who finished T-12 at the Korean Women's Open and has won several amateur competitions in New Zealand. "It meant that with most par-5s I could go for the green in two, and that gave me more confidence to play."

World No. 22 Yuka Yasuda of Japan continued her fine play with a 6-under 67 at the Montgomerie as the first-day team leader posted a total of 15-under 275.

The People's Republic of China holds fourth place at 279, followed by Germany and Austria tied for fifth at 283, Italy in seventh at 285, Thailand in eighth at 286, Denmark in ninth at 287 and Ireland and Mexico tied for 10th at 288.

### **Quotable:**

#### **Jennifer Kupcho, USA (on Republic of Korea playing competitor Ayeon Cho):**

“She was absolutely on fire. We can’t do anything about their game and we can’t play defense.”

#### **Yuka Yasuda, Japan:**

“It’s good to be near the top but we have just played half of the tournament. We need to play like the half we just played and I’m looking forward to the next two days.”

#### **Stasia Collins, USA captain (on the team getting their nails done on Wednesday afternoon):**

“They feel good when they have their nails done and it gives them confidence. When you look down and you feel good about yourself, it makes it easier to roll the ball in the hole.”

### **Notable:**

- *The USA overcame a six-stroke deficit to Japan (2-under vs. 8-under) at the start of the day and Jennifer Kupcho and Kristen Gillman cut away at the lead early with 9-hole scores of 5-under and 4-under, respectively.*
- *The USA’s second-round 130 is two strokes off the WWATC mark of 128, shot by the Republic of Korea in 2010 and is second-best of any team score for any round.*
- *The 9-under 64 from Ayeon Cho of the Republic of Korea lifted her to a tie with Yuka Yasuda of Japan for the individual scoring lead at 13-under 132 and ties for the second-lowest score for any round at the WWATC.*
- *The playing group of Ayeon Cho (KOR at -9), Jennifer Kupcho (USA at -8) and Annabel Wilson (IRL at +1) was a combined 16 under par.*
- *Fifteen-year-old Yae Eun Kim of the Dominican Republic scored a hole-in-one on the par-3 17th hole of the Montgomerie Course using an 8-iron in her round of 76. It is the fourth of her career and the first Espirito Santo ace since 2014.*
- *The 65s by USA players Jennifer Kupcho and Kristen Gillman tie for the third-lowest second-round score in Espirito Santo records*
- *Canada moved from T-39 to T-23 with a 15-stroke improvement from 154 to 139; Jaclyn Lee – 4-under 69, Naomi Ko – 3-under 70, Maddie Szeryk – 2-under 71.*
- *Individually, the best improvement in score (13 strokes) came from Nicole Polivchak of Poland, who shot 87 on the Montgomerie and followed with 2-over-par 74 at the O’Meara in Round 2.*

### **What’s Next:**

Round 3 begins Friday at 07:45 a.m. off the No. 1 tees on both courses.

### **More**

Spectators are encouraged to attend, and entry into Carton House for the 2018 World Amateur Team Championships is free. For more information, please visit [igfgolf.org/watc/watc-2018/](http://igfgolf.org/watc/watc-2018/)

**County Kildare/Dublin, Ireland – Results from Thursday’s second round at the 2018 Women’s World Amateur Team Championship, played at Carton House’s O’Meara (O) and Montgomerie (M) Courses will be set up at 6,336 yards/5,791 meters and 6,365 yards/5,818 meters, respectively. The courses will play a par of 37-36—73 and 36-36—72, respectively.**

1. United States of America (USA) - 142 M-130 O -- 272 (-18)  
Jennifer Kupcho 70-65--135  
Kristen Gillman 74-65--139  
Lilia Vu 72-69--141
2. Republic of Korea (KOR) - 140 M-133 O -- 273 (-17)  
Ayeon Cho 68-64--132  
Seo Yun Kwon 74-69--143  
Yae Eun Hong 72-71--143
3. Japan (JPN) - 136 M-139 O -- 275 (-15)  
Yuka Yasuda 65-67--132  
Yuna Nishimura 71-72--143  
Yuri Yoshida 71-73--144
4. People's Republic of China (CHN) - 140 O-139 M -- 279 (-11)  
Mohan Du 67-71--138  
Ruoning Yin 73-70--143  
Wenbo Liu 77-69--146
- T5. Austria (AUT) - 142 O-141 M -- 283 (-7)  
Leonie Bettel 69-72--141  
Janika Ruettimann 76-69--145  
Emma Spitz 73-73--146
- T5. Germany (GER) - 142 O-141 M -- 283 (-7)  
Esther Emily Henseleit 72-70--142  
Leonie Harm 70-73--143  
Sophie Hausmann 73-71--144
7. Italy (ITA) - 143 M-142 O -- 285 (-5)  
Alessia Nobilio 73-68--141  
Caterina Don 70-74--144  
Emilie Alba Paltrinieri 76-74--150
8. Thailand (THA) - 147 M-139 O -- 286 (-4)  
Tunrada Piddon 70-67--137  
Rina Tatematsu 77-72--149  
Napabhach Boon-In 77-74--151
9. Denmark (DEN) - 147 M-140 O -- 287 (-3)  
Malene Krolboll Hansen 72-73--145  
Sofie Kibsgaard Nielsen 75-71--146  
Karen Svanholm Fredgaard 79-69--148
- T10. Ireland (IRL) - 141 M-147 O -- 288 (-2)  
Olivia Mehaffey 70-73--143  
Annabel Wilson 71-74--145  
Paula Grant 74-75--149
- T10. Mexico (MEX) - 147 O-141 M -- 288 (-2)  
Maria Fassi 74-69--143  
Cory Lopez 73-72--145  
Ana Lizeth Ruiz Laphond 79-74--153
- T12. Australia (AUS) - 141 M-148 O -- 289 (-1)  
Rebecca Kay 68-74--142  
Kirsty Hodgkins 75-74--149  
Grace Kim 73-77--150
- T12. Belgium (BEL) - 147 M-142 O -- 289 (-1)  
Clarisse Louis 73-69--142  
Clara Aveling 78-73--151

Elodie Van Dievoet 74-78--152  
T12.Scotland (SCO) - 148 O-141 M -- 289 (-1)  
Shannon McWilliam 74-69--143  
Connie Jaffrey 74-72--146  
Hannah McCook 77-73--150  
T12.Spain (ESP) - 152 O-137 M -- 289 (-1)  
Elena Hualde Zuniga 77-67--144  
Marta Perez Sanmartin 75-74--149  
Paz Marfa Sans 80-70--150  
T12.Sweden (SWE) - 147 M-142 O -- 289 (-1)  
Frida Kinhult 74-71--145  
Linn Grant 73-72--145  
Beatrice Wallin 80-71--151  
T17.England (ENG) - 149 M-141 O -- 290 (Even)  
Sophie Lamb 75-71--146  
Hollie Muse 77-70--147  
Annabell Fuller 74-74--148  
T17.Netherlands (NED) - 147 M-143 O -- 290 (Even)  
Zhen Bontan 72-72--144  
Romy Meekers 75-71--146  
Dewi Weber 77-73--150  
T17.Paraguay (PAR) - 149 M-141 O -- 290 (Even)  
Maria Fernanda Escauriza Stoeckl 72-69--141  
Anahi Servin 77-72--149  
Sofia Linette Garcia Peralta 83-72--155  
T20.India (IND) - 151 M-140 O -- 291 (+1)  
Sifat Sagoo 78-67--145  
Diksha Dagar 74-73--147  
Ridhima Dilawari 77-75--152  
T20.New Zealand (NZL) - 148 M-143 O -- 291 (+1)  
Amelia Garvey 76-70--146  
Wenyung Keh 75-73--148  
Julianne Alvarez 73-77--150  
22.Switzerland (SUI) - 147 M-145 O -- 292 (+2)  
Albane Valenzuela 73-71--144  
Elena Moosmann 74-75--149  
Yael Berger 79-74--153  
T23.Canada (CAN) - 154 M-139 O -- 293 (+3)  
Jaclyn Lee 76-69--145  
Naomi Ko 78-70--148  
Maddie Szeryk 80-71--151  
T23.Finland (FIN) - 148 O-145 M -- 293 (+3)  
Anna Backman 75-72--147  
Kiira Riihijarvi 73-74--147  
Elina Saksa 76-73--149  
T23.Hong Kong, China (HKG) - 144 O-149 M -- 293 (+3)  
Mimi Ho 74-71--145  
Michelle Cheung 70-78--148  
Isabella Leung 78-78--156  
T26.Chinese Taipei (TPE) - 153 O-141 M -- 294 (+4)  
Tze-Han Lin 74-71--145

Yu Ping Huang 79-70--149  
Kuan-Yu Lin 79-74--153  
T26.South Africa (RSA) - 150 O-144 M -- 294 (+4)  
Caitlyn MacNab 75-71--146  
Kaleigh Telfer 75-73--148  
Kajal Mistry 79-74--153  
28.Guatemala (GUA) - 148 O-147 M -- 295 (+5)  
Pilar Echeverria 73-69--142  
Valeria Mendizabal Riepele 75-78--153  
Beatriz Arenas 81-88--169  
T29.Colombia (COL) - 154 M-142 O -- 296 (+6)  
Silvia Margarita Garces Escalante 75-71--146  
Maria Camila Serrano Silva 79-71--150  
Valentina Giraldo Roys 83-73--156  
T29.Venezuela (VEN) - 145 O-151 M -- 296 (+6)  
Claudia De Antonio 72-76--148  
Ana Raga 73-83--156  
Valentina Gilly 84-75--159  
T31.Dominican Republic (DOM) - 148 O-149 M -- 297 (+7)  
Rachel Kuehn 71-73--144  
Yae Eun Kim 77-76--153  
Brenda Corrie-Kuehn 82-83--165  
T31.France (FRA) - 148 O-149 M -- 297 (+7)  
Pauline Roussin-Bouchard 72-75--147  
Emma Broze 76-74--150  
Agathe Laisne 76-76--152  
T33.Czech Republic (CZE) - 150 O-148 M -- 298 (+8)  
Sara Kouskova 73-73--146  
Hana Ryskova 77-75--152  
Katerina Vlasinova 77-77--154  
T33.Norway (NOR) - 150 O-148 M -- 298 (+8)  
Dorthea Charlotte Forbrigd 73-75--148  
Renate Hjelle Grimstad 78-73--151  
Karoline Stormo 77-75--152  
T35.Malaysia (MAS) - 154 M-145 O -- 299 (+9)  
Geraldine Xiao Xuan Wong 76-72--148  
Siti Zulaikhaa Shaari 78-73--151  
Liyana Azizan Durisic 78-74--152  
T35.Morocco (MAR) - 150 O-149 M -- 299 (+9)  
Lina Belmati 72-76--148  
Ines Laklalech 78-73--151  
Intissar Rich 84-77--161  
37.Puerto Rico (PUR) - 150 O-151 M -- 301 (+11)  
Valeria Pacheco Claudio 75-75--150  
Johany Rivera 75-76--151  
Yudika Ann Rodriguez 77-78--155  
T38.Argentina (ARG) - 152 M-150 O -- 302 (+12)  
Ela Anacona 75-73--148  
Magdalena Simmermacher 77-78--155  
Valentina Rossi 79-77--156  
T38.Portugal (POR) - 158 O-144 M -- 302 (+12)

Leonor Bessa 78-71--149  
Sofia Barroso Sa 80-73--153  
Sara Gouveia 81-74--155  
T40.Chile (CHI) - 154 M-149 O -- 303 (+13)  
Natalia Villavicencio 76-76--152  
Antonia Matte 80-73--153  
Sofia Morgan 78-77--155  
T40.Iceland (ISL) - 155 O-148 M -- 303 (+13)  
Saga Traustadottir 76-75--151  
Helga Kristin Einarsdottir 79-73--152  
Ragnhildur Kristinsdottir 85-85--170  
42.Slovenia (SLO) - 160 M-144 O -- 304 (+14)  
Inja Fric 81-70--151  
Vida Obersnel 79-74--153  
Lara Jecnik 83-76--159  
43.Wales (WAL) - 157 M-149 O -- 306 (+16)  
Bethan Morris 79-74--153  
Katherine O'Connor 78-75--153  
Jordan Ryan 81-81--162  
44.Poland (POL) - 159 M-148 O -- 307 (+17)  
Dominika Gradecka 76-74--150  
Dorota Zalewska 83-77--160  
Nicole Polivchak 87-74--161  
T45.Peru (PER) - 157 M-151 O -- 308 (+18)  
Micaela Farah 75-75--150  
Daniela Ballesteros 82-76--158  
Josefina Fernandez-Davila 82-78--160  
T45.Uruguay (URU) - 154 M-154 O -- 308 (+18)  
Priscilla Schmid 76-78--154  
Sofia Garcia Austt Marques 78-77--155  
Jimena Marques 79-77--156  
47.Slovakia (SVK) - 157 M-153 O -- 310 (+20)  
Anika Bolcikova 77-76--153  
Natalia Heckova 80-77--157  
Katarina Drocarova 81-78--159  
48.Singapore (SGP) - 158 M-153 O -- 311 (+21)  
Callista Chen 82-75--157  
Shannon Tan 79-78--157  
Inez Xin Yi Ng 79-81--160  
49.Lithuania (LTU) - 155 O-158 M -- 313 (+23)  
Gile Bite Starkute 75-76--151  
Saule Jarasunaite 80-82--162  
50.Turkey (TUR) - 161 M-155 O -- 316 (+26)  
Selin Timur 81-75--156  
Damla Bilgic 80-82--162  
Sena Ersoy 83-80--163  
51.Brazil (BRA) - 154 O-165 M -- 319 (+29)  
Lauren Grinberg 74-84--158  
Laura Helena de Araujo Caetano 80-81--161  
Maria Fernanda Lacaz Martins 88-84--172  
52.Latvia (LAT) - 165 M-155 O -- 320 (+30)

Marija Luize Jucmane 79-73--152  
Anna Estere Marksa 86-83--169  
Katrina Jana Gustafssone 89-82--171  
53.Guam (GUM) - 162 O-163 M -- 325 (+35)  
Nalathai Vongjalorn 78-79--157  
Rachael Peterson 84-84--168  
Rose Tarpley 87-91--178  
54.Bulgaria (BUL) - 165 O-163 M -- 328 (+38)  
Magdalena Borisova 82-81--163  
Ivana Simeonova 83-83--166  
Stefani Skokanska 90-82--172  
55.Tunisia (TUN) - 168 O-164 M -- 332 (+42)  
Ghozlene Saki 84-78--162  
Kenza Ladhari 86-86--172  
Hedia Mansouri 84-95--179  
56.Lebanon (LBN) - 168 O-173 M -- 341 (+51)  
Vanessa Richani 79-76--155  
Sarah Assaf 89-100--189  
Lea Assaf 100-97--197  
57.Ukraine (UKR) - 169 O-175 M -- 344 (+54)  
Elvira Rastvortseva 81-89--170  
Daria Horokhovska 88-86--174  
Valeriia Sapronova 98-95--193

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