



## USA EXTEND LEAD TO 5 STROKES AFTER 54 HOLES

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**When:** 31 August 2018

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

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

### Rapid Recap:

In windy conditions and playing against the other two teams on the top of the leaderboard on the Montgomerie course, the USA posted a 54-hole score of 19-under 415 to extend its lead to five strokes over defending champion Republic of Korea and six over Japan.

"It was a really tough day, and everyone had to grind," said USA captain Stasia Collins. "We were on 12 and we had two players at plus 3, and I told them that their scores might count, and they had to grind it out. They worked very hard and made some birdies coming in. It was great."

One of those players was McCormack medal winner and World No. 1 Jennifer Kupcho, who shrugged over a shaky start and posted three birdies on her last four holes for 1-under 71.

"I was struggling with putting so I decided instead of lining up the ball, I would set the ball down the putt like I do in practice," said Kupcho, who won the 2018 NCAA Women's individual title playing for Wake Forest. "I don't focus that much and I just hit it. It worked really well, and I made some putts and got my confidence back and I birdied the last two holes, which was a bonus."

Two-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion Kristen Gillman rebounded from a three-stroke drop in two holes to finish with an even-par 72, which gave the Americans a team total of 143.

The Korean team, which began the day one stroke back, was briefly tied with the USA in the middle of the round. Their top player Ayeon Cho posted a 1-under 71 but the other counting score was a 4-over 76 from Seo Yun Kwon for a day's total of 3-over 147.

Japan kept its place in third position at 421 followed by resurgent host Ireland in fourth at 430 and Italy, Germany and People's Republic of China tied for fifth at 431. Completing the top 10 were Austria in eighth at 432, Mexico in ninth at 433 and Denmark in 10th at 434.

### Quotable:

**Karoline Stormo of Norway (on her 3-under 70 at the O'Meara Course):** "We had been hitting the ball really good the last two days and today the putts started dropping. That was the main difference. We knew we were capable of shooting low. I think both courses are really nice. It was not as tough as it was the other days as it was not as windy. The weather was really nice – it was warm."

**Ayeon Cho of Republic of Korea:** I was a little worried with the wind this morning, but I started OK and it gave me confidence to play. On the back nine, the wind got a little slower and that's why I played well."

**Danielle McVeigh, Ireland captain:** "Aggressive play to smart targets has been our mantra all week. The strategy may change for tomorrow, but golf owes us nothing. It's up to us to go and take it. We'll see how many birdies we can make and see where we're at the end of tomorrow."

**Kristen Gillman, USA:** "You always want to be in the lead, so it definitely helps going into tomorrow."

### Notable:

- *The field's youngest player, 13-year-old Shannon Tan of Singapore, has recorded a 54-hole total of 234 (79-78-77) and is her team's best scorer.*
- *Norway's Renate Hjelle Grimstad and Karoline Stormo posted identical 3-under 70s at the O'Meara Course and helped move their country to T-12th after starting the day T-33rd. The pair play college golf in the USA: Grimstad at the University of Miami and Stormo at Kent State. "Yesterday we were all hitting it really good and nothing dropped in," Grimstad said. "It's good now to see we are able to climb up the leaderboard....All of a sudden we can count ourselves up there. We are all really pretty happy for tomorrow – it should be a good day." The team's 140 was the best of the day.*
- *Host Ireland steadied itself with a six-position move up the leaderboard (from T-10 to fourth), riding the 2-under 70 posted by Olivia Mehaffey (best of the day on that course) and an even-par 72 from Annabel Wilson. "I was really disappointed with yesterday," said Mehaffey. "I think even this morning I wasn't over it. I had to go to the gym and get a wee bit of frustration out. I came out fighting, I wanted to do a good job and, I feel proud of how I played today"*
- *The best round of the day belonged to Pauline Roussin-Bouchard of France, who posted a 5-under 68 at the O'Meara, where she recorded five birdies, an eagle and a double bogey. She won the St. Rule Trophy at St Andrews in 2016.*
- *In the final round, the USA will be looking for its first medal since it earned silver in 2010. If it holds its position, it will win the Espirito Santo Trophy for the 14th time.*
- *The Republic of Korea is vying for its fifth consecutive medal and has won the WWATC three of the past four competitions.*
- *Japan is seeking its first medal in 28 appearances. Its best finish is fourth in 1984.*

### What's Next:

Round 4 begins Saturday at 07:45 a.m. off the No. 1 tees on both courses. The leading teams will play on the O'Meara course in the final round.

## 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 Friday’s third 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.**

United States of America (USA) - 142 M-130 O-143 M--415 (-19)

Jennifer Kupcho 70-65-71--206

Kristen Gillman 74-65-72--211

Lilia Vu 72-69-73--214

Republic of Korea (KOR) - 140 M-133 O-147 M--420 (-14)

Ayeon Cho 68-64-71--203

Seo Yun Kwon 74-69-76--219

Yae Eun Hong 72-71-80--223

Japan (JPN) - 136 M-139 O-146 M--421 (-13)

Yuka Yasuda 65-67-72--204

Yuna Nishimura 71-72-74--217

Yuri Yoshida 71-73-76--220

Ireland (IRL) - 141 M-147 O-142 M--430 (-4)

Olivia Mehaffey 70-73-70--213

Annabel Wilson 71-74-72--217

Paula Grant 74-75-73--222

Germany (GER) - 142 O-141 M-148 M--431 (-3)

Sophie Hausmann 73-71-73--217

Esther Emily Henseleit 72-70-75--217

Leonie Harm 70-73-79--222

Italy (ITA) - 143 M-142 O-146 M--431 (-3)

Alessia Nobilio 73-68-76--217

Caterina Don 70-74-74--218

Emilie Alba Paltrinieri 76-74-72--222

People's Republic of China (CHN) - 140 O-139 M-152 M--431 (-3)

Mohan Du 67-71-79--217

Ruoning Yin 73-70-77--220

Wenbo Liu 77-69-75--221

Austria (AUT) - 142 O-141 M-149 M--432 (-2)

Leonie Bettel 69-72-76--217

Emma Spitz 73-73-73--219

Janika Ruettimann 76-69-79--224

Mexico (MEX) - 147 O-141 M-145 M--433 (-1)

Maria Fassi 74-69-71--214

Cory Lopez 73-72-81--226

Ana Lizeth Ruiz Laphond 79-74-74--227

Denmark (DEN) - 147 M-140 O-147 M--434 (Even)

Malene Krolboll Hansen 72-73-73--218

Sofie Kibsgaard Nielsen 75-71-75--221

Karen Svanholm Fredgaard 79-69-74--222

Switzerland (SUI) - 147 M-145 O-143 M--435 (+1)

Albane Valenzuela 73-71-71--215  
Elena Moosmann 74-75-74--223  
Yael Berger 79-74-72--225  
Canada (CAN) - 154 M-139 O-143 M--436 (+2)  
Jaclyn Lee 76-69-72--217  
Maddie Szeryk 80-71-71--222  
Naomi Ko 78-70-75--223  
France (FRA) - 148 O-149 M-141 O--438 (+2)  
Pauline Roussin-Bouchard 72-75-68--215  
Emma Broze 76-74-73--223  
Agathe Laisne 76-76-73--225  
Norway (NOR) - 150 O-148 M-140 O--438 (+2)  
Renate Hjelle Grimstad 78-73-70--221  
Karoline Stormo 77-75-70--222  
Dorthea Charlotte Forbrigd 73-75-74--222  
Sweden (SWE) - 147 M-142 O-147 M--436 (+2)  
Frida Kinhult 74-71-73--218  
Linn Grant 73-72-74--219  
Beatrice Wallin 80-71-76--227  
New Zealand (NZL) - 148 M-143 O-146 M--437 (+3)  
Amelia Garvey 76-70-72--218  
Julianne Alvarez 73-77-74--224  
Wenyung Keh 75-73-77--225  
Australia (AUS) - 141 M-148 O-149 M--438 (+4)  
Rebecca Kay 68-74-73--215  
Grace Kim 73-77-76--226  
Kirsty Hodgkins 75-74-83--232  
Paraguay (PAR) - 149 M-141 O-148 M--438 (+4)  
Maria Fernanda Escauriza Stoeckl 72-69-75--216  
Anahi Servin 77-72-73--222  
Sofia Linette Garcia Peralta 83-72-77--232  
Spain (ESP) - 152 O-137 M-149 M--438 (+4)  
Elena Hualde Zuniga 77-67-76--220  
Paz Marfa Sans 80-70-73--223  
Marta Perez Sanmartin 75-74-76--225  
England (ENG) - 149 M-141 O-149 M--439 (+5)  
Annabell Fuller 74-74-73--221  
Hollie Muse 77-70-76--223  
Sophie Lamb 75-71-77--223  
South Africa (RSA) - 150 O-144 M-145 M--439 (+5)  
Caitlyn MacNab 75-71-72--218  
Kaleigh Telfer 75-73-73--221  
Kajal Mistry 79-74-77--230  
Netherlands (NED) - 147 M-143 O-150 M--440 (+6)  
Zhen Bontan 72-72-76--220  
Dewi Weber 77-73-74--224  
Romy Meekers 75-71-85--231  
Chinese Taipei (TPE) - 153 O-141 M-148 M--442 (+8)  
Tze-Han Lin 74-71-71--216  
Yu Ping Huang 79-70-80--229  
Kuan-Yu Lin 79-74-77--230

Thailand (THA) - 147 M-139 O-156 M--442 (+8)  
Tunrada Piddon 70-67-78--215  
Rina Tatematsu 77-72-78--227  
Napabhach Boon-In 77-74-78--229  
Czech Republic (CZE) - 150 O-148 M-147 O--445 (+9)  
Sara Kouskova 73-73-75--221  
Katerina Vlasinova 77-77-72--226  
Hana Ryskova 77-75-77--229  
Dominican Republic (DOM) - 148 O-149 M-148 O--445 (+9)  
Rachel Kuehn 71-73-73--217  
Yae Eun Kim 77-76-75--228  
Brenda Corrie-Kuehn 82-83-88--253  
Malaysia (MAS) - 154 M-145 O-146 O--445 (+9)  
Geraldine Xiao Xuan Wong 76-72-70--218  
Siti Zulaikhaa Shaari 78-73-77--228  
Liyana Azizan Durisic 78-74-76--228  
Argentina (ARG) - 152 M-150 O-144 O--446 (+10)  
Magdalena Simmermacher 77-78-72--227  
Ela Anacona 75-73-80--228  
Valentina Rossi 79-77-72--228  
India (IND) - 151 M-140 O-153 M--444 (+10)  
Sifat Sagoo 78-67-77--222  
Diksha Dagar 74-73-76--223  
Ridhima Dilawari 77-75-81--233  
Puerto Rico (PUR) - 150 O-151 M-145 O--446 (+10)  
Valeria Pacheco Claudio 75-75-71--221  
Yudika Ann Rodriguez 77-78-74--229  
Johany Rivera 75-76-79--230  
Scotland (SCO) - 148 O-141 M-155 M--444 (+10)  
Shannon McWilliam 74-69-74--217  
Connie Jaffrey 74-72-81--227  
Hannah McCook 77-73-82--232  
Belgium (BEL) - 147 M-142 O-156 M--445 (+11)  
Clarisse Louis 73-69-74--216  
Clara Aveling 78-73-82--233  
Elodie Van Dievoet 74-78-85--237  
Morocco (MAR) - 150 O-149 M-148 O--447 (+11)  
Lina Belmati 72-76-74--222  
Ines Laklalech 78-73-74--225  
Intissar Rich 84-77-77--238  
Venezuela (VEN) - 145 O-151 M-151 M--447 (+13)  
Claudia De Antonio 72-76-76--224  
Valentina Gilly 84-75-75--234  
Ana Raga 73-83-85--241  
Colombia (COL) - 154 M-142 O-154 M--450 (+16)  
Silvia Margarita Garces Escalante 75-71-77--223  
Maria Camila Serrano Silva 79-71-79--229  
Valentina Giraldo Roys 83-73-77--233  
Finland (FIN) - 148 O-145 M-157 M--450 (+16)  
Anna Backman 75-72-74--221  
Elina Saksa 76-73-83--232

Kiira Riihijarvi 73-74-NC--NC  
Hong Kong, China (HKG) - 144 O-149 M-159 M--452 (+18)  
Mimi Ho 74-71-80--225  
Michelle Cheung 70-78-79--227  
Isabella Leung 78-78-83--239  
Iceland (ISL) - 155 O-148 M-151 O--454 (+18)  
Helga Kristin Einarsdottir 79-73-76--228  
Saga Traustadottir 76-75-83--234  
Ragnhildur Kristinsdottir 85-85-75--245  
Portugal (POR) - 158 O-144 M-152 O--454 (+18)  
Leonor Bessa 78-71-78--227  
Sara Gouveia 81-74-74--229  
Sofia Barroso Sa 80-73-80--233  
Peru (PER) - 157 M-151 O-147 O--455 (+19)  
Micaela Farah 75-75-73--223  
Josefina Fernandez-Davila 82-78-74--234  
Daniela Ballesteros 82-76-82--240  
Slovenia (SLO) - 160 M-144 O-151 O--455 (+19)  
Inja Fric 81-70-75--226  
Vida Obersnel 79-74-76--229  
Lara Jecnik 83-76-76--235  
Guatemala (GUA) - 150 O-147 M-160 M--457 (+23)  
Pilar Echeverria 73-69-75--217  
Valeria Mendizabal Riepele 77-78-85--240  
Beatriz Arenas 83-88-87--258  
Uruguay (URU) - 154 M-154 O-151 O--459 (+23)  
Priscilla Schmid 76-78-73--227  
Sofia Garcia Austt Marques 78-77-78--233  
Jimena Marques 79-77-80--236  
Wales (WAL) - 157 M-149 O-153 O--459 (+23)  
Bethan Morris 79-74-76--229  
Katherine O'Connor 78-75-79--232  
Jordan Ryan 81-81-77--239  
Slovakia (SVK) - 157 M-153 O-151 O--461 (+25)  
Anika Bolcikova 77-76-76--229  
Katarina Drocarova 81-78-75--234  
Natalia Heckova 80-77-78--235  
Chile (CHI) - 154 M-149 O-159 O--462 (+26)  
Natalia Villavicencio 76-76-79--231  
Antonia Matte 80-73-80--233  
Sofia Morgan 78-77-82--237  
Poland (POL) - 159 M-148 O-156 O--463 (+27)  
Dominika Gradecka 76-74-78--228  
Nicole Polivchak 87-74-78--239  
Dorota Zalewska 83-77-81--241  
Turkey (TUR) - 161 M-155 O-149 O--465 (+29)  
Sena Ersoy 83-80-71--234  
Selin Timur 81-75-78--234  
Damla Bilgic 80-82-80--242  
Singapore (SGP) - 158 M-153 O-155 O--466 (+30)  
Shannon Tan 79-78-77--234

Callista Chen 82-75-81--238  
Inez Xin Yi Ng 79-81-78--238  
Lithuania (LTU) - 155 O-158 M-157 O--470 (+34)  
Gile Bite Starkute 75-76-76--227  
Saule Jarasunaite 80-82-81--243  
Latvia (LAT) - 165 M-155 O-156 O--476 (+40)  
Marija Luize Jucmane 79-73-79--231  
Katrina Jana Gustafssone 89-82-77--248  
Anna Estere Marksa 86-83-87--256  
Brazil (BRA) - 154 O-165 M-158 O--477 (+41)  
Lauren Grinberg 74-84-79--237  
Laura Helena de Araujo Caetano 80-81-81--242  
Maria Fernanda Lacaz Martins 88-84-79--251  
Guam (GUM) - 162 O-163 M-162 O--487 (+51)  
Nalathai Vongjalorn 78-79-79--236  
Rachael Peterson 84-84-83--251  
Rose Tarpley 87-91-NC--NC  
Bulgaria (BUL) - 165 O-163 M-163 O--491 (+55)  
Magdalena Borisova 82-81-81--244  
Ivana Simeonova 83-83-86--252  
Stefani Skokanska 90-82-82--254  
Tunisia (TUN) - 168 O-164 M-161 O--493 (+57)  
Ghozlene Saki 84-78-76--238  
Kenza Ladhari 86-86-85--257  
Hedia Mansouri 84-95-85--264  
Ukraine (UKR) - 169 O-175 M-167 O--511 (+75)  
Elvira Rastvortseva 81-89-81--251  
Daria Horokhovska 88-86-86--260  
Valeriia Saponova 98-95-100--293  
Lebanon (LBN) - 168 O-173 M-171 O--512 (+76)  
Vanessa Richani 79-76-80--235  
Sarah Assaf 89-100-91--280  
Lea Assaf 100-97-96--293

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