



USA WINS 14TH TITLE, FIRST SINCE 1998

28th Women's World Amateur Team Championship

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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:

The USA won the Women's World Amateur Team Championship for the Espirito Santo Trophy for the 14th time with a flourish.

Bolstered by nearly perfect scoring conditions and the performances of two-time U.S. Women's Amateur champion Kristen Gillman and McCormack medal winner and World No. 1 Jennifer Kupcho, the USA eased to a 10-stroke victory over Japan on the O'Meara Course for its first gold since 1998 in Chile.

"I am so proud of these girls," said American captain Stasia Collins. "I am so proud of this team, and I am really happy for them and thrilled for the United States. They will always be known as the gold medal winners for the 2018 World Amateur Team Championships – no one can take that away from us."

The USA, in winning its first medal since Argentina in 2010, posted a 29-under-par 551.

Gillman was the driving force of the day, making an eagle and four birdies against one bogey in her first nine holes to make the turn at 5- under. She added a birdie on the 13th en route to 6-under 67.

Kupcho fired a 4-under-69 to give the USA a 10-under fourth-round total of 136. She and Gillman and Lillia Vu were also members of the victorious USA Curtis Cup Team in June.

"We have the strong bond already from the beginning, especially yesterday when we were all struggling we all fought for each other," said Kupcho, who won the NCAA Women's individual title in 2018. "We all wanted to win for each other, and I think that was a big thing coming out of yesterday. And, I think that's how we got our big lead coming into today.

Japan's first appearance on the medal podium in 28 appearances was formulated by a pair of 3-under 70s from 18-year-olds Yuri Yoshida and Yuna Nishimura

Their final total was 19-under 561. Previously, its best finish was fourth in 1984.

Defending champion Republic of Korea stalled in its attempt to overtake the USA and captured the bronze medal, which is its fifth consecutive medal-winning performance. The Koreans, who had won three of the previous four WWATCs, withstood a late rally from fourth-place People's Republic of China to finish at 18-under 562

Although there is no official recognition, Korea's Ayeon Cho was the low individual scorer at 17-under 273.

Quotable:

Tomoko Sakamoto, Japan captain: "I am very, very happy. I don't know what to say! I was hoping to at least finish third, so they could raise the national flag. The fourth is the best finish we have had – so this is the best. This team is probably the strongest Japan team we have had. It's so huge because last week the boys won the gold medal at the Asian games and now the girls have got the silver here. So, the news carries on and it's going to have a big impact in Japan."

Brenda Corrie-Kuehn, Dominican playing captain who was a member of the last USA team to win the Espirito Santo Trophy in 1998: "Back in the 70s, 80s and 90s, the U.S. had historically dominated the WATC. The fact that it has taken us 20 years to gain the victory back shows how strong women's golf worldwide has become. Both victories were marked by decisive margins. The U.S. brought an amazing team this year, and we all knew they were the unspoken favorites. They played as champions from beginning to end and deserved the win!

Kristen Gillman, USA: "It means so much to us. We worked so hard and we fought on every shot. When three people are all playing well, it is tough to beat us."

Notable:

- *The USA took the when Gillman and Kupcho fired 8-under 65s on the O'Meara Course in round two and went from a one-stroke lead through 36 holes to a five-stroke lead through 54 holes to a 10--stroke victory.*
- *For the second consecutive day, the Norwegian duo of Renate Hjelle Grimstad (67) and Karoline Stormo (70) forged another strong move up the leaderboard with a two-score total of 7-under 137 on the Montgomerie Course. Over the last two rounds, Norway moved from T33rd to T12 and then to 10th. Their 130-137 finish in the last two rounds was 267, 13 under par.*
- *The USA has won 20 total medals in the Espirito Santo Trophy competition (14 gold, three silver, and three bronze).*
- *The Republic of Korea has won eight medals (four gold, two silver and two bronze)*
- *Juyun 'Birdie' Kim, captain of the Republic of Korea team, won the 2005 U.S. Women's Open.*
- *The best round of the day at either course was an 8-under-65 by Jacklyn Lee of Canada on the O'Meara*
- *The 2020 Espirito Santo Trophy competition will be played in Hong Kong at the Old and New Courses of Hong Kong Golf Club.*
- *The top three individual scorers all played with the last group of their country and were the last players on the course. Yuka Yasuda of Japan (-15), Ayeon Cho of Korea (-17) and Jennifer Kupcho of the USA (-15) were a combined 47- under par.*

What's Next:

Round 1 of the World Amateur Team Championship for the Eisenhower Trophy begins Wednesday, 5 September at Carton House.

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/

County Kildare/Dublin, Ireland – Results from Saturday's fourth 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-143 M-136 O--551 (-29)
Jennifer Kupcho 70-65-71-69--275
Kristen Gillman 74-65-72-67--278
Lilia Vu 72-69-73-74--288
2. Japan (JPN) - 136 M-139 O-146 M-140 O--561 (-19)
Yuka Yasuda 65-67-72-71--275
Yuna Nishimura 71-72-74-70--287
Yuri Yoshida 71-73-76-70--290
3. Republic of Korea (KOR) - 140 M-133 O-147 M-142 O--562 (-18)
Ayeon Cho 68-64-71-70--273
Seo Yun Kwon 74-69-76-72--291
Yae Eun Hong 72-71-80-75--298
4. People's Republic of China (CHN) - 140 O-139 M-152 M-135 O--566 (-14)
Mohan Du 67-71-79-68--285
Wenbo Liu 77-69-75-67--288
Ruoning Yin 73-70-77-74--294
5. Germany (GER) - 142 O-141 M-148 M-138 O--569 (-11)
Esther Emily Henseleit 72-70-75-66--283
Sophie Hausmann 73-71-73-72--289
Leonie Harm 70-73-79-73--295
6. Italy (ITA) - 143 M-142 O-146 M-139 O--570 (-10)
Alessia Nobilio 73-68-76-68--285
Caterina Don 70-74-74-71--289
Emilie Alba Paltrinieri 76-74-72-71--293
7. Canada (CAN) - 154 M-139 O-143 M-137 O--573 (-7)
Jaclyn Lee 76-69-72-65--282
Maddie Szeryk 80-71-71-72--294
Naomi Ko 78-70-75-76--299
- T8. Denmark (DEN) - 147 M-140 O-147 M-140 O--574 (-6)
Malene Krolboll Hansen 72-73-73-72--290
Karen Svanholm Fredgaard 79-69-74-69--291
Sofie Kibsgaard Nielsen 75-71-75-71--292
- T8. Mexico (MEX) - 147 O-141 M-145 M-141 O--574 (-6)
Maria Fassi 74-69-71-71--285
Cory Lopez 73-72-81-70--296
Ana Lizeth Ruiz Laphond 79-74-74-74--301

10.Norway (NOR) - 150 O-148 M-140 O-137 M--575 (-5)
Renate Hjelle Grimstad 78-73-70-67--288
Karoline Stormo 77-75-70-70--292
Dorthea Charlotte Forbrigd 73-75-74-72--294

T11.Ireland (IRL) - 141 M-147 O-142 M-146 O--576 (-4)
Olivia Mehaffey 70-73-70-74--287
Annabel Wilson 71-74-72-72--289
Paula Grant 74-75-73-75--297

T11.Sweden (SWE) - 147 M-142 O-147 M-140 O--576 (-4)
Linn Grant 73-72-74-68--287
Frida Kinhult 74-71-73-72--290
Beatrice Wallin 80-71-76-72--299

T11.Switzerland (SUI) - 147 M-145 O-143 M-141 O--576 (-4)
Albane Valenzuela 73-71-71-70--285
Elena Moosmann 74-75-74-71--294
Yael Berger 79-74-72-74--299

14.Australia (AUS) - 141 M-148 O-149 M-139 O--577 (-3)
Rebecca Kay 68-74-73-68--283
Grace Kim 73-77-76-76--302
Kirsty Hodgkins 75-74-83-71--303

T15.Austria (AUT) - 142 O-141 M-149 M-146 O--578 (-2)
Emma Spitz 73-73-73-69--288
Leonie Bettel 69-72-76-78--295
Janika Ruettimann 76-69-79-77--301

T15.South Africa (RSA) - 150 O-144 M-145 M-139 O--578 (-2)
Caitlyn MacNab 75-71-72-69--287
Kaleigh Telfer 75-73-73-70--291
Kajal Mistry 79-74-77-77--307

17.Spain (ESP) - 152 O-137 M-149 M-141 O--579 (-1)
Elena Hualde Zuniga 77-67-76-68--288
Paz Marfa Sans 80-70-73-75--298
Marta Perez Sanmartin 75-74-76-73--298

18.England (ENG) - 149 M-141 O-149 M-142 O--581 (+1)
Annabell Fuller 74-74-73-70--291
Sophie Lamb 75-71-77-72--295
Hollie Muse 77-70-76-76--299

19.New Zealand (NZL) - 148 M-143 O-146 M-145 O--582 (+2)
Amelia Garvey 76-70-72-71--289
Wenyung Keh 75-73-77-74--299
Julianne Alvarez 73-77-74-76--300

T20.France (FRA) - 148 O-149 M-141 O-145 M--583 (+3)
Pauline Roussin-Bouchard 72-75-68-75--290
Emma Broze 76-74-73-73--296
Agathe Laisne 76-76-73-72--297

T20.Paraguay (PAR) - 149 M-141 O-148 M-145 O--583 (+3)
Maria Fernanda Escauriza Stoeckl 72-69-75-75--291
Anahi Servin 77-72-73-71--293
Sofia Linette Garcia Peralta 83-72-77-74--306

22.Chinese Taipei (TPE) - 153 O-141 M-148 M-142 O--584 (+4)
Tze-Han Lin 74-71-71-71--287
Kuan-Yu Lin 79-74-77-71--301

Yu Ping Huang 79-70-80-74--303
23.Netherlands (NED) - 147 M-143 O-150 M-145 O--585 (+5)
Dewi Weber 77-73-74-70--294
Zhen Bontan 72-72-76-76--296
Romy Meekers 75-71-85-75--306
24.Scotland (SCO) - 148 O-141 M-155 M-142 O--586 (+6)
Shannon McWilliam 74-69-74-72--289
Connie Jaffrey 74-72-81-71--298
Hannah McCook 77-73-82-71--303
T25.India (IND) - 151 M-140 O-153 M-143 O--587 (+7)
Sifat Sagoo 78-67-77-72--294
Diksha Dagar 74-73-76-74--297
Ridhima Dilawari 77-75-81-71--304
T25.Venezuela (VEN) - 145 O-151 M-151 M-140 O--587 (+7)
Claudia De Antonio 72-76-76-71--295
Valentina Gilly 84-75-75-69--303
Ana Raga 73-83-85-80--321
27.Thailand (THA) - 147 M-139 O-156 M-146 O--588 (+8)
Tunrada Pididon 70-67-78-74--289
Napabhach Boon-In 77-74-78-72--301
Rina Tatematsu 77-72-78-74--301
28.Puerto Rico (PUR) - 150 O-151 M-145 O-143 M--589 (+9)
Valeria Pacheco Claudio 75-75-71-75--296
Johany Rivera 75-76-79-70--300
Yudika Ann Rodriguez 77-78-74-73--302
29.Colombia (COL) - 154 M-142 O-154 M-140 O--590 (+10)
Silvia Margarita Garces Escalante 75-71-77-72--295
Maria Camila Serrano Silva 79-71-79-68--297
Valentina Giraldo Roys 83-73-77-73--306
30.Argentina (ARG) - 152 M-150 O-144 O-145 M--591 (+11)
Valentina Rossi 79-77-72-71--299
Ela Anacona 75-73-80-74--302
Magdalena Simmermacher 77-78-72-78--305
T31.Belgium (BEL) - 147 M-142 O-156 M-147 O--592 (+12)
Clarisse Louis 73-69-74-72--288
Clara Aveling 78-73-82-77--310
Elodie Van Dievoet 74-78-85-75--312
T31.Czech Republic (CZE) - 150 O-148 M-147 O-147 M--592 (+12)
Sara Kouskova 73-73-75-73--294
Katerina Vlasinova 77-77-72-74--300
Hana Ryskova 77-75-77-76--305
T31.Finland (FIN) - 148 O-145 M-157 M-142 O--592 (+12)
Anna Backman 75-72-74-69--290
Elina Saksa 76-73-83-77--309
Kiira Riihijarvi 73-74-NC-73--NC
34.Hong Kong, China (HKG) - 144 O-149 M-159 M-141 O--593 (+13)
Mimi Ho 74-71-80-68--293
Michelle Cheung 70-78-79-73--300
Isabella Leung 78-78-83-75--314
35.Dominican Republic (DOM) - 148 O-149 M-148 O-151 M--596 (+16)
Rachel Kuehn 71-73-73-76--293

Yae Eun Kim 77-76-75-75--303
Brenda Corrie-Kuehn 82-83-88-83--336
36.Guatemala (GUA) - 150 O-147 M-160 M-141 O--598 (+18)
Pilar Echeverria 73-69-75-72--289
Valeria Mendizabal Riepele 77-78-85-69--309
Beatriz Arenas 83-88-87-84--342
T37.Malaysia (MAS) - 154 M-145 O-146 O-156 M--601 (+21)
Geraldine Xiao Xuan Wong 76-72-70-82--300
Liyana Azizan Durisic 78-74-76-76--304
Siti Zulaikhaa Shaari 78-73-77-80--308
T37.Morocco (MAR) - 150 O-149 M-148 O-154 M--601 (+21)
Lina Belmati 72-76-74-73--295
Ines Laklalech 78-73-74-81--306
Intissar Rich 84-77-77-81--319
39.Iceland (ISL) - 155 O-148 M-151 O-149 M--603 (+23)
Helga Kristin Einarsdottir 79-73-76-75--303
Saga Traustadottir 76-75-83-79--313
Ragnhildur Kristinsdottir 85-85-75-74--319
T40.Peru (PER) - 157 M-151 O-147 O-151 M--606 (+26)
Micaela Farah 75-75-73-75--298
Josefina Fernandez-Davila 82-78-74-76--310
Daniela Ballesteros 82-76-82-85--325
T40.Portugal (POR) - 158 O-144 M-152 O-152 M--606 (+26)
Leonor Bessa 78-71-78-74--301
Sara Gouveia 81-74-74-80--309
Sofia Barroso Sa 80-73-80-78--311
42.Chile (CHI) - 154 M-149 O-159 O-145 M--607 (+27)
Antonia Matte 80-73-80-71--304
Natalia Villavicencio 76-76-79-74--305
Sofia Morgan 78-77-82-80--317
43.Slovenia (SLO) - 160 M-144 O-151 O-153 M--608 (+28)
Inja Fric 81-70-75-79--305
Vida Obersnel 79-74-76-77--306
Lara Jecnik 83-76-76-76--311
44.Uruguay (URU) - 154 M-154 O-151 O-152 M--611 (+31)
Priscilla Schmid 76-78-73-76--303
Sofia Garcia Austt Marques 78-77-78-76--309
Jimena Marques 79-77-80-79--315
45.Wales (WAL) - 157 M-149 O-153 O-153 M--612 (+32)
Bethan Morris 79-74-76-78--307
Katherine O'Connor 78-75-79-80--312
Jordan Ryan 81-81-77-75--314
46.Slovakia (SVK) - 157 M-153 O-151 O-153 M--614 (+34)
Anika Bolcikova 77-76-76-78--307
Natalia Heckova 80-77-78-76--311
Katarina Drocarova 81-78-75-77--311
47.Turkey (TUR) - 161 M-155 O-149 O-151 M--616 (+36)
Sena Ersoy 83-80-71-75--309
Selin Timur 81-75-78-83--317
Damla Bilgic 80-82-80-76--318
48.Poland (POL) - 159 M-148 O-156 O-157 M--620 (+40)

Dominika Gradecka 76-74-78-84--312
Dorota Zalewska 83-77-81-77--318
Nicole Polivchak 87-74-78-80--319
49.Singapore (SGP) - 158 M-153 O-155 O-156 M--622 (+42)
Shannon Tan 79-78-77-79--313
Callista Chen 82-75-81-77--315
Inez Xin Yi Ng 79-81-78-81--319
50.Brazil (BRA) - 154 O-165 M-158 O-152 M--629 (+49)
Lauren Grinberg 74-84-79-73--310
Laura Helena de Araujo Caetano 80-81-81-79--321
Maria Fernanda Lacaz Martins 88-84-79-83--334
51.Lithuania (LTU) - 155 O-158 M-157 O-163 M--633 (+53)
Gile Bite Starkute 75-76-76-80--307
Saule Jarasunaite 80-82-81-83--326
52.Latvia (LAT) - 165 M-155 O-156 O-174 M--650 (+70)
Marija Luize Jucmane 79-73-79-86--317
Katrina Jana Gustafssone 89-82-77-91--339
Anna Estere Marksa 86-83-87-88--344
53.Guam (GUM) - 162 O-163 M-162 O-169 M--656 (+76)
Nalathai Vongjalorn 78-79-79-79--315
Rachael Peterson 84-84-83-90--341
Rose Tarpley 87-91-NC-NC--NC
54.Bulgaria (BUL) - 165 O-163 M-163 O-170 M--661 (+81)
Magdalena Borisova 82-81-81-87--331
Ivana Simeonova 83-83-86-84--336
Stefani Skokanska 90-82-82-86--340
55.Tunisia (TUN) - 168 O-164 M-170 O-169 M--671 (+91)
Ghozlene Saki 84-78-DQ-82--320
Kenza Ladhari 86-86-85-88--345
Hedia Mansouri 84-95-85-87--351
56.Ukraine (UKR) - 169 O-175 M-167 O-170 M--681 (+101)
Elvira Rastvortseva 81-89-81-83--334
Daria Horokhovska 88-86-86-87--347
Valerii Saponova 98-95-100-93--386
57.Lebanon (LBN) - 168 O-173 M-171 O-172 M--684 (+104)
Vanessa Richani 79-76-80-79--314
Sarah Assaf 89-100-91-93--373
Lea Assaf 100-97-96-94--387

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