



NEW ZEALAND SURGES TO 36-HOLE LEAD

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What: 31st World Amateur Team Championship for the Eisenhower Trophy

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

Rapid Recap:

New Zealand set a record for lowest second-round score to take the top spot of a tightly packed leader board at 20-under-par 270 through 36 holes by one stroke over Denmark, Thailand and host Ireland.

"It's fantastic," said New Zealand captain Bryce Hamer. "We always know that the guys representing New Zealand are going to give it their best anyway. And, the score looks after itself. So, the guys do themselves proud and everyone else proud."

"Watching them through the day, to be honest I think they left a few out there as well. But, the key stuff, 4 to 6 feet, they made a few of those."

The Kiwis posted a 13-under 131 on the par-72 Montgomerie Course with a 65 from Daniel Hillier, who holed a birdie putt on the 18th for the outright team lead, and a 66 from Denzel Ieremia to jump from fifth place to the lead.

"I saw there was a scoreboard on 16," said Hillier, who shared medallist honors in the 2018 U.S. Amateur. "I didn't even want to look at it. I just thought I've got a job to do and I've got to do it. And I managed to finish strong, which was nice."

Thailand had earlier posted the same score of 131 on the 'Monty' with a 65 from World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR™) No. 13. Sodom Kaewkanjana and a 66 from Witchavanon Chothirunrungrueng.

After a morning of rain, temperatures rose and scoring conditions improved, producing a slew of under-par scores and shifts on the scoreboard.

Playing the par-73 O'Meara Course, first-round leader Denmark posted a 7-under 139 (69 from John Axelsen and identical 70s from identical twins Ramus and World No. 7 Nicolai Hjoogaard). Home side Ireland posted 9-under 133 on a 68 from No. 10 Robin Dawson and a 69 from Conor Purcell.

Also making significant moves on the scoreboard with matching 13-under scores of 133 were Canada (in fifth at 18 under with a 66 from Hugo Bernard and a 67 from Joey Savoie) and the USA (tied for sixth at 17 under on a 66 from No. 3 Collin Morikawa and a 67 from No. 2 Justin Suh). Spain is tied with the USA and Italy shares eighth with Sweden at 16 under and Austria is 10th at 16 under.

Quotable:

Denzel Ieremia, of New Zealand: “It’s halfway through the tournament, so it’s nice to be in front. It’s a good position. I am confident in our team. We will go through our process and see what happens.”

New Zealand captain Bryce Hamer (who is also the team’s physiotherapist): “It’s a cliché but the team is huge. They all support each other, they get on really well and have a strong culture. I think it’s true to New Zealand that they are very humble guys and they understand what it’s all about.”

Stefano Mazzoli, of Italy (who shot 64 after an opening 79): “It was 29 on the front nine but I actually birdied on 10 so I had eight birdies in a row. It’s great to come back like this after yesterday – that was a tough day for me. So, yesterday everything was tough and today everything seemed to come easy. I honestly had a chance to go a couple more under, but I got what counts!”

Ryan Lumsden, of Scotland (on the birdie challenge from his coach): “Ian told me I had to make eight birdies today. I got up to seven through 16 holes and missed a putt for my eighth on 17. I had a little 10-foot putt on the last for birdie and knew I had to make it so I hit it a little firm because I really wanted to make it. Luckily, it rattled the back of the cup and dropped.”

Niklas Regner, of Austria: “It is definitely easier for Austria to compete here at the World Amateur Team Championships rather than at the European Team as Austria is a little country. It’s easier to find three good players than six good players.”

Notable:

- *The 131 of New Zealand and Thailand surpassed the previous-best second-round low of 132 by Sweden in 2006 and Australia in 2016.*
- *On the O’Meara Course, the best move of the day in mostly rainy conditions came from Italy, which had finished T-23 after the first round but stood tied for eighth through 36 holes. Propelled by a 9-under 64 from Stefano Mazzoli and a 4-under 69 from Lorenzo Filippo Scalise, they posted a 13-under 133 that put them at the top of the leader board as the first-day contenders teed off in the second round. Mazzoli, the 2015 European Amateur champion, made a 15-stroke improvement after a first-round 79.*
- *Mazzoli, a senior at Texas Christian University, logged eight birdies in nine holes on the front nine for an 8-under 29, which is one off the WATC mark of 28 set by Denny McCarthy of the USA in 2014 and was matched by John Axelsen of Denmark in the first round. His 64 was the best round of the day.*
- *Japan’s Keita Nakajima, who injured his hand/wrist late in his first round and could not finish, withdrew before the second round.*
- *Serbia, playing in its fourth Eisenhower, produced its best all-time round on the strength of a 6-under 67 from Branimir Gudelj and a 5-under 68 from Mihailo Dimitrijevic for an*

11-under-135. Gudelj has broken his record for his country's lowest Eisenhower score, which was 73 in the first round in 2016. Dimitrijevic was a Serbian national team member in football and tennis before taking up golf in 2010. They stand in 23rd place. The Serbs previous best finish was T-54 in 2012.

- Ayoub Id Omar, of Morocco, tied the low individual score for his nation with a 68. Previously in the third round in Mexico in 2016, Yassine Touhami also fired a 68.

What's Next:

Round 3 begins Friday at 7:45 a.m. off two tees on both courses. The leading teams will play the Montgomerie Course.

More

Spectators are encouraged to attend, and entry into Carton House for the 2018 World Amateur Team Championships. For more information, please visit igfgolf.org/watc/watc-2018/

County Kildare/Dublin, Ireland – Results from Thursday's second round at the 2018 World Amateur Team Championship, played at Carton House's O'Meara (O) and Montgomerie (M) Courses will be set up at 7,070 yards/6,462 meters and 7,179 yards/6,560 meters, respectively. The courses will play a par of 37-36—73 and 36-36—72, respectively.

1. New Zealand (NZL) - 139 O-131 M -- 270 (-20)
Daniel Hillier 69-65--134
Denzel Ieremia 70-66--136
Kerry Mountcastle 73-76--149
- T2. Denmark (DEN) - 132 M-139 O -- 271 (-19)
John Axelsen 64-69--133
Rasmus Hojgaard 68-70--138
Nicolai Hojgaard 71-70--141
- T2. Ireland (IRL) - 134 M-137 O -- 271 (-19)
Robin Dawson 65-68--133
Conor Purcell 69-69--138
John Murphy 69-70--139
- T2. Thailand (THA) - 140 O-131 M -- 271 (-19)
Sadam Kaewkanjana 66-65--131
Witchayanon Chothirunrungrueng 75-66--141
Kosuke Hamamoto 74-71--145
5. Canada (CAN) - 139 M-133 O -- 272 (-18)
Joey Savoie 71-67--138
Hugo Bernard 74-66--140
Garrett Rank 68-72--140
- T6. Spain (ESP) - 140 O-133 M -- 273 (-17)
Alejandro Del Rey 70-64--134
Angel Hidalgo 73-69--142
Victor Pastor 70-75--145
- T6. United States of America (USA) - 140 M-133 O -- 273 (-17)
Justin Suh 69-67--136
Collin Morikawa 72-66--138
Cole Hammer 71-71--142
- T8. Italy (ITA) - 141 M-133 O -- 274 (-16)
Lorenzo Filippo Scalise 68-69--137

Stefano Mazzoli 79-64--143
Giovanni Manzoni 73-77--150
T8.Sweden (SWE) - 141 O-133 M -- 274 (-16)
Oliver Gillberg 70-65--135
Tim Widing 71-68--139
Fredrik Nilehn 74-68--142
10.Austria (AUT) - 139 M-136 O -- 275 (-15)
Niklas Regner 70-67--137
Lukas Lipold 69-69--138
Maximilian Steinlechner 73-69--142
11.Germany (GER) - 143 M-134 O -- 277 (-13)
Allen John 69-67--136
Marc Hammer 77-67--144
Hurly Long 74-76--150
T12.Argentina (ARG) - 141 O-137 M -- 278 (-12)
Mateo Fernandez de Oliveira 68-69--137
Martin Contini 73-68--141
Andres Schonbaum 76-72--148
T12.England (ENG) - 140 O-138 M -- 278 (-12)
Gian Marco Petrozzi 70-68--138
Mitchell Waite 70-70--140
Matthew Jordan 73-70--143
T14.Australia (AUS) - 141 M-138 O -- 279 (-11)
Min Woo Lee 72-68--140
Shae Wools-Cobb 72-70--142
David Micheluzzi 69-74--143
T14.Norway (NOR) - 141 O-138 M -- 279 (-11)
Jarle Volden 72-68--140
Kristoffer Reitan 71-70--141
Viktor Hovland 70-73--143
T14.Republic of Korea (KOR) - 138 M-141 O -- 279 (-11)
Seungbo Jang 73-68--141
Hoyoung Choi 71-73--144
Seungtaek Oh 67-78--145
T14.Wales (WAL) - 141 O-138 M -- 279 (-11)
Jake Hapgood 72-68--140
Ben Chamberlain 69-74--143
Tom Williams 73-70--143
T18.Chile (CHI) - 140 M-140 O -- 280 (-10)
Agustin Errazuriz 68-73--141
Gabriel Morgan Birke 72-71--143
Tomas Gana 80-69--149
T18.Scotland (SCO) - 144 M-136 O -- 280 (-10)
Ryan Lumsden 71-67--138
Euan Walker 73-69--142
Sandy Scott 73-71--144
T18.Switzerland (SUI) - 137 O-143 M -- 280 (-10)
Perry Cohen 65-72--137
Jeremy Freiburghaus 72-71--143
Loic Ettlin 73-74--147
T21.India (IND) - 137 O-144 M -- 281 (-9)

Rayhan John Thomas 64-72--136
Kshitij Naveed Kaul 73-73--146
Aadil Bedi 74-72--146
T21.Japan (JPN) - 137 M-144 O -- 281 (-9)
Takumi Kanaya 66-68--134
Daiki Imano 71-76--147
Keita Nakajima NC-NC--NC
23.Serbia (SRB) - 147 M-135 O -- 282 (-8)
Branimir Gudelj 70-67--137
Mihailo Dimitrijevic 78-68--146
Dane Cvetkovic 77-73--150
T24.Colombia (COL) - 143 M-141 O -- 284 (-6)
Ivan Camilo Ramirez Velandia 70-71--141
Carlos Ardila 73-70--143
Esteban Restrepo 73-78--151
T24.Costa Rica (CRC) - 149 M-135 O -- 284 (-6)
Luis Gagne 73-67--140
Paul Chaplet 77-68--145
Alvaro Ortiz 76-74--150
T24.Czech Republic (CZE) - 142 O-142 M -- 284 (-6)
Simon Zach 69-70--139
Petr Hruby 73-72--145
Jiri Zuska 74-72--146
T24.France (FRA) - 140 M-144 O -- 284 (-6)
Frederic Lacroix 70-72--142
Victor Veyret 70-72--142
Jeremy Gandon 75-73--148
T24.Poland (POL) - 142 M-142 O -- 284 (-6)
Alejandro Pedryc 71-68--139
Philipp Pakosch 71-77--148
Jan Szmidt 78-74--152
T29.Belgium (BEL) - 144 M-141 O -- 285 (-5)
Adrien Dumont de Chassart 71-71--142
Jean de Wouters d'Oplinter 73-70--143
Alan De Bondt 74-73--147
T29.Estonia (EST) - 146 M-139 O -- 285 (-5)
Joonas Turba 73-69--142
Carl Hellat 75-70--145
Kevin Christopher Jegers 73-75--148
T31.Netherlands (NED) - 144 O-142 M -- 286 (-4)
Jerry Ji 70-70--140
Nordin van Tilburg 75-72--147
Stan Kraai 74-81--155
T31.People's Republic of China (CHN) - 143 O-143 M -- 286 (-4)
Enqi Liang 72-72--144
Huachuang Zhang 71-74--145
Yilong Chen 77-71--148
T31.Portugal (POR) - 138 M-148 O -- 286 (-4)
Pedro Lencart 67-70--137
Vitor Lopes 72-78--150
Afonso Girao 71-79--150

T34.Dominican Republic (DOM) - 141 M-146 O -- 287 (-3)
Juan Guerra 70-71--141
Rhadames Pena 71-75--146
Enrique Jose Valverde A 77-76--153

T34.Venezuela (VEN) - 145 O-142 M -- 287 (-3)
Jorge Garcia 68-69--137
Konrad Brauckmeyer 77-73--150
Ezequiel Prieto 82-82--164

T36.Peru (PER) - 144 M-144 O -- 288 (-2)
Luis Fernando Barco 70-72--142
Patricio Freundt-Thurne 74-72--146
Santiago Zubiato 75-74--149

T36.Singapore (SGP) - 146 M-142 O -- 288 (-2)
Gregory Foo 70-69--139
Donovan Lee 77-73--150
Joshua Ho 76-75--151

T38.Guatemala (GUA) - 146 M-143 O -- 289 (-1)
Daniel Gurtner 71-70--141
Alejandro Villavicencio Calderon 75-75--150
Pablo Enrique Castellanos Conde 78-73--151

T38.Zimbabwe (ZIM) - 141 O-148 M -- 289 (-1)
David Amm 68-73--141
Jack Allard 73-75--148
Stuart Krog 74-80--154

40.Puerto Rico (PUR) - 145 M-145 O -- 290 (Even)
Max Alverio 71-72--143
Erick Morales 79-73--152
Jeronimo Esteve 74-79--153

T41.Iceland (ISL) - 147 M-144 O -- 291 (+1)
Aron Snaer Juliusson 73-72--145
Gisli Sveinbergsson 74-72--146
Bjarki Petursson 74-73--147

T41.Mexico (MEX) - 145 M-146 O -- 291 (+1)
Alvaro Ortiz Becerra 72-73--145
Raul Pereda 73-74--147
Aaron Terrazas 81-73--154

T43.Hong Kong, China (HKG) - 146 O-146 M -- 292 (+2)
Matthew Cheung 75-71--146
Terrence Ng 73-75--148
Leon Philip D'Souza 73-76--149

T43.Morocco (MAR) - 148 M-144 O -- 292 (+2)
Ayoub Id Omar 74-68--142
Soufiane Dahmane 75-76--151
Othman Raouzi 74-83--157

T45.Saudi Arabia (KSA) - 150 M-144 O -- 294 (+4)
Othman Almulla 73-72--145
Khalid Attieh 77-72--149
Ali Alsakha 77-78--155

T45.South Africa (RSA) - 143 M-151 O -- 294 (+4)
Matt Saulez 70-75--145
Wilco Nienaber 73-76--149

Malcolm Mitchell 78-NC--NC
47.Finland (FIN) - 147 M-148 O -- 295 (+5)
Matias Honkala 72-75--147
Sami Valimaki 76-73--149
Veeti Mahonen 75-76--151
48.Slovakia (SVK) - 148 M-148 O -- 296 (+6)
Pavol Mach 73-70--143
Michal Brezovsky 75-78--153
Branislav Lucansky 80-78--158
49.Chinese Taipei (TPE) - 152 M-145 O -- 297 (+7)
Wei-Hsuan Wang 76-70--146
Chia-I Lai 77-75--152
Yu-Cheng Ho 76-77--153
T50.Bermuda (BER) - 144 O-155 M -- 299 (+9)
Jarryd Dillas 72-75--147
Walker Campbell 72-81--153
Mikus Ming 77-80--157
T50.Brazil (BRA) - 148 O-151 M -- 299 (+9)
Lucas Park 73-75--148
Herik Machado 75-76--151
Daniel Kenji Ishii 77-77--154
T50.Turkey (TUR) - 149 M-150 O -- 299 (+9)
Taner Yamac 74-75--149
Leon Kerem Acikalin 75-75--150
Hamza Esmer 78-75--153
T50.Uruguay (URU) - 148 M-151 O -- 299 (+9)
Miguel Reyes 73-76--149
Facundo Alvarez 75-75--150
Nicholas Teuten 75-76--151
54.Croatia (CRO) - 146 O-154 M -- 300 (+10)
Lucas Buerk 73-76--149
Ivan Vucemil 73-79--152
Marko Stepinac 76-78--154
55.Luxembourg (LUX) - 150 O-152 M -- 302 (+12)
Charles Weis 75-76--151
Georges Weis 75-76--151
David Winandy 76-82--158
56.Slovenia (SLO) - 152 O-151 M -- 303 (+13)
Kristijan Vojteh Burkelca 77-75--152
Mark Trnovec 78-76--154
Vid Potocar 75-80--155
T57.Malta (MLT) - 151 O-153 M -- 304 (+14)
Ruud Critien 75-78--153
Andrew Borg 81-75--156
John Junior Micallef 76-81--157
T57.Qatar (QAT) - 148 O-156 M -- 304 (+14)
Saleh Al Kaabi 72-79--151
Ali Al Shahrani 76-81--157
Jaham Al Kuwari 86-77--163
T59.Cayman Islands (CAY) - 157 O-150 M -- 307 (+17)
Justin Hastings 78-76--154

Aaron Jarvis 79-75--154
Payten Wight 82-75--157
T59.Guam (GUM) - 155 O-152 M -- 307 (+17)
Redge Camacho 75-74--149
Daryl Poe 80-79--159
Robert Manalo 82-78--160
T61.Panama (PAN) - 156 O-152 M -- 308 (+18)
Jean Louis Ducruet 79-75--154
Miguel Ordonez 77-77--154
Luis Cargiulo 83-79--162
T61.United Arab Emirates (UAE) - 156 O-152 M -- 308 (+18)
Khalid Al Jasmi 73-75--148
Ahmad Skaik 83-77--160
Saif Thabet 87-83--170
T63.Liechtenstein (LIE) - 153 O-157 M -- 310 (+20)
Elias Schreiber 76-74--150
Fabian Schredt 77-83--160
Sebastian Schredt 79-90--169
T63.Republic of Moldova (MDA) - 154 O-156 M -- 310 (+20)
Dennis Volostnykh 71-79--150
Alexei Coica 83-77--160
Artiom Podgainii 85-100--185
65.Bulgaria (BUL) - 158 O-157 M -- 315 (+25)
Vladislav Marinov 81-76--157
Ryan Staykov 77-81--158
Dimitar Savov 82-89--171
66.Lithuania (LTU) - 161 O-166 M -- 327 (+37)
Gediminas Markevicius 77-76--153
Darius Momkus 86-90--176
Mindaugas Vaicius 84-NC--NC
T67.Ghana (GHA) - 164 O-165 M -- 329 (+39)
Alan Angel 82-82--164
Yao Dogbe 82-83--165
Kofi Kusi-Boateng 90-91--181
T67.Nigeria (NGR) - 161 O-168 M -- 329 (+39)
George Inalegwu 81-85--166
Oladipo Thompson 85-83--168
Jordan Thompson 80-90--170
69.Haiti (HAI) - 167 O-170 M -- 337 (+47)
Jean-Philippe Mehu 79-77--156
Roger Saint-Fort 88-99--187
Maurice Pasha Brandt 95-93--188
70.Iraq (IRQ) - 175 O-172 M -- 347 (+57)
Amer Radee 85-80--165
Laith Barnouti 93-92--185
Husam Al-Hashimi 90-103--193
71.Gabon (GAB) - 193 O-178 M -- 371 (+81)
Alexandre Illien 84-84--168
David Perez Ayo 109-94--203
72.Armenia (ARM) - 175 O-198 M -- 373 (+83)
Levon Karakhanyan 91-94--185

Roman Balyan 84-104--188

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