



## 48th WALKER CUP MATCH – FACT SHEET

May 8-9, 2021, Seminole Golf Club, Juno Beach, Fla.

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### PAR AND YARDAGE

Seminole Golf Club will be set up at 7,256 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72. The yardage for each session of the competition will vary due to course setup and conditions.

### HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	36
Yards	400	453	553	491	203	388	429	262	545	3,724

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	4	36
Yards	418	465	370	166	508	554	409	197	445	3,532

### THE COURSE

Seminole Golf Club was designed by Donald Ross and opened for play in 1929. The course's routing encompasses two dune ridges, one that peaks to the west and another along the Atlantic Ocean to the east. Members have included U.S. presidents, business and industry leaders and golf elite. Ben Hogan, a four-time U.S. Open champion, frequently practiced and played there, while Henry Picard, who won two major professional titles, served as club professional for 26 years.

### COURSE RATING AND SLOPE

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating™ for Seminole Golf Club is 76.0 and its Slope Rating® is 148.

### THE WALKER CUP MATCH

The Walker Cup Match is contested by male amateur golfers, one team from the United States of America and one team comprised of players from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The teams consist of not more than 10 players and a captain. The Match is conducted every two years, alternately in the USA and in Great Britain or Ireland. This is the 48th Walker Cup Match.

### TEAM SELECTION

The USA Team is selected by the United States Golf Association's International Team Selection working group. The R&A selects the team from Great Britain and Ireland.

## 2021 WALKER CUP CAPTAINS

### USA

Nathaniel Crosby, of Jupiter, Fla., will serve as the captain for the 2021 USA Walker Cup Team. He was also the captain of the USA Team for the 2019 Match when the USA posted a 15½ to 10½ victory. Crosby won the 1981 U.S. Amateur Championship and was the low amateur in the 1982 U.S. Open Championship. He was also a member of victorious USA teams in both the 1983 Walker Cup Match and the 1982 World Amateur Team Championship. Born in Hillsborough, Calif., Crosby, 59, is the son of the late legendary American singer and entertainer Bing Crosby, who introduced him to golf. In the USA's 1983 victory at Hoylake, Crosby compiled a 1-1 record, losing a singles match to A. Philip Parkin and winning a foursomes match. Crosby, who played professionally in the U.S. and Europe, regained his amateur status in 1994. He has competed in seven USGA championships, including four U.S. Amateurs. In his business life, Crosby serves as chairman of AppleTree Golf Society, a network of small travel societies that are tied to golf clubs in vacation and second-home destinations. He has also been a partner in three golf equipment companies. A graduate of the University of Miami, Crosby and his wife, Sheila, have two sons, two daughters and two stepdaughters. Nathaniel's godfather is World Golf Hall of Fame member Jack Burke Jr., the 1956 Masters and PGA champion who served as captain of two USA Ryder Cup teams.

### GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

Stuart Wilson, one of Scotland's most renowned amateur golfers, was appointed as captain of the 2021 GB&I Walker Cup Team in December 2019. He served for four years on The R&A Boys' Selection Committee, including three as chairman, and The R&A's Amateur Status Committee. His celebrated playing career includes his 2004 victory in The Amateur Championship at St. Andrews, where he defeated Francesco Molinari, the 2018 Open champion, in the quarterfinals. Wilson would go on to win the silver medal in the 133rd Open Championship at Royal Troon after having also qualified for The Open in 2001. Additionally, Wilson was a member of the winning GB&I Walker Cup Team at Ganton Golf Club in England, contributing two points in a 12½ to 11½ decision in 2003. He was an R&A Foundation scholar while studying at Abertay University in Dundee and won the 2003 Lytham Trophy. Wilson represented Scotland in the 2004 World Amateur Team Championship in Puerto Rico and competed in the 2005 Masters Tournament. He also was captain of the European Junior Ryder Cup Team in 2012 and 2014. A member of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, he is the managing secretary of Forfar Golf Club. Wilson, 43, is married with two children.

### SCHEDULE OF PLAY

On Saturday, May 8, there will be four foursomes (alternate-shot) matches in the morning and eight singles matches in the afternoon. On Sunday, May 9, there will be four foursomes matches in the morning and 10 singles matches in the afternoon. All matches will be 18 holes.

All Times Local (EDT)

**Friday, May 7** (Note: All times are subject to change)

6 p.m. - Opening Ceremony

**Saturday, May 8**

8:20 a.m. - Foursomes (four matches)

2:30 p.m. - Singles (eight matches)

**Sunday, May 9**

8:20 a.m. - Foursomes (four matches)

2:05 p.m. - Singles (10 matches)

7:45 p.m. - Closing Ceremony

## FOURSOMES

Foursomes is a match in which two players compete against two other players in an alternate-shot format, with each side playing one ball.

## SCORING

A victory in each match scores one point. In the event a match goes 18 holes without a winner, a half-point is awarded to each team.

The team that scores the most points wins the Match. In the event of a tie, the team that won the previous competition retains the Walker Cup.

## TELEVISION SCHEDULE

The 2021 Walker Cup Match will receive at least 12 hours of live network coverage. Dan Hicks will anchor the NBCUniversal telecasts with analyst Paul Azinger. The broadcast team includes Notah Begay, a member of the 1995 USA Walker Cup Team, two-time USA Walker Cup captain and player Buddy Marucci, Curt Byrum, Steve Sands and Steve Burkowski.

Date	Network	Broadcast Hours (Local/EDT)
May 8	Peacock	Foursomes, 10-11 a.m.
	Golf Channel	Foursomes, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
	Peacock	Singles, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Golf Channel	Singles, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
May 9	Peacock	Foursomes, 10-11 a.m.
	Golf Channel	Foursomes, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
	Peacock	Singles, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Golf Channel	Singles, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## WALKER CUP MATCH HISTORY

This is the 48th Walker Cup Match. The competition began in the wake of World War I, following a series of meetings between the United States Golf Association and The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, the key purpose of which was a discussion of modifying the Rules of Golf. As part of the meetings, an international team competition was discussed, with the aim of strengthening understanding and friendship between The R&A and the USGA.

Among those attending the meetings at The R&A was George Herbert Walker, USGA president in 1920. Walker soon presented a plan for the competition and offered to donate a trophy. When the press dubbed the trophy the Walker Cup, the name stuck.

The first Walker Cup Match was contested in 1922 at the National Golf Links of America in Southampton, N.Y. Led by playing captain William C. Fownes Jr., the USA won the inaugural Match, 8-4. The USA leads the series, 37-9-1. Since 1989, however, when GB&I won for the first time in the USA, by one point at Peachtree Golf Club in Atlanta, Ga., the series is competitive with the USA holding a 9-7 advantage.

## RECENT WALKER CUP HISTORY

2019 Walker Cup: Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake, England (USA 15½, GB&I 10½)

2017 Walker Cup: The Los Angeles (Calif.) Country Club, North Course (USA 19, GB&I 7)

2015 Walker Cup: Royal Lytham & St. Annes, Lancashire, England (GB&I 16½, USA 9½)

2013 Walker Cup: National Golf Links of America, Southampton, N.Y. (USA 17, GB&I 9)

2011 Walker Cup: Royal Aberdeen Golf Club, Aberdeen, Scotland (GB&I 14, USA 12)

2009 Walker Cup: Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa. (USA 16½, GB&I 9½)

2007 Walker Cup: Royal County Down, Newcastle, County Down, Northern Ireland (USA 12½, GB&I 11½)  
2005 Walker Cup: Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Ill. (USA 12½, GB&I 11½)  
2003 Walker Cup: Ganton Golf Club, Ganton, England (GB&I 12½, USA 11½)  
2001 Walker Cup: Ocean Forest Golf Club, Sea Island, Ga. (GB&I 15, USA 9)  
1999 Walker Cup: Nairn Golf Club, Nairn, Scotland (GB&I 15, USA 9)  
1997 Walker Cup: Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, N.Y. (USA 18, GB&I 6)  
1995 Walker Cup: Royal Porthcawl, Porthcawl, Wales (GB&I 14, USA 10)  
1993 Walker Cup: Interlachen Country Club, Edina, Minn. (USA 19, GB&I 5)  
1991 Walker Cup: Portmarnock Golf Club, Portmarnock, County Dublin, Ireland (USA 14, GB&I 10)  
1989 Walker Cup: Peachtree Golf Club, Atlanta, Ga. (GB&I 12½, USA 11½)

## **FUTURE SITES**

May 2-3, 2023: Old Course at St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland  
Sept. 6-7, 2025: Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach, Calif.

## **2019 WALKER CUP RECAP**

The United States rebounded from a 7-5 overnight deficit, winning 10½ of a possible 14 points on Sunday to capture the 47th Walker Cup Match over Great Britain and Ireland at Royal Liverpool Golf Club. It was a victory 12 years in the making, as it marked the first USA victory on GB&I soil since 2007 at Royal County Down. The final tally of 15½-10½ was the most decisive win margin for a visiting USA team since 1987 at Sunningdale. It was the Sunday afternoon singles that made the difference with the Americans winning 8 of 10 matches. John Augenstein, the 2019 U.S. Amateur runner-up, secured the clinching point with a 4-and-3 decision against Thomas Plumb. The USA's John Pak was the lone player on either side to not lose a match, going 3-0 in his one foursome and two singles matches, including Saturday's 1-up come-from-behind triumph over reigning Amateur champion James Sugrue. GB&I's Sandy Scott won twice in singles play.

## **2017 WALKER CUP RECAP**

Maverick McNealy was one of three Americans to win all four of his matches in leading the United States to a convincing 19-7 victory over Great Britain and Ireland in the 46th Walker Cup Match at The Los Angeles (Calif.) Country Club's North Course. McNealy was joined by Collin Morikawa and Doug Ghim with perfect marks as the USA recorded the Match's second-largest margin of victory. The Americans came into the second day of the competition with an 8-4 advantage and followed by posting a 3-1 record in foursomes and a 7-1-2 mark in singles. GB&I's Jack Singh Brar, of England, went 3-1 in his matches. It was the second Walker Cup to be contested in California.

## **2015 WALKER CUP RECAP**

Great Britain and Ireland defeated the United States, 16½-9½ in the 45th Walker Cup Match at Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club in Lancashire, England. The winning margin was the largest for GB&I since the Match began in 1922. England's Jimmy Mullen, who paced his team with a perfect 4-0 mark, led GB&I's Sunday afternoon domination of singles matches in which they won five, halved three and lost just two. Ashley Chesters, of England, and Cormac Sharvin, of Ireland, were other point leaders with 3½ and 3, respectively. With the victory, GB&I had won five of the last six Matches contested on its "home" soil, dating to 1999.

## **2013 WALKER CUP RECAP**

The United States regained the Walker Cup at the historic National Golf Links of America, site of the inaugural Match in 1922, with a resounding 17-9 victory over Great Britain and Ireland. It was the USA's largest margin of victory since an 18-6 decision at Quaker Ridge Golf Club in 1997. Continuing the dominance from Saturday's singles session, the USA, which entered the final day with an 8-4 lead, split the four Sunday foursomes matches and claimed seven of the 10 afternoon singles matches. That included a pair of 4-and-3 victories by

the two mid-amateurs on the team, 45-year-old Todd White and 35-year-old Nathan Smith. Bobby Wyatt, of Mobile, Ala., led the way for the Americans with a 3-0-1 record, including a 4-and-3 triumph over 2013 U.S. Amateur co-medalist Neil Raymond. Matthew Fitzpatrick, the first Englishman to win the U.S. Amateur in 102 years, posted a 3-1 record, including 2-0 in foursomes with GB&I teammate Raymond.

### **2011 WALKER CUP RECAP**

Great Britain and Ireland, bolstered by the undefeated records of Paul Cutler, of Northern Ireland, and Rhys Pugh, of Wales, won the Match for the first time since 2003 with a 14-12 victory over the USA at Royal Aberdeen Golf Club in Scotland. Cutler, the winner of the 2011 Irish Amateur, compiled a 3-0-1 mark. Pugh, the youngest competitor on either side at 17, was 3-0. He won the 2011 Irish Amateur Open. In windy conditions, GB&I won three matches and tied a fourth in Sunday morning's foursomes to increase its lead to 10½-5½. The USA won the first two matches in the afternoon singles session, but Steven Brown's half with the USA's Blayne Barber in the sixth match clinched the Match for the GB&I and ended a streak of three USA wins.

### **2009 WALKER CUP RECAP**

Both Rickie Fowler and Peter Uihlein went 4-0 to lead the USA to a 16½-9½ victory over GB&I at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa. It was the third consecutive win for the Americans. After Saturday's competition, the USA led 8-4, and in Sunday morning's foursomes, the USA Team won three of the four matches for the second consecutive day to build its lead to 11-5 heading into the afternoon's singles play. Cameron Tringale posted an 8-and-6 victory over Luke Goddard to give the USA its 13th point and assured that the Americans would retain the Walker Cup. Uihlein then earned a 3-and-1 win over Stiggy Hodgson to claim the trophy outright for the USA Team, captained by George "Buddy" Marucci.

### **2021 GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND TEAM:**

**Barclay Brown**, 20, of England (born 1-23-01): Brown, who is a sophomore on the Stanford University team, won the Wyoming Cowboy Classic, tied for fifth in the Bandon Dunes Championship and was eighth in the Western Intercollegiate this spring. He tied for second in the Cabo Collegiate as a freshman. In 2020, Brown was a semifinalist in the English Men's Amateur Championship, tied for fourth in the Brabazon Trophy, including a third-round 66, and reached the quarterfinals of The Amateur Championship at Royal Birkdale, losing to eventual champion Joe Long. He has previously represented GB&I in the 2018 and 2019 Jacques Leglise Trophy matches as the playing captain.

**Jack Dyer**, 23, of England (born 3-2-88): Dyer, who replaced the injured Sandy Scott on the GB&I Team on April 14, was the runner-up in the South African Amateur Championship and recorded top-10 finishes in the African Amateur Stroke Play (6th), Cape Province Open (T-7th) and Northern Amateur Open (T-9th). In 2020, Dyer won the South East of England Links Championship, tied for fourth in the Brabazon Trophy and advanced to the Round of 32 in The Amateur Championship at Royal Birkdale. Dyer tied for first in the Mark Simpson Colorado Invitational as a senior in 2019-20 on the Cal State-Fullerton team. He posted four other top 10s in a shortened season due to the pandemic and won the Sacramento State Invitational as a junior.

**Alex Fitzpatrick**, 22, of England (born 1-2-99): Fitzpatrick competed in the 2019 Walker Cup, when he posted victories in singles and foursomes to secure two points for Great Britain and Ireland. In 2020-21 at Wake Forest University, he has started strongly, winning the Valspar Collegiate, tying for second at the Jones Cup Invitational and recording top-5 finishes in the Wake Forest Invitational and Arizona Collegiate. Fitzpatrick, who is a two-time All-East Region selection, won the Golf Club of Georgia Amateur Championship and was a member of the winning International team in the 2020 Arnold Palmer Cup. Fitzpatrick has played in three U.S. Amateurs and advanced to the quarterfinals in 2018. He is the younger brother of Matthew Fitzpatrick, who

owns six PGA European Tour victories. Alex was on the bag for his brother when Matthew won the 2013 U.S. Amateur at The Country Club, in Brookline, Mass.

**Angus Flanagan**, 21, of England (born 3-31-99): Flanagan played for the International team that won the Arnold Palmer Cup at Bay Hill and finished second in the Windsong Invitational last year. He advanced to the Round of 16 at the Western Amateur and received invitations to play in the PGA Tour's Genesis Invitational and the 3M Open in 2020. Flanagan, a senior at the University of Minnesota in 2020-21, was victorious in back-to-back college tournaments in April. He earned third team All-America and first-team All-Big Ten Conference recognition as a junior and won the Macdonald Cup and the Big Ten Championship at Philadelphia Cricket Club as a sophomore. Flanagan, who has twice been voted All-Midwest Region, fired a final-round 64 to win the Minnesota State Open last July.

**Ben Jones**, 22, of England (born 5-7-99): Jones advanced to the semifinals of the Australian Amateur at Royal Queensland, reached the Round of 32 in both The Amateur and English Men's Amateur and recorded top-10 finishes in the Australian Master of the Amateurs (tie for 7th) and Ghala Open (5th) in 2020. He reached the semifinals of The Amateur Championship at Portmarnock, finished third in the European Amateur Championship and represented England in the European Amateur Team Championship and Men's Home Internationals in 2019. Jones, who competed in the 2019 U.S. Amateur at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, played for GB&I in the 2017 Jacques Leglise Trophy.

**Matty Lamb**, 23, of England (born 3-28-98): Lamb won the North of England Open Amateur Championship by three strokes and Tillman Trophy by two shots after carding a final-round 67 last year. He also reached the Round of 32 in The Amateur Championship at Royal Birkdale. He has represented England in the Men's Home Internationals and European Amateur Team Championship. Lamb won the England Boys Home International Championship in 2014 and 2016. He was a member of the Charlotte University golf team and was chosen to the 2016-17 Conference USA All-Freshman Team.

**Joe Long**, 23, of England (born 5-21-97): Long was successful on home soil to win The 125th Amateur Championship at Royal Birkdale, defeating Joe Harvey, 4 and 3, in the 36-hole final. He was the first Englishman to win the Amateur since Harry Ellis in 2017. His victory earned him an invitation to the Masters and a U.S. Open exemption in 2021. The win also highlighted a 2020 season that saw him achieve top-10 finishes in the South African Amateur (3rd), African Amateur Stroke Play (4th), South African Stroke Play (7th), Tillman Trophy (8th) and Brabazon Trophy (9th). He also advanced to the quarterfinals of the English Men's Amateur Championship, losing to eventual runner-up Sam Done in 23 holes.

**John Murphy**, 22, of the Republic of Ireland (born 6-12-98): Murphy, a fifth-year senior on the University of Louisville team, has top-10 finishes in the General Hackler Championship (2nd), Jones Cup Invitational (tie for 6th) and Mobile Bay Intercollegiate (tie for 7th) this spring. Murphy recorded wins in the GCAA Amateur Series – Georgia and Dorado Beach Collegiate last year. He won the Bearcat Invitational and Mullingar Scratch Trophy in 2019 and was the 2018 St Andrews Links Trophy winner. A two-time All-East Region selection, Murphy received the 2020 Byron Nelson Award. He represented Ireland at the 2018 World Amateur Team Championship and European Amateur Team Championship and GB&I in the 2018 St. Andrews Trophy.

**Mark Power**, 20, of the Republic of Ireland (born 6-9-00): Power reached the semifinals of The Amateur Championship at Royal Birkdale and tied for second, losing in three-man playoff, in the Brabazon Trophy. He also recorded top-5 finishes in the Mullingar Scratch Trophy and Connacht Stroke Play Championship. Power, a sophomore on the Wake Forest University team, earned second-team All-America and All-East Region honors in 2019-20. He has four top-20 finishes this spring. He was a member of the winning International team in the 2020 Arnold Palmer Cup. Power has represented GB&I in the Jacques Leglise Trophy and Ireland in the

European Amateur Team Championship and Men's Home Internationals. His mother, Eileen Rose, was a member of the 1994 GB&I Curtis Cup Team and his father, Eddie, won three Irish Men's Championships.

**Ben Schmidt**, 18, of England (born 7-30-02): Schmidt won the New South Wales Amateur in Australia, defeating Callum Farr, 7 and 5, in the final, and was second in the Avondale Amateur last year. He was also runner-up to Matty Lamb in the Tillman Trophy and reached the Round of 32 in The Amateur. Schmidt also was third in the North of England Open Amateur and tied for ninth in the Australian Master of the Amateurs. He rose to prominence in 2019 after winning the Brabazon Trophy, the Carris Trophy and the Sir Henry Cooper Junior Masters. Schmidt, who claimed the Lee Westwood Trophy in 2018, has represented GB&I in the Jacques Leglise Trophy and England in the Men's Home Internationals.

## **2021 USA TEAM:**

**Ricky Castillo**, 20, of Yorba Linda, Calif. (born 2-19-01): In 2020, Castillo earned an exemption into the U.S. Open at Winged Foot, advanced to the semifinals of the Western Amateur and was a member of the USA Arnold Palmer Cup Team. Castillo received the NCAA Division I Phil Mickelson Outstanding Freshman Award and was a first-team All-American at the University of Florida in 2019-20. Additionally, he won two individual tournament titles and was chosen first-team All-Southeastern Conference (SEC). Castillo has played in three U.S. Amateurs and reached the Round of 16 in 2019 at Pinehurst No. 2. He has also competed in three U.S. Junior Amateurs, advancing to the Round of 16 twice and sharing medalist honors in 2019 with William Moll and 2021 Walker Cup teammate William Mouw.

**Pierceson Coody**, 21, of Plano, Texas (born 1-7-00): Coody won the 118th Western Amateur last August, defeating Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen, 2 and 1, in the final. Coody and his twin brother, Parker, are juniors on the University of Texas team and are the grandsons of 1971 Masters champion Charles Coody. In 2021, Pierceson won the George Hannon Collegiate, owns two runner-up finishes and tied for sixth in the Big 12 Conference Championship. He earned All-Central Region recognition as a sophomore. In 2019, Pierceson advanced to the Round of 16 in the U.S. Amateur at Pinehurst No. 2. He also posted a two-stroke victory in the 116th Trans-Mississippi Amateur at Maridoe Golf Club in his home state, joining a list of champions that includes Jack Nicklaus, Ben Crenshaw and Bryson DeChambeau. He was a member of the 2020 USA Arnold Palmer Cup Team.

**Quade Cummins**, 25, of Weatherford, Okla. (born 3-6-96): Cummins has competed in three consecutive U.S. Amateurs (2018-20). As a fifth-year senior at the University of Oklahoma, he posted three top-10 finishes, including two runner-up efforts, in the fall of 2020 and tied for second in the Big 12 Conference Championship this spring. He was chosen first-team All-American in a COVID-shortened 2019-20 season. Last summer, Cummins finished third in the Southern Amateur with a 72-hole score of 283 (5 under) and tied for fourth in the Sunnehanna Amateur the following week. In December, he made the 36-hole cut in the PGA Tour's Mayakoba Golf Classic. Cummins won the 2019 Pacific Coast Amateur by four strokes with a four-day total of 264 (20 under) and has been a member of two USA Arnold Palmer Cup Teams (2019, 2020).

**Austin Eckroat**, 22, of Edmond, Okla. (born 1-12-99): Eckroat, who played in the 2019 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, earned second-team All-America recognition as a junior at Oklahoma State University in 2019-20. A three-time All-Central Region and All-Big 12 Conference selection, Eckroat was fifth individually in helping OSU capture the 2021 Big 12 Championship. He finished second in the Maridoe Collegiate Invitational in the fall of 2020. He has played in four U.S. Amateurs and advanced to match play in 2019 at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club. Eckroat tied for sixth in last year's Southern Amateur. He reached the quarterfinals of the 2017 U.S. Junior Amateur, losing to fellow OSU player and 2020 U.S. Open runner-up Matthew Wolff. Last December, he tied for 12th in the PGA Tour's Mayakoba Golf Classic with a 72-hole score of 270 (14 under).

**Stewart Hagestad**, 30, of Newport Beach, Calif. (born 4-10-91): Hagestad was a member of the winning 2017 and 2019 USA Walker Cup Teams and has a combined 3-2 record in the two competitions. Hagestad, who has competed in three U.S. Opens, reached the quarterfinals of the 2020 U.S. Amateur. He has played in 21 USGA championships, including 11 U.S. Amateurs. He rallied to defeat Scott Harvey in 37 holes in the 2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship, producing the largest comeback victory since a 36-hole final was introduced in 2001. Hagestad also won a gold medal in the mixed-team competition of the 2019 Pan American Games, in Lima, Peru, and was the low amateur in the 2017 Masters Tournament, becoming the first invited Mid-Amateur champion to make the 36-hole cut. He tied for fifth in the Terra Cotta Invitational in April.

**Cole Hammer**, 21, of Houston, Texas (born 8-28-99): Hammer helped the USA to victory in the 2019 Walker Cup at Royal Liverpool Golf Club. He has competed in 12 USGA championships, including two U.S. Opens, and advanced to the semifinals in both the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Junior Amateur in 2018. Hammer also won the 2018 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball with partner Garrett Barber and was the third-youngest player to compete in a U.S. Open when he played at Chambers Bay at age 15 in 2015. Hammer, a junior at the University of Texas, was a key figure in the Longhorns' runner-up finish in the 2019 NCAA Championship. In 2018, Hammer won the Western Amateur and helped the USA to a second-place finish in the World Amateur Team Championship. Hammer, the 2021 Big 12 Conference individual champion, won the South Beach International Amateur last December and tied for second in the Jones Cup Invitational in February.

**William Mouw**, 20, of Chino, Calif. (born 9-5-00): Mouw has played in three U.S. Amateurs and twice advanced to the Round of 16, in 2018 at Pebble Beach and 2020 at Bandon Dunes. He also reached the Round of 32 in two consecutive U.S. Junior Amateurs (2018, 2019) and shared medalist honors in 2019 with William Moll and 2021 Walker Cup teammate Ricky Castillo. Mouw, the son of a chicken egg farmer, was chosen first-team All-American and All-West Region as a freshman at Pepperdine University in 2019-20. He set the program's freshman record with five top-10 finishes. Mouw also recorded a pair of top 10s in the fall of 2020 as a sophomore. Mouw won the 2019 California State Amateur and was a member of the basketball and golf teams at Ontario Christian High School. He was a member of the 2020 USA Arnold Palmer Cup Team.

**John Pak**, 22, of Scotch Plains, N.J. (born 12-18-98): Pak won all three of his matches as a member of the victorious 2019 USA Walker Cup Team. He tied for 51st and was low amateur in the U.S. Open last September at Winged Foot Golf Club. A senior on the Florida State University team, Pak has recorded seven top-10 finishes this spring, including a victory in The Calusa Cup on April 6 and a tie for fifth in the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship. He earned All-America and All-South Region recognition for the third consecutive year in 2019-20. He is tied for first on the school's all-time list with eight tournament victories, including the 2019 ACC Championship. He has competed in four U.S. Amateurs, reaching the Round of 16 in 2019 at Pinehurst No. 2. Pak, who has played in nine USGA championships, advanced to match play in all four U.S. Junior Amateurs in which he competed, reaching the quarterfinals in 2015 and semifinals in 2016.

**Tyler Strafaci**, 22, of Davie, Fla. (born 7-23-98): Strafaci won the 2020 U.S. Amateur, edging Charles Osborne, 1 up, in the final at Bandon Dunes, and claimed the North & South Amateur, defeating William Holcomb V, 3 and 1. Strafaci, who rallied from an early 5-down deficit in the U.S. Amateur final, is the fourth player to win both championships in the same year, joining Jack Nicklaus, Hal Sutton and George Dunlap. His grandfather, Frank, won two North & South Amateurs (1938, 1939) and the 1935 U.S. Amateur Public Links. Tyler, who competed in the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, has played in seven USGA championships, including four U.S. Amateurs. As a member of the Georgia Tech program through Dec. 2020, Strafaci earned honorable mention All-American and was a three-time All-East Region and two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) performer. He has competed in the Masters Tournament and PGA Tour's Farmers Insurance Open this year.



**Davis Thompson**, 21, of St. Simons Island, Ga. (born 6-5-99): Thompson nearly made the 36-hole cut in the 2020 U.S. Open after carding a first-round 69 at Winged Foot Golf Club. In 2020, he was a quarterfinalist in the Western Amateur and advanced to match play in the U.S. Amateur at Bandon Dunes. Thompson, a senior at the University of Georgia, earned first-team All-America and first-team All-Southeastern Conference (SEC) honors in 2019-20. Thompson was selected to the 2020 USA Arnold Palmer Cup Team along with several USA Walker Cup teammates. He competed in two PGA Tour events last year, tying for 23rd in the RSM Classic (10-under 272). Thompson tied for second in the Jones Cup Invitational on Feb. 7 at Ocean Forest Golf Club, site of the 2001 Walker Cup Match, won Auburn's Tiger Invitational in March and was third in the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship in April.

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FLORIDA**

Florida has hosted 24 USGA championships, including the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball and U.S. Senior Women's Amateur in 2018 and the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball in 2019. This will be the first Walker Cup Match contested in the state. In 2022, the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship will be played at Fiddlesticks Country Club (Long Mean Course), in Fort Myers.

### **USGA Championships in Florida (24):**

- 1930: U.S. Amateur Public Links, Jacksonville (Fla.) Municipal Links (Robert E. Wingate)
- 1952: U.S. Amateur Public Links, Miami (Fla.) C.C. (Omer L. Bogan)
- 1963: U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, C.C. of Florida, Village of Golf (Marion Choate)
- 1969: U.S. Women's Open, Scenic Hills C.C., Pensacola (Donna Caponi)
- 1970: U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Coral Ridge C.C., Fort Lauderdale (Carolyn Cudone)
- 1978: U.S. Senior Amateur, Pine Tree G.C., Boynton Beach (Keith K. Compton)
- 1987: U.S. Amateur, Jupiter Hills Club, Tequesta (Billy Mayfair)
- 1988: U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island (Martha Lang)
- 1991: U.S. Junior Amateur, Bay Hill Club & Lodge, Orlando (Tiger Woods)
- 1992: U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Old Marsh G.C., Palm Beach Gardens (Marion Maney-McInerney)
- 1992: U.S. Senior Amateur, The Loxahatchee Club, Jupiter (Clarence Moore)
- 1994: U.S. Amateur, TPC Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach (Tiger Woods)
- 1995: USGA Men's State Team, Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando (Virginia)
- 1995: USGA Women's State Team, Lake Buena Vista Club, Lake Buena Vista (Pennsylvania)
- 2002: U.S. Senior Amateur, Timuquana C.C., Jacksonville (Greg Reynolds)
- 2003: U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, Ocean Hammock G.C., Palm Coast (Michelle Wie)
- 2009: U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Golden Hills G. & T.C., Ocala (Martha Leach)
- 2010: U.S. Senior Amateur, Lake Nona G. & C.C., Orlando (Paul Simson)
- 2010: U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Fiddlesticks C.C., Fort Myers (Mina Hardin)
- 2015: U.S. Mid-Amateur, John's Island Club, Vero Beach (Sammy Schmitz)
- 2016: U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, Streamsong (Fla.) Resort (Hailee Cooper/Kaitlyn Papp)
- 2018: U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, Jupiter Hills Club, Tequesta (Garrett Barber/Cole Hammer)
- 2018: U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Orchid Island G. & B.C., Vero Beach (Lara Tennant)
- 2019: U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, Timuquana C.C., Jacksonville (Megan Furtney/Erica Shepherd)

## **MEDIA CONFERENCES**

Captains and players from each team will meet with credentialed media on Friday, May 7. The GB&I Team will be available at 3 p.m., followed by the USA Team at 4 p.m. Interviews will be streamed live via Cisco Webex and posted to [mediacenter.usga.org/walker-cup-match](https://mediacenter.usga.org/walker-cup-match). Media availabilities will be conducted at the conclusion of each day's play.

## **PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE**

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the Walker Cup Match (Friday-Sunday) for news use only. For more information and to register, contact [photorequests@usga.org](mailto:photorequests@usga.org).

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