

Ryder Cup matchplay explained

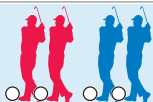
Players compete in a matchplay format, in which matches are scored hole-by-hole in a series of foursome, fourball, and singles contests

MATCHES (1 point for each win, 1/2 point for tied match)



FOURSOME: Four matches between two two-man teams. One ball per team – players take alternate shots, taking turns to tee-off. **Team with best score wins hole**

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FOURBALL: Four matches of two two-man teams. One ball per player. **Team of player with lowest score wins hole**

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SINGLES: Two players from opposing teams. **Player with best score wins hole**

12

Total points available

U.S. needs minimum 14½ points to win. If scores tied at 14 points, Europe retains title

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RYDER CUP SCORING RECORD

United States

(All-time points won, 1927-2014)

Europe*

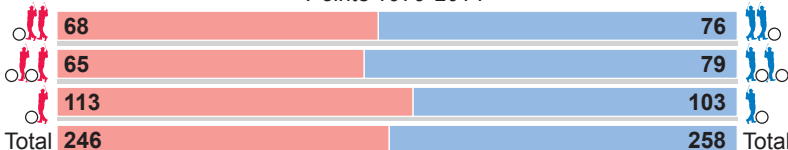


514½

413½



Points 1979-2014



*Great Britain until 1971, GB & Ireland 1973-77