



## Denmark Edges Out USA To Win First Eisenhower Trophy

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**When:** 8 September 2018

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

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

### Rapid Recap:

Denmark, bolstered by the stellar play of 17-year-old identical twins Nicolai and Rasmus Hojgaard, held off a surging field to win its first World Amateur Team Championship at 39-under-par 541 by one stroke over the USA.

The Danes claimed the Eisenhower Trophy in their 25th appearance as Nicolai Hojgaard, the 2018 European Amateur champion, posted a 7-under-par 66 and his brother Rasmus fired a 6-under-67 for a team total of 13-under-par 133 on the par-73 O'Meara Course. Teammate John Axelsen posted a non-counting 4-under 69. Previously, in 2010, Denmark had claimed the silver medal.

"It means a lot," said six-time Danish captain Torben Nyehuus. "Everybody is watching. It's just amazing. I was with the team in 2010 when we came in second, so this is just amazing. It's pretty nice to go one better."

Nicolai notched five birdies in his final nine holes and Rasmus logged three as they took the lead from a tightly-packed leaderboard. Four teams, Denmark, USA, Spain and New Zealand, were tied at 34-under as the last groups made the turn.

"I feel wonderful," said Nicolai. "This is a dream come true for all of us. I had a tough start to this tournament, so I was just trying to play some good rounds to help the team. I did that the last two rounds so this is perfect. This is the biggest team event we could have won and to do it with Rasmus is perfect. But, also with John, John is a great friend and we are all having fun. This is just wonderful."

The USA used a strong finish by University of Texas freshman and 2018 U.S. Amateur semifinalist Cole Hammer (7-under 66) and University of Southern California senior Justin Suh (4-under 69) to pass Spain for the silver medal at 38-under-par 542.

"It says a lot," said Hammer, the 2018 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champion. "It speaks a lot to the way our team jelled and how much fun we had together. When you are having fun playing golf,

good things happen. To medal in my first international competition, especially on a stage as big as this, is really special.”

Spain took the bronze medal at 36-under 544. New Zealand, which held the lead through 36 and 54 holes, was fourth at 545, followed by Norway, Italy and Thailand tied for fifth at 548; England in eighth at 549, Canada in ninth at 550 and host Ireland and Germany tied for 10th at 553.

Although there is no official recognition, Spain’s Alejandro “Alex” Del Rey was the low individual scorer at 23-under 267. He and England’s Matthew Jordan shot the low scores in the fourth round at 8-under 65.

#### **Quotable:**

**Captain Torben Nyehuus, of Denmark:** “We had a pretty good start and then two slow rounds and as we talked about it yesterday we thought we had to make 40-under-par, so we had to make 14-under-par today. So, the plan was if we could get all players in position to the last nine, hopefully it would show them to make some more birdies and that’s really what happened.”

**Rasmus Hojgaard, of Denmark:** “I am speechless to be honest! After the first nine holes today, we didn’t expect us to shoot seven and six under. We just tried to give ourselves chances on the back nine and holed some good putts. It is amazing to have my twin brother on the team as well. We have played alongside each other for 10 years and we keep helping each other so that’s great.”

**John Axelsen, of Denmark:** “I remember being at the opening ceremony and we stood there and talked, and I turned around to Nicolai and said ‘Yo, Nicolai I have a very good feeling about this World Am’. These guys just play so well, and I played well the first two days and they just played really well the last two days. It’s a team event and that really showed.”

**Captain Tom O’Toole Jr., of USA:** “I’m really proud of my guys. They played their hearts out. Like we said most of the week, we didn’t get some putts to fall but a lot of teams can say that. You can’t say enough about our guys’ effort. Super.”

#### **Notable:**

- *Colombia’s Esteban Restrepo scored the first hole-in-one at the Eisenhower Trophy since 2010 on the par-3 seventh hole of the O’Meara Course using an 8-iron. He was 3-under on the tee and finished with a round of 5-under-par 68. Teammate Ivan Camilo Ramirez Velandia added a 4-under-68 and they posted a 9-under 137 to move up to 18th place.*
- *Denmark’s identical twins Rasmus and Nicolai Hojgaard had identical 9-under par scores of 208 through 54 holes.*
- *The last one-stroke margin of victory was in 1968 when the USA prevailed over Great Britain and Ireland (868-869) in Australia.*
- *New Zealand was vying for its first medal (fifth overall) since it won gold in 1992 with a four-player team of Phillip Tataurangi, Michael Campbell, Stephen Scahill and Gordon Moorheard that broke the WATC scoring record by 11 strokes with an 823. At that time, three scores of four counted and the previous mark was 834 set by the USA in 1960 with a team that included Jack Nicklaus. The USA finished second that year with two Major*

*winner on the team – Justin Leonard (1997 Open) and David Duval (2001 Open).  
Tataurangi and Campbell finished one-two in the individual scoring.*

- *USA won its 26<sup>th</sup> medal (15 gold, nine silver and two bronze).*
- *Spain won its fourth overall medal and first since a bronze-medal finish in 2014.*
- *Defending champion Australia finished T-12th.*
- *The winning team gets custody of the Eisenhower Trophy for the ensuing two years and each player receives a gold medal. The second-place team receives silver medals and the third-place team receives bronze medals.*

### **What's Next:**

The 32nd World Amateur Team Championship for the Eisenhower Trophy and the 29th Women's World Amateur Team Championship for the Espirito Santo Trophy are set for Hong Kong in 2020.

### **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/](http://igfgolf.org/watc/watc-2018/)

**County Kildare/Dublin, Ireland – Results from Saturday's fourth 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. Denmark (DEN) - 132 M-139 O-137 M-133 O--541 (-39)  
Nicolai Hojgaard 71-70-67-66--274  
Rasmus Hojgaard 68-70-70-67--275  
John Axelsen 64-69-74-69--276
2. United States of America (USA) - 140 M-133 O-134 M-135 O--542 (-38)  
Justin Suh 69-67-68-69--273  
Collin Morikawa 72-66-66-71--275  
Cole Hammer 71-71-72-66--280
3. Spain (ESP) - 140 O-133 M-134 M-137 O--544 (-36)  
Alejandro Del Rey 70-64-68-65--267  
Angel Hidalgo 73-69-66-72--280  
Victor Pastor 70-75-71-73--289
4. New Zealand (NZL) - 139 O-131 M-134 M-141 O--545 (-35)  
Daniel Hillier 69-65-69-70--273  
Denzel Ieremia 70-66-65-76--277  
Kerry Mountcastle 73-76-70-71--290
- T5. Italy (ITA) - 141 M-133 O-134 M-140 O--548 (-32)  
Lorenzo Filippo Scalise 68-69-68-70--275  
Stefano Mazzoli 79-64-66-70--279  
Giovanni Manzoni 73-77-73-72--295
- T5. Norway (NOR) - 141 O-138 M-133 M-136 O--548 (-32)  
Viktor Hovland 70-73-65-67--275  
Kristoffer Reitan 71-70-68-69--278  
Jarle Volden 72-68-73-69--282
- T5. Thailand (THA) - 140 O-131 M-136 M-141 O--548 (-32)  
Sadom Kaewkanjana 66-65-75-70--276

Witchayanon Chothirunrungrueng 75-66-65-72--278  
Kosuke Hamamoto 74-71-71-71--287  
8.England (ENG) - 140 O-138 M-137 M-134 O--549 (-31)  
Gian Marco Petrozzi 70-68-67-71--276  
Matthew Jordan 73-70-70-65--278  
Mitchell Waite 70-70-73-69--282  
9.Canada (CAN) - 139 M-133 O-142 M-136 O--550 (-30)  
Joey Savoie 71-67-71-68--277  
Hugo Bernard 74-66-71-68--279  
Garrett Rank 68-72-71-72--283  
T10.Germany (GER) - 143 M-134 O-135 M-141 O--553 (-27)  
Allen John 69-67-69-72--277  
Hurly Long 74-76-66-69--285  
Marc Hammer 77-67-74-74--292  
T10.Ireland (IRL) - 134 M-137 O-145 M-137 O--553 (-27)  
Robin Dawson 65-68-74-69--276  
John Murphy 69-70-74-68--281  
Conor Purcell 69-69-71-74--283  
T12.Australia (AUS) - 141 M-138 O-137 M-138 O--554 (-26)  
Min Woo Lee 72-68-66-68--274  
Shae Wools-Cobb 72-70-71-70--283  
David Micheluzzi 69-74-71-72--286  
T12.Scotland (SCO) - 144 M-136 O-136 M-138 O--554 (-26)  
Ryan Lumsden 71-67-69-71--278  
Sandy Scott 73-71-67-67--278  
Euan Walker 73-69-74-71--287  
14.Austria (AUT) - 139 M-136 O-138 M-142 O--555 (-25)  
Niklas Regner 70-67-69-70--276  
Lukas Lipold 69-69-69-72--279  
Maximilian Steinlechner 73-69-73-73--288  
T15.Japan (JPN) - 137 M-144 O-139 M-136 O--556 (-24)  
Takumi Kanaya 66-68-67-67--268  
Daiki Imano 71-76-75-78--300  
Keita Nakajima NC-NC-72-69--NC  
T15.Switzerland (SUI) - 137 O-143 M-138 M-138 O--556 (-24)  
Perry Cohen 65-72-68-68--273  
Jeremy Freiburghaus 72-71-70-70--283  
Loic Ettlin 73-74-76-73--296  
17.Sweden (SWE) - 141 O-133 M-143 M-141 O--558 (-22)  
Oliver Gillberg 70-65-76-69--280  
Tim Widing 71-68-70-72--281  
Fredrik Nilehn 74-68-73-72--287  
T18.Argentina (ARG) - 141 O-137 M-139 M-143 O--560 (-20)  
Mateo Fernandez de Oliveira 68-69-71-74--282  
Martin Contini 73-68-68-74--283  
Andres Schonbaum 76-72-76-69--293  
T18.Chile (CHI) - 140 M-140 O-141 M-139 O--560 (-20)  
Gabriel Morgan Birke 72-71-74-69--286  
Tomas Gana 80-69-69-70--288  
Agustin Errazuriz 68-73-72-76--289  
T18.Colombia (COL) - 143 M-141 O-139 M-137 O--560 (-20)

Ivan Camilo Ramirez Velandia 70-71-70-69--280  
Carlos Ardila 73-70-69-76--288  
Esteban Restrepo 73-78-74-68--293  
T18.Wales (WAL) - 141 O-138 M-142 M-139 O--560 (-20)  
Jake Hapgood 72-68-72-70--282  
Ben Chamberlain 69-74-70-72--285  
Tom Williams 73-70-75-69--287  
22.Czech Republic (CZE) - 142 O-142 M-139 M-139 O--562 (-18)  
Jiri Zuska 74-72-66-69--281  
Simon Zach 69-70-75-70--284  
Petr Hruby 73-72-73-73--291  
23.Republic of Korea (KOR) - 138 M-141 O-139 M-145 O--563 (-17)  
Hoyoung Choi 71-73-68-73--285  
Seungbo Jang 73-68-72-72--285  
Seungtaek Oh 67-78-71-82--298  
24.Poland (POL) - 142 M-142 O-138 M-142 O--564 (-16)  
Alejandro Pedryc 71-68-67-70--276  
Philipp Pakosch 71-77-71-73--292  
Jan Szmidski 78-74-72-72--296  
T25.Belgium (BEL) - 144 M-141 O-141 M-141 O--567 (-13)  
Adrien Dumont de Chassart 71-71-69-68--279  
Jean de Wouters d'Oplinter 73-70-73-74--290  
Alan De Bondt 74-73-72-73--292  
T25.Serbia (SRB) - 147 M-135 O-143 M-142 O--567 (-13)  
Branimir Gudelj 70-67-73-70--280  
Mihailo Dimitrijevic 78-68-70-72--288  
Dane Cvetkovic 77-73-81-72--303  
T25.Singapore (SGP) - 146 M-142 O-139 O-140 M--567 (-13)  
Gregory Foo 70-69-67-71--277  
Donovan Lee 77-73-72-73--295  
Joshua Ho 76-75-78-69--298  
T28.Netherlands (NED) - 144 O-142 M-138 M-144 O--568 (-12)  
Jerry Ji 70-70-68-69--277  
Nordin van Tilburg 75-72-70-75--292  
Stan Kraai 74-81-77-78--310  
T28.People's Republic of China (CHN) - 143 O-143 M-143 M-139 O--568 (-12)  
Huachuang Zhang 71-74-70-66--281  
Enqi Liang 72-72-79-73--296  
Yilong Chen 77-71-73-76--297  
30.South Africa (RSA) - 143 M-151 O-137 O-138 M--569 (-11)  
Matt Saulez 70-75-69-72--286  
Wilco Nienaber 73-76-68-70--287  
Malcolm Mitchell 78-NC-74-68--NC  
31.India (IND) - 137 O-144 M-145 M-144 O--570 (-10)  
Rayhan John Thomas 64-72-69-70--275  
Kshitij Naveed Kaul 73-73-76-74--296  
Aadil Bedi 74-72-79-78--303  
T32.Costa Rica (CRC) - 149 M-135 O-144 M-144 O--572 (-8)  
Luis Gagne 73-67-72-68--280  
Paul Chaplet 77-68-72-76--293  
Alvaro Ortiz 76-74-73-79--302

T32.Hong Kong, China (HKG) - 146 O-146 M-142 O-138 M--572 (-8)  
Leon Philip D'Souza 73-76-72-66--287  
Terrence Ng 73-75-70-72--290  
Matthew Cheung 75-71-72-73--291

T32.Mexico (MEX) - 145 M-146 O-144 O-137 M--572 (-8)  
Alvaro Ortiz Becerra 72-73-70-72--287  
Raul Pereda 73-74-75-68--290  
Aaron Terrazas 81-73-74-69--297

T35.Iceland (ISL) - 147 M-144 O-143 O-139 M--573 (-7)  
Aron Snaer Juliusson 73-72-68-72--285  
Bjarki Petursson 74-73-75-68--290  
Gisli Sveinbergsson 74-72-75-71--292

T35.Portugal (POR) - 138 M-148 O-143 M-144 O--573 (-7)  
Pedro Lencart 67-70-73-71--281  
Vitor Lopes 72-78-70-74--294  
Afonso Girao 71-79-75-73--298

37.Finland (FIN) - 147 M-148 O-139 O-142 M--576 (-4)  
Sami Valimaki 76-73-69-69--287  
Matias Honkala 72-75-70-73--290  
Veeti Mahonen 75-76-78-74--303

38.France (FRA) - 140 M-144 O-147 M-146 O--577 (-3)  
Victor Veyret 70-72-73-72--287  
Frederic Lacroix 70-72-74-77--293  
Jeremy Gandon 75-73-74-74--296

T39.Estonia (EST) - 146 M-139 O-147 M-146 O--578 (-2)  
Joonas Turba 73-69-77-70--289  
Carl Hellat 75-70-72-77--294  
Kevin Christopher Jegers 73-75-75-76--299

T39.Puerto Rico (PUR) - 145 M-145 O-146 O-142 M--578 (-2)  
Max Alverio 71-72-75-71--289  
Jeronimo Esteve 74-79-71-71--295  
Erick Morales 79-73-77-80--309

T41.Chinese Taipei (TPE) - 152 M-145 O-136 O-146 M--579 (-1)  
Wei-Hsuan Wang 76-70-67-73--286  
Yu-Cheng Ho 76-77-69-73--295  
Chia-I Lai 77-75-71-80--303

T41.Guatemala (GUA) - 146 M-143 O-140 O-150 M--579 (-1)  
Daniel Gurtner 71-70-74-75--290  
Alejandro Villavicencio Calderon 75-75-71-75--296  
Pablo Enrique Castellanos Conde 78-73-69-77--297

T43.Peru (PER) - 144 M-144 O-143 M-150 O--581 (+1)  
Luis Fernando Barco 70-72-71-73--286  
Patricio Freundt-Thurne 74-72-72-77--295  
Santiago Zubiato 75-74-78-77--304

T43.Zimbabwe (ZIM) - 141 O-148 M-150 O-142 M--581 (+1)  
David Amm 68-73-79-69--289  
Jack Allard 73-75-73-79--300  
Stuart Krog 74-80-77-73--304

T45.Brazil (BRA) - 148 O-151 M-144 O-139 M--582 (+2)  
Lucas Park 73-75-74-66--288  
Herik Machado 75-76-70-73--294

Daniel Kenji Ishii 77-77-77-80--311  
T45.Slovakia (SVK) - 148 M-148 O-144 O-142 M--582 (+2)  
Pavol Mach 73-70-75-70--288  
Michal Brezovsky 75-78-69-72--294  
Branislav Lucansky 80-78-81-83--322  
T45.Venezuela (VEN) - 145 O-142 M-148 M-147 O--582 (+2)  
Jorge Garcia 68-69-71-70--278  
Konrad Brauckmeyer 77-73-77-78--305  
Ezequiel Prieto 82-82-79-77--320  
48.Dominican Republic (DOM) - 141 M-146 O-148 M-148 O--583 (+3)  
Juan Guerra 70-71-71-70--282  
Rhadames Pena 71-75-77-78--301  
Enrique Jose Valverde A 77-76-81-80--314  
49.Morocco (MAR) - 148 M-144 O-150 O-144 M--586 (+6)  
Ayoub Id Omar 74-68-71-67--280  
Soufiane Dahmane 75-76-80-78--309  
Othman Raouzi 74-83-79-77--313  
50.Bermuda (BER) - 144 O-155 M-143 O-146 M--588 (+8)  
Jarryd Dillas 72-75-71-74--292  
Walker Campbell 72-81-72-72--297  
Mikus Ming 77-80-79-74--310  
51.Turkey (TUR) - 149 M-150 O-147 O-150 M--596 (+16)  
Taner Yamac 74-75-76-74--299  
Leon Kerem Acikalin 75-75-71-82--303  
Hamza Esmer 78-75-83-76--312  
52.Slovenia (SLO) - 152 O-151 M-149 O-147 M--599 (+19)  
Mark Trnovec 78-76-72-73--299  
Kristijan Vojteh Burkelca 77-75-78-74--304  
Vid Potocar 75-80-77-76--308  
T53.Qatar (QAT) - 148 O-156 M-149 O-148 M--601 (+21)  
Ali Al Shahrani 76-81-74-71--302  
Saleh Al Kaabi 72-79-75-77--303  
Jaham Al Kuwari 86-77-77-82--322  
T53.Uruguay (URU) - 148 M-151 O-151 O-151 M--601 (+21)  
Miguel Reyes 73-76-77-73--299  
Facundo Alvarez 75-75-74-80--304  
Nicholas Teuten 75-76-78-78--307  
T55.Croatia (CRO) - 146 O-154 M-153 O-151 M--604 (+24)  
Lucas Buerk 73-76-74-77--300  
Ivan Vucemil 73-79-80-75--307  
Marko Stepinac 76-78-79-76--309  
T55.Luxembourg (LUX) - 150 O-152 M-149 O-153 M--604 (+24)  
Georges Weis 75-76-72-78--301  
Charles Weis 75-76-77-75--303  
David Winandy 76-82-90-83--331  
57.Saudi Arabia (KSA) - 150 M-144 O-155 O-158 M--607 (+27)  
Khalid Attieh 77-72-77-77--303  
Othman Almulla 73-72-78-81--304  
Ali Alsakha 77-78-78-81--314  
T58.Cayman Islands (CAY) - 157 O-150 M-154 O-147 M--608 (+28)  
Justin Hastings 78-76-74-74--302

Aaron Jarvis 79-75-80-73--307  
Payten Wight 82-75-80-79--316  
T58.Panama (PAN) - 156 O-152 M-151 O-149 M--608 (+28)  
Jean Louis Ducruet 79-75-75-75--304  
Miguel Ordonez 77-77-76-76--306  
Luis Cargiulo 83-79-77-74--313  
60.Malta (MLT) - 151 O-153 M-156 O-149 M--609 (+29)  
Ruud Critien 75-78-81-74--308  
John Junior Micallef 76-81-77-75--309  
Andrew Borg 81-75-79-79--314  
61.United Arab Emirates (UAE) - 156 O-152 M-157 O-145 M--610 (+30)  
Khalid Al Jasmi 73-75-80-70--298  
Ahmad Skaik 83-77-77-75--312  
Saif Thabet 87-83-81-81--332  
62.Liechtenstein (LIE) - 153 O-157 M-150 O-155 M--615 (+35)  
Elias Schreiber 76-74-73-75--298  
Fabian Schredt 77-83-79-80--319  
Sebastian Schredt 79-90-77-80--326  
63.Republic of Moldova (MDA) - 154 O-156 M-156 O-151 M--617 (+37)  
Dennis Volostnykh 71-79-76-72--298  
Alexei Coica 83-77-80-79--319  
Artiom Podgainii 85-100-91-81--357  
64.Bulgaria (BUL) - 158 O-157 M-152 O-153 M--620 (+40)  
Ryan Staykov 77-81-79-71--308  
Vladislav Marinov 81-76-74-82--313  
Dimitar Savov 82-89-78-82--331  
65.Guam (GUM) - 155 M-152 O-158 O-162 M--627 (+47)  
Redge Camacho 75-74-76-78--303  
Daryl Poe 80-79-82-84--325  
Robert Manalo 82-78-86-NC--NC  
66.Lithuania (LTU) - 161 O-166 M-154 O-158 M--639 (+59)  
Gediminas Markevicius 77-76-71-77--301  
Darius Momkus 86-90-83-81--340  
Mindaugas Vaicius 84-NC-91-85--NC  
67.Ghana (GHA) - 164 O-165 M-164 O-158 M--651 (+71)  
Yao Dogbe 82-83-79-80--324  
Alan Angel 82-82-85-78--327  
Kofi Kusi-Boateng 90-91-89-91--361  
68.Nigeria (NGR) - 161 O-168 M-168 O-167 M--664 (+84)  
George Inalegwu 81-85-80-80--326  
Oladipo Thompson 85-83-88-92--348  
Jordan Thompson 80-90-92-87--349  
69.Haiti (HAI) - 167 O-170 M-172 O-169 M--678 (+98)  
Jean-Philippe Mehu 79-77-82-82--320  
Maurice Pasha Brandt 95-93-91-87--366  
Roger Saint-Fort 88-99-90-95--372  
70.Iraq (IRQ) - 175 O-172 M-173 O-179 M--699 (+119)  
Amer Radee 85-80-77-78--320  
Laith Barnouti 93-92-96-101--382  
Husam Al-Hashimi 90-103-NC-101--NC  
71.Gabon (GAB) - 193 O-178 M-180 O-176 M--727 (+147)



Alexandre Illien 84-84-92-83--343  
David Perez Ayo 109-94-88-93--384  
72.Armenia (ARM) - 175 O-202 M-187 O-193 M--757 (+177)  
Levon Karakhanyan 91-94-90-93--368  
Roman Balyan 84-108-97-100--389  
Aram Saghatelyan 103-122-101-108—434

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