

EST. 1998 · MYRTLE BEACH, SC

THE ROONEY CUP

28 Years. 26 Cups. 60 Men. One Trophy.

A visual history of golf's most stubbornly contested amateur rivalry — the champions, the formats, the leaderboards, the blowouts, and every man who ever teed it up.

26

CUPS PLAYED

60

PLAYERS

5

FORMATS

1

TIE (2025)

The Cup By The Numbers

1998

First cup, Myrtle Beach

Rooney 67, Rymer 61 — every hole counted as a point

17

Cups won — K. Hoffman

All-time wins leader; 25 cups played, 17–7 record

173

Career points — K. Hoffman

Top point-getter of all time, from 289.5 available

27

Largest margin of victory

Thyen 58.5 – Meily 31.5, Las Vegas 2007

1

Point separated 2009

Blanco 54.5 – Guttler 53.5, the closest cup ever

60–60

The 2025 deadlock

First tie in history — settled by the captains' match

Moments That Made the Legend

1998

A self-made MVP

Keith Hoffman buys the trophy and names himself MVP. The tournament is named for the first winning captain.

2001

16–2

Team K. Hoffman gets blown out on day two by fourteen points — still the most lopsided single day ever.

2004

The broken wrist

Thyen busts his wrist two days before the cup, sits out Thursday and Friday — then sweeps Lambiase 3–0 on Saturday.

2005

The 15-hour day

Two rounds, three rain delays. Blanco limps in with a charley horse and sweeps Pooter 3–0 anyway.

2008

The draft gamble

Thyen defers the #1 pick, then erases a 10-point deficit for the biggest comeback in Cup history.

2010

Meily goes 15–0

The first perfect weekend — and it still wasn't enough to stop MVP Justin Dunbar.

2011

The year of drop-outs

Erhartic, Nemec, Rymer and Meade all bail. The group plays 12 v. 10 and the cup survives anyway.

2022

The 35-footer

Colleran walks it off in sideways hail to flip the cup to Team Spud by three.

2023

Ophelia turns out to sea

The 25th anniversary at Kiawah dodges a hurricane by a few miles and gets all three rounds in.

Every Cup, 1998 – 2011

YEAR	DESTINATION	THE MATCH	SCORE	MVP
1998	Myrtle Beach, SC	Rooney def. Rymer	67 – 61	K. Hoffman
1999	Myrtle Beach, SC	Rooney def. Kyle	27.5 – 23.5	K. Hoffman
2000	Myrtle Beach, SC	Nemec def. Rooney	38 – 34	Meily
2001	Myrtle Beach, SC	Nemec def. K. Hoffman	43.5 – 22.5	Bennett
2002	Las Vegas, NV	R. Hoffman def. Coyne	31.5 – 28.5	Dolan
2003	Myrtle Beach, SC	R. Hoffman def. Shay	48.5 – 23.5	Spud
2004	Myrtle Beach, SC	Cassidy def. Dolan	37 – 35	K. Hoffman
2005	Myrtle Beach, SC	Meade def. Spud	48.5 – 41.5	Blanco
2006	Scottsdale, AZ	Meade def. Cassidy	53 – 37	Coyne
2007	Las Vegas, NV	Thyen def. Meily	58.5 – 31.5	Dolan
2008	Scottsdale, AZ	Thyen def. Colleran	41.5 – 33.5	K. Hoffman
2009	Calabash, NC	Blanco def. Guttler	54.5 – 53.5	Shay
2010	Pinehurst, NC	Gerardi def. Blanco	58.5 – 49.5	Dunbar
2011	Hilton Head, SC	Soha def. Gerardi	53.25 – 51.75	K. Hoffman

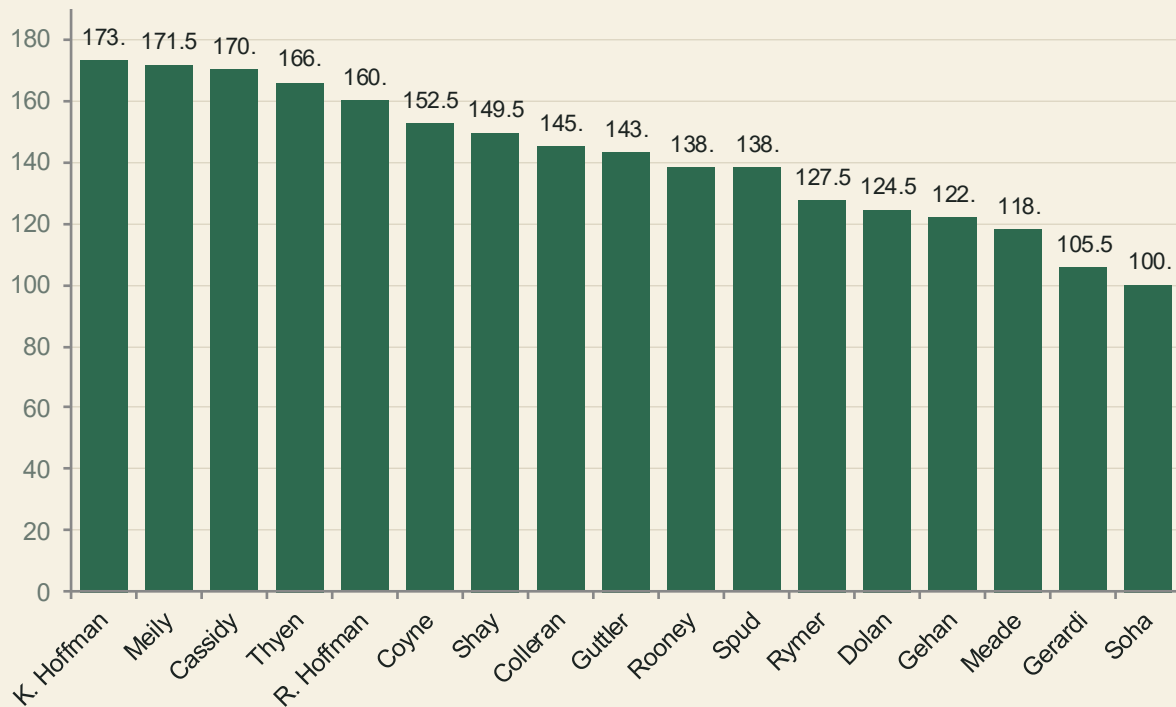
Team Rooney reeled off the first two before Nemec ended the dynasty in 2000. The 2009 cup was decided by a single point.

Every Cup, 2012 – 2025

YEAR	DESTINATION	THE MATCH	SCORE	MVP
2012	W. Palm Beach, FL	Liguori def. Soha	57 – 51	Shay
2013	Scottsdale, AZ	Erhartic def. Liguori	66.5 – 41.5	Gehan
2014	Williamsburg, VA	McDevitt def. Gehan	47.25 – 41.75	R. Hoffman
2015	Verona, NY	Kutny def. McDevitt	39 – 33	Guttler
2016	Ocean City, MD	McCart def. Kutny	49.5 – 40.5	Dunbar
2017	Crystal Springs, NJ	McCart def. Dunbar	45.5 – 44.5	Gehan
2018	Prattville, AL	GAMBLEPALOOZA	no cup	Meade
2019	Verona, NY	R. Hoffman def. Rymer	42 – 36	Guttler
2020	—	CANCELLED · COVID-19	—	—
2021	Queenstown, MD	K. Hoffman def. Shay	36 – 22	Cassidy
2022	Verona, NY	Spud def. Coyne	28.5 – 25.5	Colleran
2023	Kiawah Island, SC	Thyen def. Meade	45 – 27	Rymer
2024	Harbour Town, SC	Meily def. Colleran	25.5 – 24	Rymer
2025	Scottsdale, AZ	Guttler def. Cassidy	60 – 60 (tie)	Thyen

Four of the last eleven cups were decided by 1.5 points or fewer — including the first outright tie in Rooney Cup history.

Career Points — The Big Board



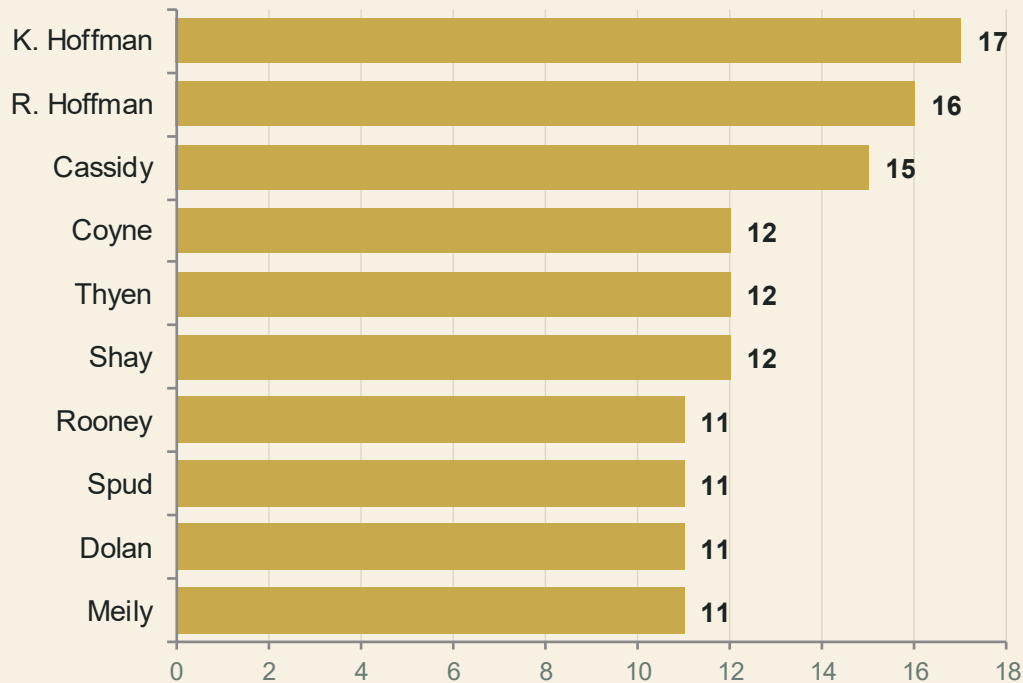
WIN RATE

Points won as a share of points available

1	Dolan	61.0%
2	K. Hoffman	59.8%
3	Gehan	59.4%
4	Thyen	58.9%
5	Cassidy	55.3%
6	Meily	54.7%
7	Rooney	54.4%
8	Guttler	52.4%
9	R. Hoffman	50.1%

Career totals across singles and team matches. Gamblepalooza (2018) is excluded from the workbook's weighted totals.

Most Rooney Cup Victories



Eleven more captains sit at 1–1. Every man in the group has now captained at least once.

THE CAPTAINS' LEDGER

3–0**R. Hoffman · Thyen***Perfect. Untouchable.***2–0****Nemec · McCart***Two-for-two and retired on top***2–1****Rooney · Meade***The workhorses***1–2****Cassidy***Drafted well, finished second***0–2****Rymer · Shay · Colleran***The Johnny Ringo club*

The Five Formats

The Rooney Cup has grown from a single hole-by-hole slugfest into a five-format, 96-point marathon.

1998

Hole-by-hole

Every hole counted as a point. 67–61. Never again.

1999

Three points per match

The scoring system that has survived 26 cups.

2000

Scramble added

Two-man scramble day; the three-day tourney is born.

2005

Alternate shot added

A fourth round joins the rotation.

2006

Handicaps arrive

Best Ball and Singles handicapped for the first time.

2010

Everything handicapped

All five rounds, same tees for everyone.

2021

Shamble debuts

Scramble off the tee, play your own ball in.

2024

The 80% rule

Handicaps trimmed to 80% in the four team matches.

Over the last eight full cups: 24 singles points + 72 team points = 96 points available per cup.

The Scramble

HOW IT WORKS

Two men, one ball, best shot each time. Added in 2000 to open the cup — traditionally the session that sets the tone for the whole weekend.

Introduced **2000**

Position **Opening session**

Handicapped since **2010**

THE SCRAMBLE PARADOX

0 for 2

In both 2010 and 2016, the team that won the scramble went on to lose the cup.

DEFINING MOMENTS

2009

Everyone expected Team Guttler to own the non-handicapped rounds. Team Blanco won the scramble 11–7 instead.

2010

Team Blanco pulled off the impossible and took the scramble by 3 — the only format they'd win all week.

2016

Team Kutny jumped to a 10–5 scramble lead. It was the last lead they would ever hold.

2017

Team McCart opened with an 11–4 laugh; Team Dunbar answered with an 11–4 drubbing the same day.

2021

Rain wiped out the best ball. The group ditched it and kayaked through a scramble instead.

Best Ball

HOW IT WORKS

Both players play their own ball; the better score counts. The oldest surviving format on the board — on the schedule since 1999 and the first to be handicapped.

Introduced **1999**

First handicapped **2006**

Most in one cup **2 (2009, 2010)**

THE STAPLE

26 cups

Best ball has appeared in every contested cup since 1999 — no other format comes close.

DEFINING MOMENTS

1999

The original. Legends/Heathland hosted the first best ball in Rooney Cup history.

2006

Best Ball and Singles became the first two formats ever played off handicaps.

2009

Doubled up to Best Ball I and II. Team Guttler stormed back 12.5–5.5 in the first one.

2012

Blanco posted 144 and 129 across the two best ball rounds — the scores that defined his cup.

2024

Moved to the morning to beat the forecast. The only round that got a full 18 that day.

Alternate Shot

HOW IT WORKS

Two men, one ball, hitting in turn. Added as a fourth round in 2005. The format nobody asks for, and the one cups keep turning on.

Introduced **2005**

Reputation **The great equaliser**

Handicapped since **2010**

THE SWING SESSION

2012

Team Soha were smelling victory until the dreaded alt shot format. They never recovered.

DEFINING MOMENTS

2005

Added as a fourth round in Myrtle Beach, expanding the cup's format rotation for good.

2009

The Gerardi Gambit — Shay and Blanco drafted Gerardi planning to sacrifice him in the alt shot.

2012

Blanco and McDevitt went 3–0 with a team score of 103 and swung the cup to Team Liguori.

2014

Strokes barely mattered: the team giving strokes won five matches, the team getting them won one.

2019

With only 18 men, alt shot became the single round anybody had to sit out.

Shamble

HOW IT WORKS

Scramble off the tee, then play your own ball in. The newest format in the rotation, introduced at Queenstown in 2021.

Introduced **2021**

Newest format **Yes**

Shortest ever **9 holes (2024)**

MOST LOPSIDED SESSION

11.5 – 0.5

Team K. Hoffman's 2021 shamble remains the most one-sided session of the modern era.

DEFINING MOMENTS

2021

The inaugural shamble. Team K. Hoffman took Team Shay to the wood shed, 11.5 to 0.5.

2021

That single session ended the cup as a contest — the Friday night party started a day early.

2024

Cut to nine holes for weather, with a maximum of 1.5 points available from the round.

Rule

If only one score is posted in a shamble, that score becomes the team score.

Today

Now a fixture of the modern five-format, 96-point cup.

Singles

HOW IT WORKS

One man against one man, three points on the line. The closing session of every cup, played to Presidents Cup pairings — and the format that has decided more cups than any other.

Introduced **1998**

Points per cup **24 of 96**

Handicapped since **2006**

BEST SINGLES RECORD

72.5%

Danny Dolan: 37 points won, 14 lost. A decade without losing a singles match.

DEFINING MOMENTS

2008

Dolan lost his first singles match in a ten-year career, 3–0 to Keith Hoffman, who took MVP for it.

2012

"Sweeps win Rooney Cups." Six Team Liguori men swept on Sunday to take the cup.

2014

Team McDevitt laid the smackdown, winning singles 18.5–11.5 to steal the cup by 5.5.

2017

Team Dunbar erased a six-point deficit and still lost by one. The closest singles comeback.

2022

Colleran drained a 35-footer in the final group — 5.5 to 0.5 — to walk off the cup for Team Spud.

2025

Tied going into singles, tied coming out. The captains' match settled it 3–0 for Guttler.

Singles: The Gunslingers

Sunday singles is where cups are won — 24 of the 96 points. These are the men you did not want to see across the first tee.

72.5%**Dolan**

37 – 14 pts

71.2%**Thyen**

47 – 19 pts

67.5%**Rooney**

42.5 – 20.5 pts

60.1%**K. Hoffman**

41.5 – 27.5 pts

59.4%**Colleran**

41 – 28 pts

58.3%**Guttler**

35 – 25 pts

57.6%**Cassidy**

41.5 – 30.5 pts

55.8%**Meade**

33.5 – 26.5 pts

52.1%**Meily**

37.5 – 34.5 pts

51.4%**Coyne**

37 – 35 pts

Doctor Death. Danny Dolan went a decade without losing a singles match — the streak ended in 2008 when Keith Hoffman beat him 3–0 and took MVP. Dolan's 71 in Vegas 2007 is a personal Cup best.

Team Matches: Career Leaders

Scramble, best ball, alternate shot and shamble combined — 72 of the 96 points on offer each cup.

65.7%**Gehan**

107.5 – 56

56.5%**Dolan**

86.5 – 66.5

55.9%**Meily**

134 – 105.5

55.1%**Thyen**

119 – 97

53.7%**Cassidy**

126 – 108.5

52.8%**R. Hoffman**

129 – 115.5

51.8%**Gerardi**

87 – 81

50.7%**Guttler**

108 – 105

50.2%**K. Hoffman**

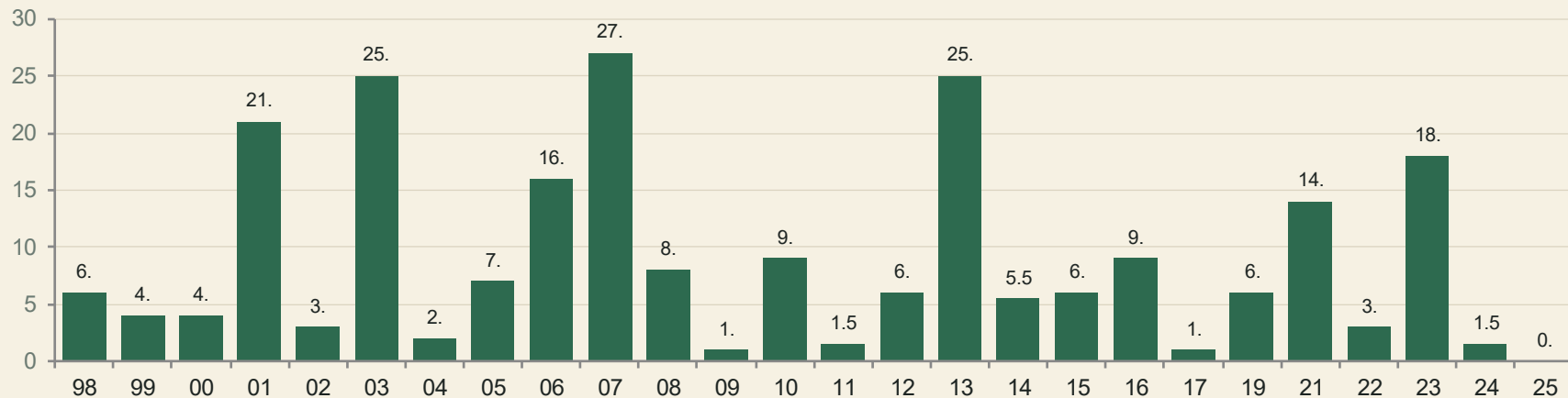
131.5 – 130.5

49.4%**Rooney**

95.5 – 98

The Gehan anomaly. No regular comes close to Joe Gehan in team play — 107.5 points from 163.5 contested across 15 cups. He is also the only man whose team record (65.7%) towers over his singles record (34.5%), a near-perfect inversion of the usual pattern.

Margin of Victory, Every Year



WIDEST

27 pts 2007 · Las Vegas

Thyen 58.5 – Meily 31.5. Thyen won the Dolan sweepstakes and cruised.

TIGHTEST

1 pt 2009 · Calabash

Blanco 54.5 – Guttler 53.5. Half a point the other way and Guttler lifts it.

UNPRECEDENTED

0 pts 2025 · Scottsdale

60–60. Guttler took it on the captains' match, 3–0, per the bylaws.

2018 (Gamblepalooza) and 2020 (cancelled) are excluded. 2003 and 2013 tie at 25 points for second-widest.

MVPs and Goats

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

5	K. Hoffman	'98 '99 '04 '08 '11
2	Dolan	'02 '07
2	Shay	'09 '12
2	Dunbar	'10 '16
2	Gehan	'13 '17
2	Guttler	'15 '19
2	Rymer	'23 '24

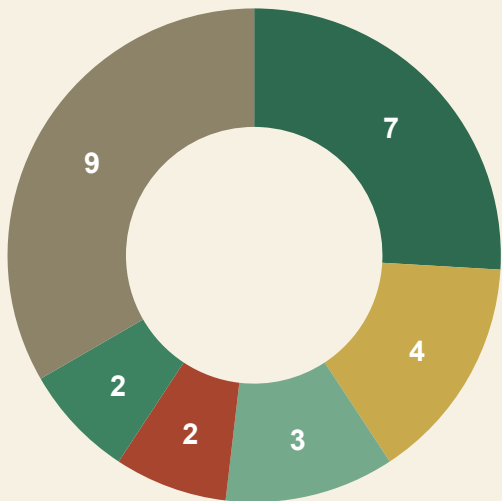
Keith Rymer went back-to-back in 2023–24 — the first repeat since Hoffman's self-proclaimed era. Ten other men own a single MVP, including Thyen, who finally broke through in 2025.

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

4	Shay	'04 '13 '21 '23
2	Blanco	'10 '14
2	Dunbar	'07 '17
2	Spud	'12 '19
2	Rymer	'15 '22
2	Meily	'02 '16

Brendan Shay owns the dubious record — four goats, including two self-awarded as captain. The LVP became mandatory after Soha tried to skip it in 2012.

27 Cups, 16 Destinations



■ Myrtle Beach ■ Scottsdale ■ Turning Stone
■ Hilton Head area ■ Las Vegas ■ One-offs

7 ×

Myrtle Beach, SC

The cradle. Seven of the first eight cups, 1998–2005.

4 ×

Scottsdale, AZ

Troon North, The Boulders, We-Ko-Pa, TPC — and 110° in 2008.

3 ×

Turning Stone, NY

Atunyote, Shenendoah, Kaluhyat. Cold, casino, chaos.

1 ×

Kiawah Island, SC

The 25th anniversary. The Ocean Course. Hurricane Ophelia turned out to sea.

Also visited: Calabash, Pinehurst, W. Palm Beach, Williamsburg, Ocean City, Crystal Springs, Prattville, Queenstown, Harbour Town.

SHOWING UP

The Iron Men

Cups played — the men who kept answering the bell.

27

Coyne

26

R. Hoffman

26

Shay

25

K. Hoffman

25

Cassidy

25

Meily

25

Rymer

25

Spud

24

Thyen

24

Colleran

23

Rooney

22

Meade

NEVER MISSED A CUP

Bill Thyen • Matt Coyne

60 men have teed it up in a Rooney Cup. Fifteen of them played exactly one — the one-timers, the ringers, the legends of a single weekend. Ryan Morgan's 3–0 debut in 2023 is the best cameo on record.

ONE AND DONE

The One-Timers

Fifteen men played exactly one Rooney Cup. The replacements, the ringers, the friends-of-friends — and one or two who left a mark.

Gifford

Early era

One of the original 1999 names on the board.

Valentine

Early era

A single appearance in the Myrtle Beach years.

Teti

1999

Won the LVP in his only cup — 0 points in singles.

Bennett

2001

Won MVP as a one-timer. Never seen or heard from again.

Tobins

2001

Drafted, played, departed. 1.5 points.

Hanna

2002

8.5 points in Las Vegas — a strong one-and-done.

Hudak

2005

3.5 points in the 15-hour-day cup.

Harris

2003

Took the LVP with 1 point in Myrtle Beach.

T. Coyne

2010

Beat Blanco in singles at Pine Needles.

Brannigan

2010

Went 3–0 in alternate shot at Pinehurst.

Lucas

2011

The PGA pro. A genuine ringer brought in as a replacement.

Sapp

2014

Filled in for Liguori and posted a 79.2% win rate — 9.5 from 12.

Antoni-o-fer

2016

Meily's friend who bets on golf for a living. Scored zero.

Camp

2019

Pulled in at the last minute. 2.5 points; the Thursday round was unkind.

Mostek

2025

The newest name. Won his singles match 2.5 – 0.5 on debut.

The best and worst of them. Chad Bennett is the only man to win MVP and never return. Will Sapp posted the highest win rate of any player in Cup history at 79.2%. Teti and Harris both took the LVP in their single appearance.

Career Records, Man by Man

Keith Hoffman

25 cups · 17–7

59.8%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 173 / 289.5

Singles 41.5 – 27.5

Team 131.5 – 130.5

MVP · LVP 5 · 0

The all-time leader in points, cups won and MVPs. Bought the first trophy in 1998 and named himself MVP.

Mike Meily

25 cups · 11–13

54.7%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 171.5 / 313.5

Singles 37.5 – 34.5

Team 134 – 105.5

MVP · LVP 1 · 2

Second in career points and the first man ever to post a perfect 15–0 weekend (2010).

Kevin Cassidy

25 cups · 15–9

55.3%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 170 / 307.5

Singles 41.5 – 30.5

Team 126 – 108.5

MVP · LVP 1 · 0

Third all-time in both points and cups won. MVP at Queenstown in 2021.

Bill Thyen

24 cups · 12–11

58.9%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 166 / 282

Singles 47 – 19

Team 119 – 97

MVP · LVP 1 · 0

The Cup historian and a 3–0 captain. Best singles points total in history; won his first MVP in 2025.

Career Records, Man by Man

Rob Hoffman

26 cups · 16–10

50.1%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 160 / 319.5

Singles 31 – 44

Team 129 – 115.5

MVP · LVP 1 · 1

Second in cups won and a perfect 3–0 as captain. Took MVP in 2014 after years of being overdue.

Matt Coyne

27 cups · 12–14

48.9%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 152.5 / 312

Singles 37 – 35

Team 115.5 – 128.5

MVP · LVP 1 · 0

The only man to play all 27 cups. MVP in 2006 and the odds-on favourite who finally aced it in 2025.

Brendan Shay

26 cups · 12–13

48.6%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 149.5 / 307.5

Singles 35 – 40

Team 114.5 – 118

MVP · LVP 2 · 4

Two MVPs and a record four LVPs. A 0–2 captain who once drove five hours on a Saturday to make singles.

Kevin Colleran

24 cups · 8–15

48.6%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 145 / 298.5

Singles 41 – 28

Team 104 – 125.5

MVP · LVP 1 · 1

Fifth-best singles rate of all time. Walked off the 2022 cup with a 35-foot putt in sideways hail.

Win rate = career points ÷ points available. Singles and Team shown as points won – points lost.

Career Records, Man by Man

Charlie Guttler

21 cups · 9–11

52.4%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 143 / 273

Singles 35 – 25

Team 108 – 105

MVP · LVP 2 · 0

The White Rhino. Two MVPs, and the captain who lifted the first tied cup in 2025.

Jim Rooney

23 cups · 11–11

54.4%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 138 / 253.5

Singles 42.5 – 20.5

Team 95.5 – 98

MVP · LVP 0 · 1

The man the Cup is named after — the first winning captain, and third-best singles rate ever.

Spud (Ed Kelley)

25 cups · 11–13

45.3%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 138 / 304.5

Singles 36.5 – 36.5

Team 101.5 – 130

MVP · LVP 1 · 2

MVP in 2003 and a 1–1 captain, recorded in the books as Kelley. Dead even in singles: 36.5 for, 36.5 against.

Keith Rymer

25 cups · 8–16

44.0%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 127.5 / 289.5

Singles 22 – 47

Team 105.5 – 115

MVP · LVP 2 · 2

Back-to-back MVP in 2023 and 2024 after years of facing Doctor Death without strokes.

Career Records, Man by Man

Danny Dolan

17 cups · 11–6

61.0%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 124.5 / 204

Singles 37 – 14

Team 86.5 – 66.5

MVP · LVP 2 · 0

Doctor Death. The best win rate in Cup history and a decade without losing a singles match.

Joe Gehan

15 cups · 8–6

59.4%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 122 / 205.5

Singles 14.5 – 27.5

Team 107.5 – 56

MVP · LVP 2 · 0

Governor and two-time MVP. The best team-match record ever recorded — and the worst singles gap.

Jim Meade

22 cups · 11–10

43.9%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 118 / 268.5

Singles 33.5 – 26.5

Team 84.5 – 124

MVP · LVP 1 · 0

A 2–1 captain who won the 2018 Gamblepalooza outright and was retroactively awarded the MVP.

Mike Gerardi

17 cups · 6–10

48.8%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 105.5 / 216

Singles 18.5 – 29.5

Team 87 – 81

MVP · LVP 0 · 1

Governor from 2021. Won the cup as captain in 2010 and took the LVP himself in 2011.

Career Records, Man by Man

Tim Soha

17 cups · 7–10

45.7%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 100 / 219

Singles 24.5 – 26.5

Team 75.5 – 92.5

MVP · LVP 0 · 0

Won the cup as captain in 2011 by 1.5 points, then tried to abolish the LVP in 2012.

Ryan Morgan

3 cups · 3–0

44.8%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 19.5 / 43.5

Singles 4.5 – 4.5

Team 15 – 19.5

MVP · LVP 0 · 0

Unbeaten. Arrived at Kiawah in 2023 as an unknown 30 handicap and posted 8.5 points.

Kevin Mostek

1 cup · 0–1

43.3%

CAREER WIN RATE

Points 6.5 / 15

Singles 2.5 – 0.5

Team 4 – 8

MVP · LVP 0 · 0

The newest name on the board, debuting in Scottsdale in 2025.

Every Player, Every Stat

PLAYER	CUPS	W-L	PTS	AVAIL	WIN %	SINGLES	TEAM MATCHES
K. Hoffman	25	17-7	173	289.5	59.8%	41.5 – 27.5	131.5 – 130.5
Meily	25	11-13	171.5	313.5	54.7%	37.5 – 34.5	134 – 105.5
Cassidy	25	15-9	170	307.5	55.3%	41.5 – 30.5	126 – 108.5
Thyen	24	12-11	166	282	58.9%	47 – 19	119 – 97
R. Hoffman	26	16-10	160	319.5	50.1%	31 – 44	129 – 115.5
Coyne	27	12-14	152.5	312	48.9%	37 – 35	115.5 – 128.5
Shay	26	12-13	149.5	307.5	48.6%	35 – 40	114.5 – 118
Colleran	24	8-15	145	298.5	48.6%	41 – 28	104 – 125.5
Guttler	21	9-11	143	273	52.4%	35 – 25	108 – 105
Rooney	23	11-11	138	253.5	54.4%	42.5 – 20.5	95.5 – 98
Spud	25	11-13	138	304.5	45.3%	36.5 – 36.5	101.5 – 130
Rymer	25	8-16	127.5	289.5	44.0%	22 – 47	105.5 – 115
Dolan	17	11-6	124.5	204	61.0%	37 – 14	86.5 – 66.5
Gehan	15	8-6	122	205.5	59.4%	14.5 – 27.5	107.5 – 56
Meade	22	11-10	118	268.5	43.9%	33.5 – 26.5	84.5 – 124
Gerardi	17	6-10	105.5	216	48.8%	18.5 – 29.5	87 – 81

Ranked by career points. Singles and Team Matches shown as points won – points lost.

Every Player, Every Stat

PLAYER	CUPS	W-L	PTS	AVAIL	WIN %	SINGLES	TEAM MATCHES
Soha	17	7-10	100	219	45.7%	24.5 – 26.5	75.5 – 92.5
Blanco	n/r	10-3	72.5	165	43.9%	19 – 20	53.5 – 72.5
Kutny	9	5-4	69	126	54.8%	10.5 – 13.5	58 – 41
Liguori	n/r	3-5	55.5	108	51.4%	8 – 16	47.5 – 36.5
McCart	6	5-1	49	90	54.4%	11 – 7	38 – 34
Dunbar	9	3-6	48.5	114	42.5%	10.5 – 16.5	38 – 49
McDevitt	9	4-4	43.5	114	38.2%	9.5 – 14.5	31 – 59
Erhartic	n/r	5-4	43	111	38.7%	12.5 – 13.5	30.5 – 53.5
Parsons	n/r	2-3	36.5	75	48.7%	3 – 12	33.5 – 26.5
Florczyk	n/r	3-0	30	45	66.7%	6 – 3	24 – 12
Morgan	3	3-0	19.5	43.5	44.8%	4.5 – 4.5	15 – 19.5
Sapp	n/r	1-0	9.5	12	79.2%	2.5 – 0.5	7 – 2
Mengel	n/r	1-1	9	30	30.0%	4 – 2	5 – 19
Mostek	1	0-1	6.5	15	43.3%	2.5 – 0.5	4 – 8
Camp	n/r	0-1	2.5	15	16.7%	0 – 3	2.5 – 9.5

Points available reconstructed as points won + points lost, which matches every figure the workbook states. n/r = cups not recorded.

The Unrecorded

These men all appear in the match records, but the workbook keeps no career summary line for them — so they carry no points, win rate or cup count.

Ed Nemec

2–0 captain

Won the cup as captain in 2000 and 2001

Paul Kyle

0–1 captain

Lost the 1999 final as captain

Lambiase

Early era

Won the first Hold 'Em title, 2004

Pooter

Early era

The 2005 LVP and infamous draft pick

Cullen

Early era

A regular in the early Myrtle Beach cups

R. Verna

1998

The first LVP in Cup history

G. Verna

2000

LVP the year Nemec ended the dynasty

K. Jamaitis

Early era

Multiple early Myrtle Beach appearances

Kyle Jamaitis

Early era

Played alongside his brother, early era

Lovas

Early era

A regular in the opening cups

Emilian

Early era

Appeared through the Vegas-era cups

Nichols

Early era

A recurring name in 2002–2003

Wheels

2006

1.5 points, LVP, ejected for fudging

Groves

Mid era

Featured in the 2005 and 2009 cups

Mangiaracina

Mid era

On the all-time roll, no summary line

Enright

1998

One of the originals at the first cup

Cimino

1998

Part of the founding 1998 field

Potoma

2005

LVP in the longest day in Cup history

Whelan

2006

LVP on the first trip to Arizona

Ed Nemec is the most notable omission — a perfect 2–0 captain with no career line in the workbook.

2026 AND BEYOND

Rooney vs. Gerardi.

Location: Pinehurst, NC. Captains declared. The 80% handicap rule and the tie-break bylaw both up for debate by the council.

27

cups contested

60

men who've played

1

trophy

"As long as we have a core crew, it doesn't matter where we go."

Myrtle Beach, SC

THE MATCH

Team Rooney

defeats

Team Rymer

67 – 61

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

K. Hoffman

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

R. Verna

THE COURSES

- 1 Myrtle Beach National / West
- 2 Legends / Moorland
- 3 Wild Wing / Hummingbird

HIGHLIGHTS

Scoring was weird — every single hole counted as a point. Never repeated.

Team Fly led by one after the first day before Rooney pulled away.

Keith Hoffman buys the trophy and declares himself MVP.

Match play works. The cup is named for the first winning captain.

The infamous Robb Verna Event. Everything that followed started here.

Myrtle Beach, SC

THE MATCH

Team Rooney

defeats

Team Kyle

27.5 – 23.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

K. Hoffman

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Teti

THE COURSES

- 1 Legends / Heathland
- 2 Wild Wing / Falcon
- 3 Burning Ridge / West

HIGHLIGHTS

The move to a three-points-per-match system — still in use 26 cups later.

Team Kyle blew a first-day lead of 12.5 to 5.5 and lost the cup.

Keith wins MVP again — this time not self-proclaimed.

Rooney becomes the first captain to go back-to-back.

The scoring system that stuck. Everything since has been three points a match.

Myrtle Beach, SC

THE MATCH

Team Nemec

defeats

Team Rooney

38 – 34

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Meily

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

G. Verna

THE COURSES

- 1 Arrowhead CC
- 2 Myrtle Beach National / Kings North
- 3 Legends / Parkland

HIGHLIGHTS

A tight one ends the reign of Team Rooney.

Meily takes 8.5 points and the MVP.

Rule instituted limiting captains to two terms maximum.

The two-man scramble day is added; the three-day tourney is born.

The three-day idea was floated in Looney's Pub — four people still claim credit.

Myrtle Beach, SC

THE MATCH

Team Nemec

defeats

Team K. Hoffman

43.5 – 22.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Bennett

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Rooney

THE COURSES

- 1 The River Club
- 2 True Blue
- 3 Legends / Heritage Club

HIGHLIGHTS

Nemec repeats in a laughter and joins the 2–0 captains club.

Team K. Hoffman was down only 3 after day one, then lost day two 16–2.

Team K. Hoffman's bright orange shirts were a failure.

Long drive and closest-to-the-pin contests added.

Chad Bennett won MVP and was never seen or heard from again.

Las Vegas, NV

THE MATCH

Team R. Hoffman

defeats

Team Coyne

31.5 – 28.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Dolan

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Meily

THE COURSES

- 1 Black Mountain CC
- 2 Highland Falls
- 3 Wild Horse

HIGHLIGHTS

The cup heads west for the first time. Average curfew: 5:00 AM.

Came down to the final group with daylight rapidly deteriorating.

Down 26–28, Dolan sweeps Rymer and Swinging D takes 2.5 from Pooter.

Rob avenges his brother's disastrous loss the year before.

It was later reported that tears were witnessed in Rooney's eyes.

Myrtle Beach, SC

THE MATCH

Team R. Hoffman

defeats

Team Shay

48.5 – 23.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Spud

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Harris

THE COURSES

- 1 Barefoot Resort / Fazio
- 2 Long Bay Club
- 3 Tidewater

HIGHLIGHTS

A 25-point margin — a new Rooney Cup record at the time.

Thunderstorms threatened all week but all three rounds got in.

Spud wins MVP with 9 points.

Dolan takes long drive; Rob wins closest to the pin with a mishit laser.

The last year of the core teams. From 2004, captains draft.

Myrtle Beach, SC

THE MATCH

Team Cassidy

defeats

Team Dolan

37 – 35

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

K. Hoffman

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Shay

THE COURSES

- 1 Barefoot Resort / Love
- 2 Wild Wing / Avocet
- 3 TPC

HIGHLIGHTS

The teams are broken up and the first Rooney Cup draft takes place.

Thyen busted his wrist two days out — then swept Lambiase 3–0 on Saturday.

Team Dolan mounted a huge Saturday comeback; all square into the last group.

Keith swept Rupus 3–0 to get the monkey off his back and take MVP.

The first No Limit Hold 'Em tourney. Lambiase takes the title and \$500.

Myrtle Beach, SC

THE MATCH

Team Meade

defeats

Team Spud

48.5 – 41.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Blanco

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Pooter

THE COURSES

- 1 Legends Parkland & Heathland
- 2 Heritage Club
- 3 Legends / Moorland

HIGHLIGHTS

The infamous 'Pooter' pick — Spud takes Pooter over Blanco and seals his fate.

Team Meade leads wire to wire over Spud, captaining under his given name, Kelley.

Two rounds and three rain delays: the longest day ever, nearly 15 hours.

Blanco gets a severe charley horse, limps from the 8th, sweeps Pooter 3–0.

Pooter's bullet slice hit Rupus in the thigh and dropped him where he stood.

Scottsdale, AZ

THE MATCH

Team Meade

defeats

Team Cassidy

53 – 37

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Coyne

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Wheels

THE COURSES

- 1 Greyhawk
- 2 We-Ko-Pa
- 3 Troon North

HIGHLIGHTS

Handicaps introduced for Best Ball and Singles for the first time.

First trip to Arizona, with temperatures around 103 degrees.

Wheels scores 1.5 points, wins LVP, and is booted for handicap fudging.

Matt Coyne feasted on Wheels, winning three matches to take his first MVP.

Wheels' only real score came at the In-N-Out Burger joint.

Las Vegas, NV

THE MATCH

Team Thyen

defeats

Team Meily

58.5 – 31.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Dolan

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Dunbar

THE COURSES

- 1 Paiute / Snow and Sun
- 2 Paiute / Sun Mountain
- 3 Paiute / Wolf

HIGHLIGHTS

The year of the wind, and of two new captains in Meily and Thyen.

Thyen wins the all-important Dolan sweepstakes and cruises.

The largest point spread in Rooney Cup history: 27.

Dolan shoots a personal Cup best 71 in singles for 11.5 points.

The RC historian is born — Thyen builds the spreadsheet this deck is drawn from.

Scottsdale, AZ

THE MATCH

Team Thyen

defeats

Team Colleran

41.5 – 33.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

K. Hoffman

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Erhartic

THE COURSES

- 1 The Boulders
- 2 Eagle Mountain
- 3 Sunridge Canyon

HIGHLIGHTS

The unprecedented draft gamble: Thyen wins the toss and defers Dolan.

Temperatures hit 110 on Saturday.

Down 10 after day one — the largest comeback in Cup history, winning by 8.

Dolan loses his first singles match in ten years, 3–0 to Keith Hoffman.

Nemec was runner-up MVP with a cup-high 8.5, finally shedding the captain-only tag.

Calabash, NC

THE MATCH

Team Blanco

defeats

Team Guttler

54.5 – 53.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Shay

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Colleran

THE COURSES

- 1 Tigers Eye
- 2 Leopards Chase
- 3 Thistle – Stewart to MacKay

HIGHLIGHTS

'The Gerardi Gambit' — Shay proposes taking an up-and-coming Gerardi 4th.

The year of Joe Gehan, who hadn't touched a club in over 15 years.

Blanco's squad won the scramble 11–7; Guttler's came back 12.5–5.5 in best ball.

The closest cup in history — half a point the other way and Guttler lifts it.

Everyone expected one thing and got the other. No one knows what to think.

Pinehurst, NC

THE MATCH

Team Gerardi

defeats

Team Blanco

58.5 – 49.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Dunbar

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Blanco

THE COURSES

- 1 Talamore Resort Course
- 2 National GC
- 3 Pine Needles

HIGHLIGHTS

First year of 100% handicapped rounds, the Blanco cap and the same tees for all.

Thyen becomes the first #1 pick in the all-handicap system.

Team Blanco won the scramble by 3 — the only format they'd win all week.

Meily puts up the first 15–0 weekend in Cup history and still loses.

In a classy move, Blanco named himself LVP with half a point.

Hilton Head, SC

THE MATCH

Team Soha

defeats

Team Gerardi

53.25 – 51.75

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

K. Hoffman

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Gerardi

THE COURSES

- 1 Palmetto Dunes – Arthur Hills
- 2 Palmetto Dunes – George Fazio
- 3 Palmetto Dunes – RTJ Jr.

HIGHLIGHTS

The year of the drop-outs: Erhartic, Nemec, Rymer and Meade all out.

Team Gerardi finds a ringer in PGA pro Damon Lucas; Florczyk replaces Rymer.

Colleran missed day one, so the cup ran 12 v. 10 and made it work.

Team Soha built a 15-point lead; Gerardi took 32.25 of the last 51 and fell 1.5 short.

The draft was held in Vegas at Keith's bachelor party. A little early? Probably.

W. Palm Beach, FL

THE MATCH

Team Liguori

defeats

Team Soha

57 – 51

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Shay

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Spud

THE COURSES

- 1 PGA National – The Squire
- 2 PGA National – The Palmer
- 3 PGA National – The Champions

HIGHLIGHTS

Ryder Cup format for team days, Presidents Cup for singles — a new system.

Team Soha led by 5 after day one; Liguori answered with a 12–6 afternoon.

Blanco and McDevitt go 3–0 in alt shot with a team score of 103.

Mengel, Cassidy, Shay, Dolan, Colleran and Florczyk all swept on Sunday.

Soha declined to name an LVP. The council ruled it mandatory: every team needs a goat.

Scottsdale, AZ

THE MATCH

Team Erhartic

defeats

Team Liguori

66.5 – 41.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Gehan

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Shay

THE COURSES

- 1 Troon North – Monument
- 2 Grayhawk – Talon
- 3 Southern Dunes

HIGHLIGHTS

After months of trash talk about paper advantages, absolute destruction.

Team Erhartic won every one of the five formats and it was never close.

The 25-point margin was the third largest in Cup history.

Joe Gehan takes the Governor's role, the MVP and next year's captaincy.

Keith Hoffman announces his retirement — and railroads Liguori into naming Shay the goat.

Williamsburg, VA

THE MATCH

Team McDevitt

defeats

Team Gehan

47.25 – 41.75

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

R. Hoffman

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Blanco

THE COURSES

- 1 Royal New Kent
- 2 Stonehouse
- 3 Ford's Colony Blackheath

HIGHLIGHTS

Gehan's reign begins; he wins the toss and takes Keith Hoffman #1 overall.

One of the most intimidating first holes the group has faced — Colleran stuck it to a foot.

Team Gehan led after all four sessions and thought it was a lock.

Team McDevitt won singles 18.5 to 11.5 to steal the cup by 5.5.

The 4:45 AM wake-up call was like getting kicked in the face. The party was back.

Verona, NY

THE MATCH

Team Kutny

defeats

Team McDevitt

39 – 33

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Guttler

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Rymer

THE COURSES

- 1 Turning Stone – Shenendoah
- 2 Turning Stone – Kaluhyat
- 3 Turning Stone – Atunyote

HIGHLIGHTS

McDevitt defers; Meily becomes the #1 overall pick.

Rooney, a perennial first rounder, goes 10th of 14 after off-season surgeries.

Kutny had six of eight players at 19.2 or higher; McDevitt six at 14.5 or below.

Team McDevitt let Kutny lead the first pairing — the blunder that decided it.

Kutny took the cup to every table in the casino, then lay down on the floor.

Ocean City, MD

THE MATCH

Team McCart

defeats

Team Kutny

49.5 – 40.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Dunbar

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Meily

THE COURSES

- 1 Eagles Landing
- 2 Ocean City – Newport Bay
- 3 Lighthouse Sound

HIGHLIGHTS

Kutny grabs Meily #1 overall — but had he flown too close to the sun at a 6 handicap?

Team Kutny jumped to a 10–5 lead after the scramble. It was their last lead.

Team McCart won the next three sessions by a combined 15 points.

Dunbar returns after five years away, wins MVP with 13 points and a sweep of Shay.

Meily finished all four team sessions with zero points. Icarus, meet the LVP.

Crystal Springs, NJ

THE MATCH

Team McCart

defeats

Team Dunbar

45.5 – 44.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Gehan

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Dunbar

THE COURSES

- 1 Wild Turkey / Crystal Springs
- 2 Crystal Springs / Wild Turkey
- 3 Ballyowen

HIGHLIGHTS

Dunbar keeps the first pick and takes Charlie Guttler, the points juggernaut.

Shay drops out of the top five for the first time in millennia, going #9.

An 11–4 scramble laughier was answered by an 11–4 drubbing the same day.

Team Dunbar needed 4.5 of the last 6 points, took 3.5, and lost by one.

Twenty years down, twenty more to go. Everyone in the group has now captained.

Prattville, AL

THE MATCH

GAMBLEPALOOZA

No cup contested

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Meade

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

N/A

THE COURSES

- 1 Capitol Hill – The Judge / Legislator
- 2 Capitol Hill – Legislator / Judge
- 3 Capitol Hill – The Judge

HIGHLIGHTS

Captain R. Hoffman's mysterious shoulder injury, and captain Rymer a no-show.

The council pushes the Hoffman/Rymer match to 2019 and declares Gamblepalooza.

A special council of gaming — Cassidy, Meily and Shay — builds the format.

Meade ran away with the low-net singles round, winning at 5 under.

Out of the ashes, the Winter Soldier drove down the fairway crushing Bud Lights.

Verona, NY

THE MATCH

Team R. Hoffman

defeats

Team Rymer

42 – 36

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Guttler

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Spud

THE COURSES

- 1 Turning Stone – Atunyote
- 2 Turning Stone – Shenendoah
- 3 Turning Stone – Kaluhyat

HIGHLIGHTS

Two years in the making: Rymer vs. Rob Hoffman, battle of the Loyola roommates.

Only 18 men made it, forcing 3-man scrambles and a bespoke format.

Team Hoffman led by 7, then 10. Team Rymer shaved it to 3 on singles day.

The White Rhino delivered — Charlie takes MVP with 13 points.

Rymer heard 'sweep sweep', ran onto the green celebrating, then dropped to his knees.

Queenstown Harbor, MD

THE MATCH

Team K. Hoffman

defeats

Team Shay

36 – 22

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Cassidy

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Shay

THE COURSES

- 1 Queenstown – The River
- 2 Hogs Neck
- 3 Queenstown – The River

HIGHLIGHTS

The first missed year in 22 — COVID-19 cost the group the 2020 cup.

K. Hoffman wins the toss and defers, landing himself the last pick of the draft.

Rain postponed the start; the group ditched best ball and kayaked through a scramble.

The inaugural shamble: Team K. Hoffman win it 11.5 to 0.5 and end the cup.

Spud, the playground last pick, turned it into 9.5 points — most of anyone at the cup.

Verona, NY

THE MATCH

Team Spud

defeats

Team Coyne

28.5 – 25.5

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Colleran

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Rymer

THE COURSES

- 1 Turning Stone – Kaluhyat
- 2 Turning Stone – Atunyote
- 3 Turning Stone – Shenendoah

HIGHLIGHTS

Rooney bows out weeks before; Spud steps in to captain — his second and winning turn.

Two days out, K. Hoffman withdraws and Shay declares a one-year hiatus.

The worst rain and cold the group has seen — sideways hail on day one.

Day two real feel: 14 degrees. Coyne and Meade played in jeans.

Colleran drains a 35-footer to walk it off. The final group came in 5.5 to 0.5.

Kiawah Island, SC

THE MATCH

Team Thyen

defeats

Team Meade

45 – 27

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Rymer

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

Shay

THE COURSES

- 1 Osprey Point
- 2 Turtle Point – Cougar Point
- 3 The Ocean Course

HIGHLIGHTS

The cup of all cups: the 25th anniversary at Kiawah, two undefeated captains.

The Governor broke his collarbone on a tricycle joy ride weeks beforehand.

Hurricane Ophelia turned out to sea; the group got three holes of light sprinkling.

Team Thyen jumped to 16.5–7.5 and never looked back, winning by 18.

Rymer's caddie: 'this guy has made at least 250 feet of putts.' That was enough for MVP.

Harbour Town, SC

THE MATCH

Team Meily

defeats

Team Colleran

25.5 – 24

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Rymer

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

R. Hoffman

THE COURSES

- 1 Heron Point
- 2 Atlantic Dunes
- 3 Harbour Town

HIGHLIGHTS

Colleran stuns the room by deferring the first overall pick.

Meily took all of two milliseconds to announce Keith Hoffman #1.

The 80% handicap rule arrives for the four team matches.

The shamble was cut to nine holes, worth a maximum of 1.5 points.

Colleran won singles 10.5 to 7.5 and still lost the cup by a point and a half.

Scottsdale, AZ

THE MATCH

Team Guttler

drew with

Team Cassidy

60 – 60 (tie)

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Thyen

LEAST VALUABLE PLAYER

N/A

THE COURSES

- 1 Troon North – Monument / Pinnacle
- 2 We-Ko-Pa – Saguaro / Cholla
- 3 TPC Scottsdale

HIGHLIGHTS

The year of many firsts — and the entire crew under one roof for the first time.

Tied going into singles, then tied at the end: the first drawn cup in history.

By the bylaws, Guttler took it on the captains' match, 3–0.

Matt Coyne, the odds-on favourite, finally makes his hole in one.

Bill Thyen wins his first MVP at the 24th attempt, with 11.5 points.