

BUFFETT CUP HISTORY

Dublin 2006

With 246 Buffett points at stake, USA beat Europe 134.5–111.5:

Pairs: drawn 30-30
Teams: Europe 31.5 USA 22.5
Individual: USA 82 Europe 50

Three days later Europe won the Ryder Cup.

USA:

Bob Hamman & Paul Soloway
Zia Mahmood & Roy Welland
David Berkowitz & Larry Cohen
Fred Gitelman & Geoff Hampson
Bobby Levin & Steve Weinstein
Jill Meyers & Jill Levin
non-playing captain: Donna Compton



EUROPE:

Norberto Bocchi & Giorgio Duboin (Italy)
Geir Helgemo & Tor Helness (Norway)
Tom Hanlon & Hugh McGann (Ireland)
Justin & Jason Hackett (England)
Jan Jansma & Louk Verhees (Netherlands)
Sabine Auken & Daniela von Arnim (Ger)
non-playing captain. Paul Hackett



Louisville 2008

With 378 Buffett points at stake, Europe beat USA 205.5 – 172.5

Buffett points for the Pairs were double those in Dublin and for the Teams increased to 126 but ...

Pairs: *still* drawn 60 – 60
Teams: USA 66.5 Europe 59.5
Individual Europe 86 USA 46

Three days later the Ryder Cup went to the USA.

EUROPE:

Michel & Thomas Bessis (France)
Boye Brogeland & Espen Lindqvist (Norway)
Tor Helness & Jan Petter Svendsen (Norway)
Michal Kwiecien-Jacek Pszczola (Poland)
Tom Hanlon & Hugh McGann (Ireland)
Sabine Auken & Marion Michelsen (Ger/NL)
non-playing captain. Paul Hackett



USA:

Bob Hamman & Zia Mahmood
Roy Welland & Bjorn Fallenius
Alan Sontag & David Berkowitz
Dick Freeman & Geoff Hampson
Steve Garner & Howard Weinstein
Tobi Sokolow & Janice Seamon-Molson
non-playing captain: Donna Compton



HOW TO REACH MISKIN MANOR HOTEL



From Aberdeen, Amsterdam, Belfast, Cork, Dublin, Edinburgh, Geneva, Glasgow, Newcastle or Paris

You can take a scheduled flight to Cardiff International Airport and then a taxi to Miskin Manor. The taxi will take about 30 minutes.

By air from other destinations

London Heathrow and London Gatwick serve most major international airports.

From London Heathrow, start by taking a RailAir coach to Reading railway station. Coaches run every 20-30 minutes and take about 40 minutes. Next, take a train from Reading to Cardiff. Trains from Reading to Cardiff run every 30-60 minutes and the journey lasts 105 minutes. Then take a taxi from Cardiff railway station. The taxi will take about 20 minutes. Allow 4-5 hours in total to get from Heathrow to Miskin Manor.

From London Gatwick take a train to Reading and proceed as above. Direct trains between Gatwick and Reading run every 60 minutes and take about 90 minutes. Allow 5 hours to get from Gatwick to Miskin Manor.

NB Avoid taking trains leaving Reading 17.00-19.00 Monday to Friday because you cannot use off-peak tickets on those trains. Likewise, avoid taking trains leaving London Paddington during those hours on Monday to Friday.

via Eurostar

Eurostar services from Paris and Brussels terminate at London St Pancras. From Kings Cross/St Pancras take either Circle Line underground or a taxi to London Paddington; allow 30 minutes for this. From Paddington take a train to Cardiff. Trains from Paddington to Cardiff run every 30-60 minutes; this journey lasts 120 minutes.

from Republic of Ireland by ferry and car

Take the ferry from Rosslare to Fishguard. Take the A40 to Haverfordwest and then to Carmarthen. Switch to the A48 towards Swansea and join the M4 at its start. Leave the M4 at junction 34 towards Llantrisant. After 0.6 of a mile, turn left and you will shortly arrive at Miskin Manor. The journey from Rosslare to Miskin Manor takes about 2 hours 5 minutes.

NB We do not recommend travelling via Holyhead as it takes 4 hours 45 minutes to drive from Holyhead to Miskin Manor.

from continental Europe via Channel tunnel and car

From the terminal, join the M20 motorway. Leave the M20 at junction 3 and join the M26. Continue forward and join the M25, taking the clockwise direction towards Gatwick. Leave the M25 at junction 15 and join the M4 going west, towards Reading. The Reading services on the M4 are roughly the halfway point and you may wish to break your journey briefly there. Continue along the M4 until junction 34. Leave the M4 at junction 34 towards Llantrisant. After 0.6 of a mile, turn left and you will shortly arrive at Miskin Manor. The journey from the Channel Tunnel to Miskin Manor takes about 3 hours 45 minutes.

NB In peak hours, Monday to Friday 0700-0930 and 1630-1900, the M4 and M25 near Heathrow are very busy. If you cannot avoid travelling at those times, we recommend leaving the M25 at junction 12. Then take the M3 towards Southampton. Leave the M3 at junction 3 and take the A322 towards Bracknell. Continue forward along the A322 to Bracknell and join the A329 towards Reading. Continue forward as the road becomes the A329(M) and join the M4 going west.

from within the UK

From Southern England, use the M4 and proceed as from the Channel Tunnel. From Scotland, the Midlands and North, enter Wales via the M5, M50 and A449. This is quicker than using the M4 and avoids the toll on the Severn Bridge. After leaving the A449, join the M4 and proceed to junction 34 as above.

