

## 2012 US Open

### Days 1 and 2

Jack's boys smoked the field on Day 1 at the US Open, besting Andy by six strokes. Gabes was 3 further back with Sobo in a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place.. Once again, my Balls came up Small in a Major Pool, finishing last, and pretty much assuring that I had 4 days of work ahead with zero possibility of any freakin' enjoyment or excitement in the process.

Day 2 saw Gabes' team take top honors for the day, with Hans making up for a sluggish start and finishing one back of Gabes, taking second place money for the day. Andy was third and picked up a few strokes on Jack, who had a solid if unspectacular Day 2. I do ask that you take note of Sobo's score on Day 2... 29 strokes behind the day's best, and 18 strokes behind the day's next to worst. The number was so bad that I took a few minutes checking my Excel formulas, convinced that there had to be an error in that cell. Alas, my Excel proficiency apparently exceeds that of Sobo's team's golfing ability, and somehow they are below my own Smelly Balls in last place.

So Jack leads Gabes by two, who leads Andy by three. Then a serious drop-off to the next group of Willo, Hans and Fox. BUT..... Gabes, in second, only has three golfers going on the weekend. He, like Willo, will be assigned the highest score of remaining golfers for his fourth score. So Hans and Fox, both with 4 going, have a chance to make up some of that somewhat sizeable deficit if they can get solid play from their 4 players. Andy has 5 players on the weekend, so he is looking good. But not as good as Jack, who has ALL SIX players teeing it up this morning. Quite an accomplishment given the carnage and the long list of quality players who were sent packing.

Happy Father's Day weekend to all....

### Day 3

It is down to the battle of the Titans. Jack's six man team posted a 281, equal to Andy's 5 man team on Day 3. They have distanced themselves from the field w Jack clinging to a 3 stroke lead heading into the final day.

Hans' 4 man team did not answer the call, and Willo and Fox picked up major ground on Gabes for the final money slot as Tiger's 75 was only one better than the 76 assigned to the blind players that Willo and Fox carried.

Should be a great battle for top honors as well as third place money. As for the overall winner... I'm rooting for Beau Hossler. How great would it be to see an amateur win this thing????

Day 4

Well, the US Open proved to be a test of survival.... A test not passed by the likes of Furyk, Tiger, and McDowell. Harrington and Els made runs during the final round... but Els made two bogeys after his eagle, and Harrington bogeyed 18 when he needed a birdie. And so Webb Simpson wins his first major without benefit of a birdie in his last 8 holes.

But Andy did not simply survive.... He stomped his way to victory over Jack's six man team, led by Harrington's 68 and nothing worse than Poulter's 73 counting to his 283, 3 over par total. Hans' three players bested Andy's best three by far, coming in 1 under par, but when saddled with the high score of the day (78 by my boy, Phil), Hans had to settle for second place honors. Quite an effort against 4, 5 and 6 man teams. Willo and Fox were 2 strokes further back on Day 4.

Overall, Jack finished second by 16 strokes, and the real action was for third place, where we had an interesting anomaly. Fox and Willo battled for third place honors, Willo edging Fox by 2 strokes. Each were solid thru the tourney.... But neither could break the Top Two daily honors. So our third place overall finisher wins those \$\$\$ alone, and Fox will have to console himself with the \$\$\$ coming his way with the major skin earned by Webb Simpson.

Sobo, thanks for playing, I would have hated finishing in the basement by thirty strokes. Though finishing 8<sup>th</sup>, 30 strokes behind 7<sup>th</sup>, doesn't feel a hell of a lot better.

**Ranked by Score**

1	Andy	359	358	281	283	1281
2	Jack	353	361	281	292	1287
3	Willo	366	360	288	289	1303
4	Fox	369	360	287	289	1305
5	Gabes	362	354	295	298	1309
6	Hans	372	355	298	287	1312
7	Ikey	376	357	289	296	1318
8	Albert	377	365	299	307	1348
9	Sobo	365	383	299	306	1353
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#1 Daily Jack Andy  
 #2 Daily Gabes Hans  
 # 3 Daily Andy/Jack Andy/Jack  
 # 4 Daily Andy Hans

Winners	Jack	Andy	Gabes	Hans
Day 1	22.00	9.50		
Day 2			22.00	9.50
Day 3	15.75	15.75		
Day 4		22.00		9.50
Final	47.00	113.50		
<b>Total</b>	<b>84.75</b>	<b>160.75</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>19.00</b>