

Strange leads U.S. squad to World golf title

INAGI, Japan (AP) — The United States team, helped by a key victory by Curtis Strange, beat Europe 10-2 Sunday for the title in the \$950,000 World Championship of Golf.

The Americans won five matches while losing only one. Each of the six U.S. players received \$60,000, while the Europeans got \$35,000 apiece.

Australia-New Zealand beat Japan 9-3 and finished third among teams representing the four Professional Golf Association tours.

Europe and the United States had advanced to the final by collecting the most points in three days of round robin play. The Europeans had 24 points, the United States 20,

Australia-New Zealand 18 and Japan 10. Each match victory was worth two points and a tie counted one point.

The Americans took a 6-2 lead after four matches Sunday. Sandy Lyle beat America's Mark Calcavecchia 70-72, but the Americans won three matches: Payne Stewart defeating Ian Woosnam 70-72, Lanny Wadkins beating Bernhard Langer 70-71 and Scott Simpson defeating Nick Faldo 68-72.

Then, Europe's Ken Brown led Strange, the U.S. PGA tour's leading money winner, by one shot after the 17th hole, threatening to cut the U.S. lead to 6-4.

On the difficult 224-yard, par-3

18th hole, Strange rolled in a 13-foot birdie putt for a 70, while Brown missed a 3-foot par putt and finished at 71.

That gave the Americans an 8-2 lead and the victory.

In the final match, U.S. captain Tom Kite and Jose-Maria Olazabal were tied after 15 holes, but Olazabal hit his second shot out of bounds for a double-bogey on the par-4, 16th hole and ended with a 71 while Kite shot a 69.

"We played well the entire tournament," Kite said.

"About 10 years ago, the United States was No. 1 in the world, but there is no superior tour team at present," he said, noting that the

U.S. had lost to Europe in the recent Ryder Cup competition.

Langer, the European captain, said, "I was disappointed today, as we made some mistakes. We won only one match, but the rest of the matches were all close. I think there is no big gap among Americans and Europeans."

Kite, Stewart and Lyle won all four of their matches over the four days.

"I learned a lot in the tournament here last year," Stewart said. "It helped me this year."

Kite had the lowest four-round total of 272, with rounds of 68-69-66-69 over the 7,017-yard, par-72 Yomiuri Country Club course.

SMU's 1987 homecoming lackluster without football

DALLAS (AP) — Last year's homecoming at Southern Methodist was a happy occasion.

In November 1986, the school trumpeted its 75th anniversary with newly elected Gov. Bill Clements leading the traditional parade. The school seemed to be marching beyond its past football scandals.

Then, days after the game, news broke of a booster slush fund to pay players.

Shortly after the NCAA suspended football at SMU, Clements, the former head of the institution's governing board, announced he knew of the illegal payments.

So this year, alumni returned to watch the Mustangs play soccer and to visit an alma mater trying to regain its respectability.

Most people at the school were trying to make the best of it, including new university President A. Kenneth Pye, this year's parade marshal.

"I have not met an alumnus who was not thrilled to be back," said Pye, appointed after a re-vamping of the school's governance system in the wake of the scandal. "But most people would rather be playing football."

Saturday's festivities began with a colorful parade of floats playing up the homecoming theme of "Memories and Momentum."

"We've cleared our highest hurdle. Now we're ready to take

the lead," proclaimed one tissue-paper creation sponsored by a sorority and fraternity.

Throughout the day's events, scant mention was made of the sport that has brought SMU one of the worst reputations in college athletics.

School officials touted the upcoming basketball season. "Here's an update from Moody Coliseum — in the basketball scrimmage, SMU is winning," the parade's emcee said.

Owby Field, the Mustangs' former football practice field, was the site of its first homecoming game since 1948, and the painted yardage markers were still visible next to the boundaries used for soccer.

Reactions to this year's homecoming centerpiece were mixed.

"This is my first game. It's exciting," alumna Ann Reynolds said. "They work hard out there."

At halftime, a nattily dressed Mustangs' band marched and serenaded the homecoming queen.

But things weren't quite the same. The stadium announcer often interrupted his commentary to explain the rules of soccer, and the cheerleaders' yells of "Get that ball and go" couldn't keep pace with the action.

"This is pathetic. I miss football," Mike Devaney, a 1978 graduate, said. "Still, this is better than a Rice football game, better than a Rice-University of Houston game."

Revenge a factor for Seahawks against Jets

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks have vivid memories of what the New York Jets did to them last year.

A 38-7 rout by the Jets in the Kingdome served as an incentive for the Seahawks as they prepared for Monday night's game against slumping New York.

"It was an embarrassment," Seahawks Coach Chuck Knox said. "I don't believe you have to mention it, but I think it behooves an intelligent person to profit from history."

History had been kind to the Seahawks against the Jets. Seattle won the first seven games the teams played, including a 20-for-26, two-touchdown passing performance by

quarterback Dave Krieg in his first NFL start in 1981.

But the Jets have won the last two matchups. Last year, the Jets amassed 553 yards, the most against a Knox team in his 15 years as an NFL coach.

"They beat us good last year, but we can't dwell on that," defensive end Jeff Bryant said. "We've just got to execute our game plan."

The Seahawks, 5-2, were one game behind San Diego in the AFC West going into this weekend's games, and have won their two post-strike games. The Jets, 3-4, have lost two straight and lacked intensity last week in losing 19-14 to Indianapolis.

"We haven't been as emotional as

in the past, but that's not an excuse," quarterback Ken O'Brien said. "The reason we lost is too many mistakes. If we cut down on them, we'll be fine."

Those mistakes — turnovers, penalties, sacks — are the natural development of a lackluster effort, Coach Joe Walton said.

"You have to play hard to win in this league," he said. "All of those things that go wrong stem from not playing hard. If we line up like we're going to work at Madison Avenue, 9-to-5, we aren't going to win a lot of games."

The Jets say they're not thinking about last year.

"I put the past in the past," de-

fensive back Carl Howard said. "A game is not won on what you did last year or the last game, but what you do today. You can't go by last year at all."

Last year, the Jets were in the midst of a 10-1 start when they beat the Seahawks. Seattle was mired in a four-game slide at the time.

"We remember them coming in and embarrassing us," said defensive end Jacob Green, who has four sacks this season and is anxious to face a Jets' offensive line which has surrendered 23 sacks in the four games with regulars. "They played like a team that made no mistakes. It hurt us."

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