

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Aug. 9, 2021) - The United States Golf Association has finalized the eight-player roster for the USA Curtis Cup Team, as five women were selected on Monday to join the three previously named selections. The 41st Curtis Cup Match will be held Aug. 26-28 at Conwy Golf Club in North Wales.

The players are:

**Jensen Castle**, 20, of West Columbia, S.C.

**Gina Kim**, 21, of Durham, N.C.

**Rachel Kuehn**, 20, of Asheville, N.C.

**Brooke Matthews**, 22, of Rogers, Ark.

**Emilia Migliaccio**, 22, of Cary, N.C.

They join **Rose Zhang**, 18, of Irvine, Calif.; **Rachel Heck**, 19, of Memphis, Tenn.; and **Allisen Corpuz**, 23, of Kapolei, Hawaii, who were named to the team as automatic selections on July 26 as the top three Americans in the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking ®/WAGR.

Seven of the eight players are currently ranked inside the top 40 in WAGR.

"This is an incredibly talented group, and we know that under the leadership of Captain Sarah Ingram, they will represent the USA with the competitive spirit and camaraderie that have become staples of the Curtis Cup Match," said John Bodenhamer, senior managing director, Championships.

Ingram is a two-time U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur champion and a member of the 1992, 1994, and 1996 USA Curtis Cup Teams.

"I couldn't be more excited to finally have the team in place," said Ingram, of Nashville, Tenn. "Over the last two years, I've gotten to know many of these young ladies, and have a tremendous amount of admiration and respect for them as golfers and people. We're going to work hard over the next few weeks with the goal of bringing the trophy back to the United States."

The USA won the last Match, in 2018, defeating GB&I, 17-3, at Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, N.Y. The USA leads the series, 29-8-3.

The alternates for the USA Team are, in order of ranking: Megan Schofill, 20, of Monticello, Fla., and Megha Ganne, 17, of Holmdel, N.J. Due to current health and safety guidelines, the alternates will travel with the team to Wales.

The Curtis Cup Match is a biennial international women's amateur golf competition between eight-player teams from the United States of America and Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I). It consists of six foursomes (alternate-shot) matches, six four-ball matches and eight singles matches over three days of competition. The USGA's International Team Selection (ITS) Working Group selects the USA Team, while The R&A selects the GB&I Team.

Notable past USA Curtis Cup Team members include U.S. Women's Open champions JoAnne Gunderson Carner, Paula Creamer, Juli Inkster, Cristie Kerr, Patty Sheehan, Hollis Stacy and Michelle Wie, as well as past and present LPGA stars such as Stacy Lewis, Lexi Thompson, Beth Daniel, Jessica Korda, Nancy Lopez and Dottie Pepper.

#### **PLAYER PROFILES:**

**Jensen Castle**, 20, of West Columbia, S.C., defeated Yu-Chiang (Vivian) Hou, 2 and 1, to win the 121st U.S. Women's Amateur Championship at Westchester Country Club in Rye, N.Y., on Sunday. Castle, a rising junior at the University of Kentucky, survived a 12-for-2 playoff to advance to match play on her way to

becoming the first Wildcat golfer to win the U.S. Women's Amateur. She also competed in the 2021 U.S. Women's Open at The Olympic Club and reached the quarterfinals of the 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball with University of Kentucky teammate Marissa Wenzler. In 2020, Castle set Kentucky's single-season stroke average record as a freshman.

**Allisen Corpuz**, 23, of Kapolei, Hawaii, is a recent University of Southern California graduate who has competed in 16 USGA championships, including three U.S. Women's Opens. In 2008, Corpuz surpassed fellow Hawaii native Michelle Wie as the youngest qualifier in U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links history at 10 years, 3 months and 9 days. Last summer, Corpuz was the runner-up to Rachel Kuehn in the Women's North & South Amateur at Pinehurst No. 2, losing in 19 holes, and was a semifinalist in this year's event last month. Corpuz was named a first-team All-American by both Golfweek and the Women's Golf Coaches Association and led a talented USC team with a 71.57 stroke average. She plans to compete in the first stage of LPGA Q-school later this month. She is currently ranked No. 11 in WAGR.

**Rachel Heck**, 19, of Memphis, Tenn., is a rising sophomore at Stanford University who won the 2021 Annika Award as the top collegiate golfer. She became the third player in women's college history to sweep conference (Pacific 12), regional (Stanford Regional) and national titles (NCAAs), joining USC's Annie Park and Arizona's Marisa Baena. At Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz., Heck became the first Stanford woman to win an NCAA title, and the ninth freshman to achieve the feat. Heck's 69.72 scoring average over 25 rounds is the lowest in NCAA women's golf history. Last August, Heck was the stroke-play medalist in the U.S. Women's Amateur before losing in the Round of 16. She also was a quarterfinalist in the 2020 North & South Women's Amateur. Heck was a five-time AJGA All-American and a two-time USA Today Player of the Year. Most recently, she advanced to the semifinals of the 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur and is currently No. 2 in WAGR.

**Gina Kim**, 21, of Durham, N.C., a rising senior at Duke University, won the 2021 North & South Women's Amateur as well as the 2021 ACC Individual Championship. In June, she played in her third U.S. Women's Open, and was the championship's low amateur in 2019 at the Country Club of Charleston (S.C.). She is a two-time semifinalist in USGA events: the 2018 U.S. Girls' Junior at Poppy Hills and the 2017 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball with Jennifer Chang. She is currently ranked No. 19 in WAGR and will compete in the first stage of LPGA Q-school later this month.

**Rachel Kuehn**, 20, of Asheville, N.C., a rising junior at Wake Forest University, earned medalist honors at the 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. She won the 2020 North & South Women's Amateur and the 2020 Ladies National Golf Association Amateur. Kuehn's mom, Brenda Corrie Kuehn, was a member of the 1996 USA Curtis Cup Team alongside Sarah Ingram, as well as the 1998 team, where she went 4-0 and scored the winning point in the USA's victory. Kuehn is currently ranked No. 23 in WAGR.

**Brooke Matthews**, 22, of Rogers, Ark., who recently reached the Round of 16 at the 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, is a rising senior at Arkansas. In 2019, she earned SEC All-Freshman Team honors, and earlier this year was named First Team All-SEC. She represented Team USA at the 2021 Arnold Palmer Cup earlier this summer, and is currently ranked No. 37 in WAGR. She will compete in the first stage of LPGA Q-school prior to the Match.

**Emilia Migliaccio**, 22, of Cary, N.C., was a quarterfinalist in the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur and finished runner-up to Tsubasa Kajitani in the 2021 Augusta National Women's Amateur. Migliaccio, a recent graduate of Wake Forest University, was a two-time first-team All-American and helped lead the Demon Deacons to the 2019 ACC title while capturing the ACC individual title. She competed in the 2018 and 2020 U.S. Women's Opens, and last week reached the Round of 32 in the U.S. Women's Amateur at Westchester Country Club in Rye, N.Y. Migliaccio decided against turning professional and will return to Wake Forest this fall for a two-year master's program in communication. Her summer has included an internship with Golf Channel during which she has covered LPGA and USGA events. She is currently ranked No. 16 in WAGR.

**Rose Zhang**, 18, of Irvine, Calif., is the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur champion, having defeated Gabriela Ruffels in a 38-hole final match last August in Maryland, and the reigning U.S. Girls' Junior champion, having defeated Bailey Davis, 6 and 4, in Maryland earlier this summer. She is currently No. 1 in the Women's WAGR and won the 2020 McCormack Medal as the world's leading amateur last September. Zhang has competed in four LPGA major championships, making the cut in three, including a T11 finish in the 2020 ANA Inspiration. She has represented the United States on both the Junior Solheim Cup and Junior Ryder Cup teams. In 2020, she won the Rolex Girls Junior Championship, the Ping Invitational and the Rolex Tournament of Champions. Zhang finished T3 at this year's Augusta National Women's Amateur.

### **About the USGA**

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### **About the Curtis Cup**

The Curtis Cup Match is a biennial eight person amateur team competition between a team composed of players from Great Britain and Ireland and the USA. It is played over three days with eight singles matches, six foursomes matches and six fourball matches. The USA leads the overall series 29-8-3.

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