# Solheim Cup win featured 'gimmegate'

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LONDON — The Solheim Cup has developed a penchant down the years for showcasing the good, the bad and the

WOMEN'S downright **GOLF** ugly of women's

golf and the 14th edition was no exception.

The fans at the St Leon-Rot Club in southwest Germany were treated to some dazzling golf by the U.S. and Europe teams in the women's version of the Ryder Cup but ultimately the matches will be remembered for an unseemly finalday row that left two of the main protagonists in tears.

No one did more than ner Brittany Lincicome. Charley Hull to highlight the best of women's golf and it was sad to see the English teenager and 20-year-old opponent Alison Lee needing a shoulder to cry on as they trooped off the 18th green on Sunday morning.

The pair were clearly stunned by what had taken place 15 minutes earlier when Lee mistakenly believed that Hull and morning fourballs partner Suzann Pettersen had conceded a 16-inch putt and the American picked her ball up on the 17th green.

The referee had no option but to award the hole to the Europeans who said later they had offered no sign of a concession to Lee and part-

Pettersen did a U-turn on Monday, apologizing for a lack of sportsmanship, but the incident enraged the U.S. players and fired them up to overturn a 10-6 deficit and dominate the 12 singles to score a remarkable victory by  $14 \frac{1}{2}$  points to  $13 \frac{1}{2}$ .

Laura Davies, a veteran of 12 European Solheim Cup campaigns, and defeated 2013 U.S. captain Meg Mallon were also bitterly disappointed by what the BBC described as "gimmegate."

"I'm disgusted," Davies told Sky Sports. "We have got our best player, Charley Hull, who has just won a point, and she is in floods of tears. That tells you the wrong thing was done.'

Mallon gave a similar verdict on her Twitter account.

"It's not the spirit of the Solheim family," said the American. "This is a game and somehow we lose perspective in these matches. #sad."

The incident followed close on the heels of an unsavory finger-waving exchange between U.S. captain Juli Inkster and European counterpart Carin Koch 24 hours ear-

It was alleged one of Koch's vice captains had given direct advice to one of the European players in contravention of the rules.

Former world No. 1 Annika Sorenstam denied the claims, Koch's deputy saying she had learned the lessons from Colorado two years ago when she was the target of similar suggestions

The evident friction between the teams at St Leon-Rot should not, however, diminish the quality of the golf on display.

Pettersen and Hull stole the show on Saturday with a startling comeback from four down with seven holes to go as they defeated a stunned Morgan Pressel and Paula Creamer on the 18th green of an extraordinary birdie-laden foursomes encounter.

On Friday, Carlota Ciganda produced the shot of the week when the Spaniard holed out with a nine-iron from 135 yards in semi-darkness.

While Hull was the standout performer for Europe for the second Solheim Cup in a row, Cristie Kerr and Gerina Piller turned out to be the linchpins of the American team.

Kerr and Piller picked up three and a half points from their four matches and the latter kept the U.S. alive in the singles when she holed a kneetrembling putt to stop Caroline Masson getting the halfpoint Europe wanted to retain the trophy.

At the end of it all, Koch was keen to accentuate the positives.

'We talked and we hugged and it's all good," Swede Koch said of Inkster. "It seems like these things happen but in the end I think we all need to focus on this great, excellent event and how good it is for women's golf."

## **Brady**

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comeback from a 37-13 hole to make it a competitive fourth quarter. They're not as experienced, as the two rookies on the offensive line can attest. But the parallel that will be drawn all year, especially if the Patriots continue to roll offensively, is how they were motivated by outsiders doubting the legitimacy of their achievements. It was video cameras then; it is deflated footballs now.

"Listen, the truth is, the Patriots ignore that stuff," Evans said. "There was always a lot of hype. We were confident. We knew we were going to win, and we were picking how much we were going to win by some weeks. We wanted to embarrass the league and humiliate anyone that stepped on the field with us. But it wasn't because of Spygate.

Brady, it seems, does take doubts personal, which made the Bills a perfect target. All week, the Bills declared the Patriots' reign in the AFC East would end, that this year would be different, that they would push the Patriots around. The Bills scored on their first drive to make it 7-0, and Ralph Wilson Stadium erupted with fans who had been tailgating since dawn, an official from the Guiness Book of World Records on hand to record potentially record-breaking crowd noise. grew fiercer this offseason.

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

It was not a good weekend

for quarterbacks, as three

prominent signal-callers

could miss several games

with injuries, and the status

John Fox said Monday that

quarterback Jay Cutler is

day-to-day with a hamstring

injury, but ESPN reported

Cutler could miss "at least

Jimmy Clausen will start

New Orleans Saints quar-

terback Drew Brees could po-

tentially miss several games

two games."

Chicago Bears head coach

of a fourth is uncertain.

"It was really loud, there was no doubt," Brady said.

The Patriots needed to call timeout as their first drive sputtered. On their second, Brady rifled a pass to Rob Gronkowski down the seam to quiet the crowd. He silenced the fans when he rolled right and fired an 8-yard touchdown pass to Julian Edelman. Behind a youthful offensive line and without injured wideout Brandon LaFell, Brady gunned precise passes to nine different receivers. By the end of the afternoon, Brady had improved to 23-3 in games he has started against Buffalo. There would be no new order in the division.

"The game's not won in the

first series," Brady said. Postgame, Brady said the clock had started already on next week's game. The Patriots thrive on narrow focus and detailed preparation, but Brady also has another horizon on his mind at this stage of his career. One of the bizarre results from Deflate Gate is that we came to better understand Brady's ultimate motivation. In an email released by the NFLPA in conjunction with his appeal of a four-game suspension, Brady measured himself against Peyton Manning to a college friend. "I've got another 7 or 8 years," Brady wrote. "He has 2. That's the final chapter. Game on.

He wants nothing less than to be remembered as the greatest player in the history of football, a desire that only

with a shoulder injury, accord-

ing shoulder in the second quar-

ter of Sunday's loss to Tampa

Bay and he had problems the remainder of the contest.

Dallas Cowboys quarter-

back Tony Romo could be a

candidate for injured reserve-

designated to return to the 53-

man roster in eight weeks after

opting against surgery on his

said Matthew Stafford is "very,

very sore" and he didn't know

whether the quarterback

would be able play this week

against the Denver Broncos.

Lions coach Jim Caldwell

fractured left collarbone.

Brees took a hit to his throw-

ing to the NFL Network.

Cutler, Brees to miss games

#### Hockey

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Center Devin Shore and defenseman Ben Hutton, who were All-Americans in 2013-14, decided to pass up their senior seasons to begin their pro careers.

"I don't care where we were picked," said Gendron. "It's all a reflection of how we're viewed around the league. We'll see.'

He said the league is "exceptional" like it is every year. "There are all kinds of good teams. There are no easy op-

ponents," said Gendron. Gendron has had limited exposure to his team thus far because, under NCAA rules,

Division I coaches are al-

lowed to conduct just two hours of instruction per week until the official start of the season on Oct. 3.

Teams can hold several captain's practices without

"I've only had two hours with them but I like the way the team is coming together and the way the older players have taken charge of the team." he said.

Despite the loss of key players, Gendron said, 'We have a whole bunch of guys coming back and if they did their work during the summer, they will be improved. A lot of our players will be assuming larger roles.

We also have an older group of freshmen. They're a bigger group physically and they are more mature. I'm pretty excited about the class," said Gendron.

shy, and they're not going to

want to get hit again," he

his field vision and accelera-

tion. He finished with 12 car-

ries for 144 yards and three

speed, and he's going to be

more the finesse guy, and

Ray's going to be our power

back," Arthers said. "When

we need a short-distance

"We've got Dylan with the

touchdowns.

Severance demonstrated

Seven of the freshmen stand at least 6-foot-2.

He is also expecting noticeable improvement from his goaltending tandem of sophomore Sean Romeo and junior Matt Morris, who both gained a lot of experience a year ago.

'We're in much better position than we were last year ... They each played way better in the second half than they did in the first half. The mistakes we made defensively put them in a difficult position. For a team to be successful, it has to play well collectively, individuals have to step up and make plays and they all have to cover each other's backs," said Gendron.

Maine will have a free Blue-White scrimmage followed by an autograph session at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4.

The Black Bears will open

run, he's the guy that we're

going to be looking to really

pound it up the middle and

plenty of balance as Garrett

Ireland netted 82 yards on 10

carries and quarterback

Logan Rogerson added four

carries for 59 yards with a

what we've been running for

plays and really focus on a

'We tried to simplify

The Witches also showed

get the tough yards."

touchdown.

the season against Michigan State and North Dakota on Oct. 9-10, respectively, at the Ice-Breaker Tournament in Portland's Cross Insurance Arena.

There were no Maine players selected to the Hockey East Writers and Broadcasters Association preseason team. The players chosen were forwards Tyler Kelleher (New Hampshire), Danny O'Regan (BU), Kevin Roy (Northeastern) and Alex Tuch (BC); defensemen Matt Grzelcyk (BU) and Ian McCoshen (BC) and goalie Thatcher Demko (BC).

A preseason coaches poll was also released for Hockey East's women's teams with UMaine selected fourth in the nine-team league. Boston College was picked first, followed by Boston University and Northeastern.

set amount of what we have in our playbook," Arthers

said. "The line has really

started picking up different

reads up front on the de-

fense, and our backs are real

hungry to run the ball hard

and get up in there and make

Brewer is preparing for

Friday's 7 p.m. showdown

on the road against unde-

feated Skowhegan (3-0) at

Reggie Clark Field.

contact.'

they were saying that they saw a lot of similarities in the two teams.

Ortego and some members of his team also spoke to this year's contingent during their Thursday practice session.

"It gave us a lot of confidence," said Brewer senior tailback Dylan Severance. They said they were proud of us and what we had accomplished this year, and they wanted us to see what we can really do [Friday night], and I think we

What the Witches showed off was a versatile ground attack. It began up front with an offensive line that consistently provided run-

"Everybody had a great junior fullback Ray Wood.

Wood provided the power element, bashing his way to 75 yards on 10 carries. He often was the aggressor taking on Gardiner defensive players.
"That's just how I was

Wood said.

#### **Brewer**

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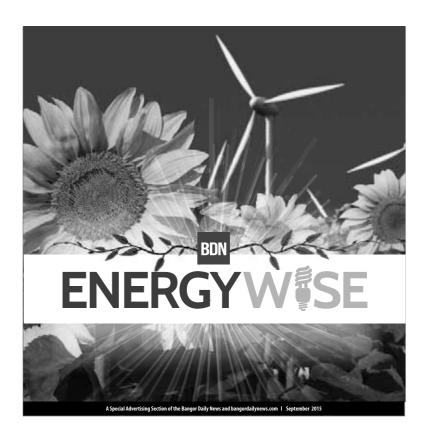
game, opened up the holes, and we just hit the holes hard and got yards," said

taught. Anybody comes my way, just run them over,"

"Once you hit them once good at the beginning of the game, they're going to be

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### **UMaine**

this week at Seattle.

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A couple of bright spots for the Black Bears on offense were sophomore tailback Nigel Beckford and redshirt freshman wideout Micah Wright.

Beckford, who missed the opener while serving a suspension for violating the student-athlete code of conduct, returned to pick up 65 yards on 13 carries, a healthy 4.5 yards per rush.

Wright, who received a medical redshirt after a Huffman also saw action.

shoulder injury ended his 2014 debut prematurely, caught 8 passes for 107 yards, including a 35-yarder.

Secondary struggles

The baptism by fire continued for UMaine's young safeties at Tulane.

Redshirt freshman Sinmisola Demuren (6 tackles) started at strong safety in place of injured sophomore Darrius Hart, while sophomore Jason Matovu (6 tackles) got the nod at free safety. Redshirt freshmen Mozai Nelson and Jeffery DeVaughn and first-year player Joshua

"We got beat in coverage a couple times, man-to-man situations and also a zone [coverage] situation where our safeties were at fault for not being where they should be," Cosgrove said.

The Bears experienced some issues with assignments and tackling against the Green Wave's receivers and running backs.

"Their skill set we felt was superior outside at the wide receiver spot and in the backfield," Cosgrove said in comparing Tulane to Boston College's bigger players at those positions. "These guys were quick, agile."

#### Soccer

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They're a possession team, and they can strike quickly. It's going to be a competitive

Camden Hills coach Meredith Messer, Charlotte Messer's mother, expects a fast-paced physical game.

"It's going to be fun to watch," she said.

Meredith Messer added that having two teams meet for the first time ever with both being undefeated is depth. Camden Hills has a Morris.

movie [script].' Brewer coach David

Hamel, whose team has played both recently, said, "It should be a good one.

"I wouldn't be surprised if it was a shootout. Both teams like to push forward. A big key will be how the the goalkeepers play. Neither has been truly tested this year," said Hamel, referring to Windjammer Dutch exchange student eight each. Bangor's balanced Jana Spieker and Bangor attack has been led by Sarah veteran Emily Gilmore. Bragg, Luci Clein, Libby Spe-"There is a difference in khardt and midfielder Grace

like something "out of a very good first 11, but they only play a few players off the bench. Bangor funnels in fresh legs constantly.

"If Camden Hills can withstand Bangor's constant pressure and keep their legs [fresh], they'll have a better chance," he added.

Emma Gutheinz, the Camden Hills' all-time leading scorer, has 13 goals to lead the Windjammers, and Messer and Brynne Anderson have