

“My Ryder Cup experience”



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I was lucky to see the Ryder Cup in New York live all three days. The Ryder cup is one of the oldest rivalries. Some highlights for me:

1. Europe played super golf to win in USA, an almost herculean task since the matches started in 1927, the first team to do so in years.
2. President Trump was there on Friday. The security was tight, it took 3 hours to cover 200 yards to enter the course with multiple metal detectors.
3. President Trump's plane flew low over the course in the morning and he came by midday. He personally welcomed Bryson DeChambeau the USA player to the tee and wished him luck. He plays regularly with Bryson.
4. The arrangements were simply v good. The ticket allows you free food and drinks - beer, wine etc through the 3 days.
5. T Mobile had an interesting battery pack charger where you took the charger from a vending machine by swiping a credit card and put the charger pack back in the slot in any T mobile vending unit for your card not to be charged. Very good Innovation so that you don't need to stand while your phone gets charged.
6. Nationalism is high on the scale. You see fans coming in various costumes, it's like a fancy ball. Even the fire trucks hoisted a huge American flag.
7. On the way to the course one sees a lot of kids earning pocket money by selling lemonade, water, chips etc.
8. The fans behaved badly. They abused the European players, especially McElroy and his wife Erica. Someone threw a beer can at Erica. Fans' behaviour has got progressively abusive over the last years. I thought it was only bad in English league football but the golf fans here

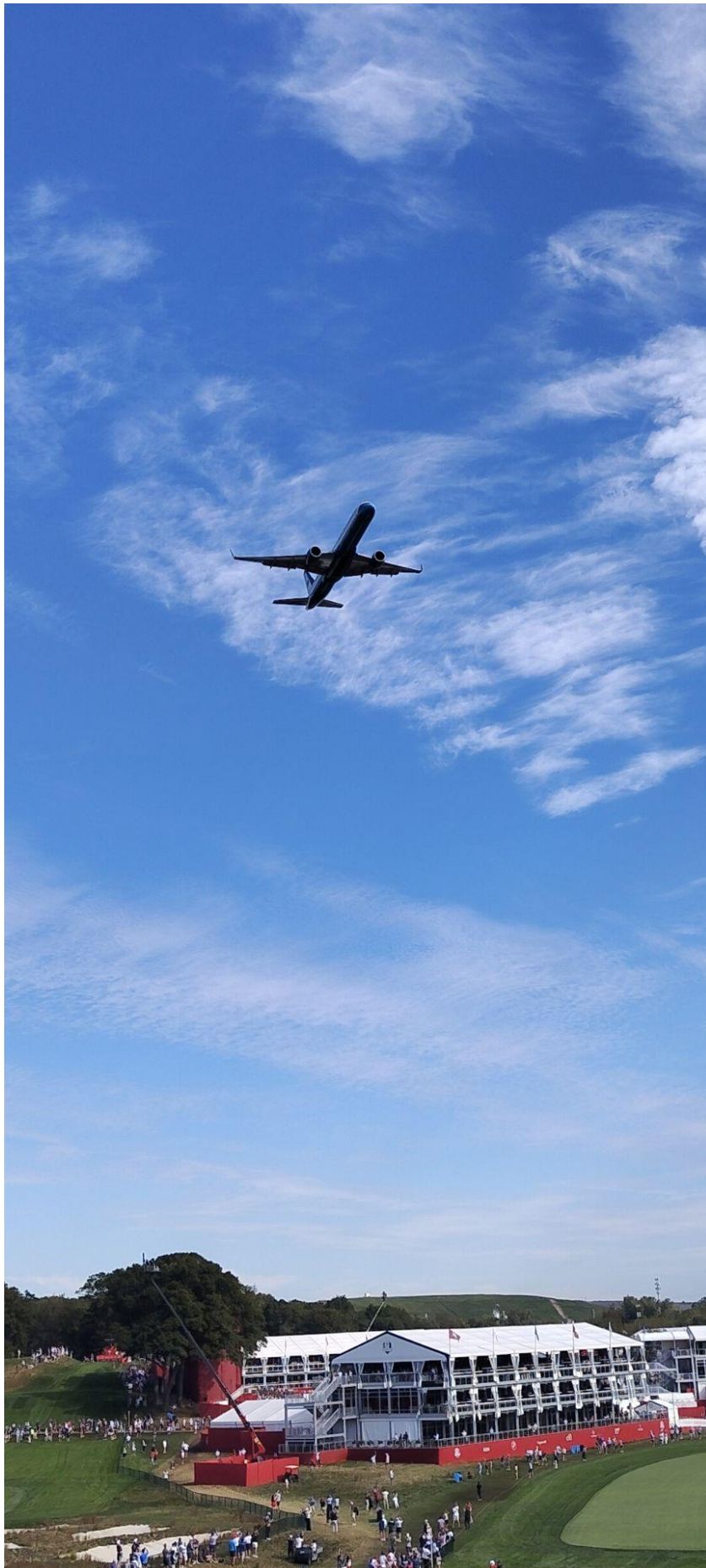
were bad.

9. The commentator said 'the fans are not polite and they are not vulgar'. I thought that was an understatement.

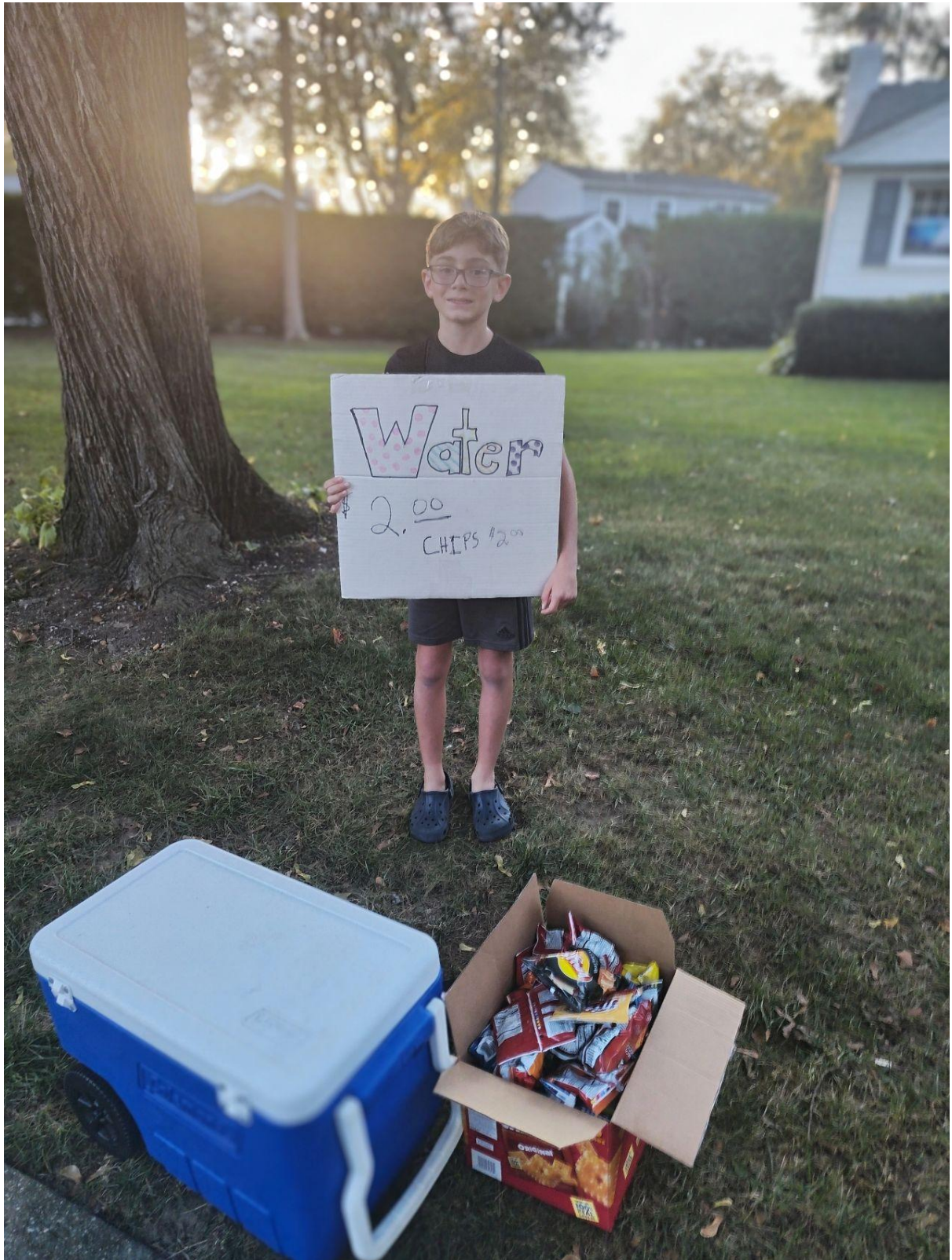
10. The Europe team had the last laugh. They made a cute video with the trophy chanting ... "Are you watching Donald Trump?"

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