

## **JACQUES LEGLISE TROPHY**



GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND VS THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE

**BALLYBUNION, IRELAND** 

1-2 **SEPTEMBER 2017** 





















## **CONTINENT OF EUROPE TEAM**

he Continent of Europe team for this year's Jacques Léglise Trophy has been finalised.

## The Jacques Léglise Trophy

The Jacques Léglise Trophy is an annual match between junior (Under-18) golfers of Great Britain & Ireland and the Continent of Europe. This year's match, the  $50^{\text{th}}$  edition, will be at Ballybunion Golf Club, Ireland, 1-2 September. The Continent of Europe will be looking to retain the trophy following a 13% - 11% victory at Prince's Golf Club in 2016.

The Jacques Léglise Trophy format of play is four foursomes each morning, eight singles matches on the afternoon of Friday, 1 September and nine singles matches on the afternoon of Saturday, 2 September.

The nine selected Continent of Europe players will be led by non-playing captain, Jeroen Stevens, Secretary General of the Netherlands Golf Federation, for the second consecutive year. Stevens said:

**f** Being asked to represent the Continent of Europe as captain in a prestigious match such as the Jacques Léglise Trophy for the second time is of course a huge honour. Winning the trophy last year with such great players from both the GB&I and Continental teams was a great experience for all the players and myself as a captain. Because of this, I am really looking forward to this year's edition. I have no doubt that we will for sure have to compete against a very strong GB&I team. But, with a great team of European players, who have won several individual and team championships, we will try to defend the Jacques Léglise Trophy with great golf and a great deal of sportsmanship.

## The Team

Spain's Alejandro Aguilera Martin, who won the 2017 Spanish U18 Championship and finished seventh in the Spanish Amateur Championship, will play in his second Jacques Léglise Trophy. Aguilera won two of his three matches in last year's edition, and also won five of his six matches in this year's European Boys' Team Championship, helping Spain to the silver medal.

Markus Braadlie, Norway, won the 2015 European Young Masters, and finished tied for second in the stroke play of The Boys' Amateur Championship in 2016.

Belgium's Adrien Dumont de Chassart won the 2017 French Boys' Open and the 2016 European Young Masters. Dumont de Chassart also represented Europe at the 2016 Asia-Pacific Junior Championship

and Belgium at the 2016 Eisenhower Trophy.

Germany's Falko Hanisch won the 2016 Boys' Amateur Championship, runner-up in the 2017 edition and won the 2017 German Boys' Open. Hanisch has also featured in numerous team events; he represented Europe at the 2016 Junior Ryder Cup, represented Germany at the 2017 European Boys' Team Championship, where he equalled the lowest score during the stroke play rounds, and is the only player other than Aguilera who played in last year's winning team.

Rasmus Højgaard was instrumental to Denmark's European Boys' Team Championship victory this year. He won four of his six matches, including both of his two in the final. He also finished in the top-10 in this year's Toyota Junior World Cup and won the 2016 Danish International Amateur. Højgaard will be the youngest of the team at 16 years.

Matias Honkala, Finland, is the team's best-ranked player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking at 56th position. He qualified for the last eight at this year's Amateur Championship, qualified for the quarter finals of the 2016 Boys' Amateur Championship, and has represented Europe at the Junior Ryder Cup.

Portugal's **Pedro Lencart** earned a spot in the Continent of Europe team after winning The Boys' Amateur Championship last weekend. Lencart defeated defending champion and new teammate, Falko Hanisch, in the final after making nine birdies in the first 18 holes of the match. In 2016, Lencart also won the Portuguese National Championship and finished tied for sixth at the European Young Masters.

David Nyfjall, Sweden, qualified for the semi-final of the Boys' Amateur Championship in 2016 and finished third in this year's German Boys' Open.

Spain's Eduard Rousaud Sabate won the Copa Baleares in 2016 and was a semi-finalist at this year's Spanish International Amateur Championship. Rousaud also won a silver medal at the European Boys' Team Championship with Spain.

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