

JACQUES LÉGLISE TROPHY

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND VS THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE

KYTÄJÄ GOLF, FINLAND 31 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER 2018



EMIL ALAJÄRVI



DANIEL DA COSTA RODRIGUES



LOÏC ETTLIN



JERRY JI



DAVID PUIG



JEROEN STEVENS
(Non-Playing Captain)



EDUARD ROUSAUD SABATE



SAKU TUUSA



KIET VAN DER WEELE



ADAM WALLIN

CONTINENT OF EUROPE TEAM

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

The EGA Selection Committee has chosen nine talented boys to represent the Continent of Europe against Great Britain & Ireland at Kytäjä Golf, Finland on 31 August and 1 September.

The format of the annual match, first played in 1958 and now in its 51st edition, is four foursomes matches each morning, followed by eight singles matches in the afternoon of the first day, and nine singles matches in the afternoon of the second day.

The Continent of Europe will be looking for their third consecutive victory for the first time in history this year after defeating their opponents at Prince's Golf Club in 2016, and at Ballybunion in 2017.

The team will be captained for the third time by Jeroen Stevens, General Secretary of the Netherlands Golf Federation. Ahead of the match, Stevens commented:

“To represent the Continent of Europe as captain in a prestigious match such as the Jacques Léglise Trophy for the third time is of course a huge honour. Winning the trophy the last 2 years 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, which is for the first time in Finland!”

I have no doubt that we will for sure have to compete against a very strong GB&I team who for example has the current British Boys Champion on their team. But, with again 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

Emil Alajärvi, who will be playing on home soil in Finland next week, won the Finnish U18 Stroke Play Championship this year and the Finnish Junior Match Play Championship last year. He also won the bronze medal at the English Boys' Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Carris Trophy) last month.

Daniel Da Costa Rodrigues impressed at this year's European Amateur Team Championship in Germany. He won two of his three matches for the Portuguese team.

Loïc Ettlín helped the Swiss team to a silver medal at this year's European Boys' Team Championship. The current Swiss National Match Play Champion also recently claimed a third-place finish at the German International Championship.

Jerry Ji's best result this year was a tied-second place finish at the European Amateur Championship at home in the Netherlands. The 2018 Dutch National Stroke Play Champion won the Junior Orange Bowl International last year and also finished tied second in the stroke play of the European Boys' Team Championship this year.

David Puig, the first of two Spanish players in the side, won the Spanish U18 Championship this year and was instrumental in Spain's gold medal in the European Boys' Team Championship, topping the individual stroke play ranking and then winning four of his five completed matches.

Eduard Rousaud Sabate, a key player in the Continent of Europe's team last year, makes a return. Like Puig, he was also part of the victorious Spanish boys' team at this year's European Boys' Team Championship, winning all four of his completed matches. He won the bronze medal at the 2017 Spanish Amateur Championship and placed in the top-five at this year's Toyota Junior World Cup.

Saku Tuusa, the second home player selected, was the outstanding performer for the Finnish team at the European Boys' Team Championship in July. He finished fifth in the individual stroke play rankings and went on to win two of his three singles matches.

Kiet Van der Weele, has performed well in his home country, the Netherlands, this year. He won the Dutch National U18 Stroke Play Championship, and claimed second-place at the Dutch National Stroke Play Championship and the Dutch International Junior Open.

Sweden's **Adam Wallin** recently helped his team to a bronze medal at the European Boys' Team Championship. Earlier this year, he finished second in the Fairhaven Trophy and made the cut at the Boys' Amateur Championship.

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