

VAGLIANO TROPHY GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND VS THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE

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CONTINENT OF EUROPE TEAM

The European Golf Association is proud to announce the selection of seven players for the Continent of Europe Team ahead of the 2019 Vagliano Trophy match due to take place at Royal St George's Golf Club on 28 and 29 June. The seven players, who will be joined by an eighth selection following the Women's Amateur Championship, will be captained for the third successive time by Italy's **Anna Roscio**. The 31st edition of the biennial match, introduced in 1959, will see the Continent of Europe team attempt to win the trophy, which they've held since 2007, for a seventh successive time.

Roscio expressed her excitement ahead of the match:

"I am very proud to be the captain of the Vagliano Continental Team for the third time. I cannot wait to captain one of the greatest European sides we've ever had. Royal St. Georges will be an outstanding venue and it will provide a great test for both teams. Hopefully we will be able to come out on top and retain the trophy."

Caterina Don (ITA) was instrumental in Italy's gold medal in the European Girls' Team Championship last year, winning all five of her matches. Don claimed two additional victories in 2018, the Italian Girls' U18 National Championship, and the Trofeo Glauco Lolli Ghetti. This year, the Italian player finished runner-up in the Italian Ladies' Match Play, and reached the last-eight in the Trophée Esmond. After winning the Junior match with the Continent of Europe in 2017, Don will play on the ladies' team for the first time.

Linn Grant (SWE) won the European Ladies' Team Championship with Sweden last year. The Swedish player had an impressive 2017 season, in which she won the Ladies' British Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship, the German Girls' Open, the Helen Holm Scottish Open Stroke Play Championship, and the European Girls' Team Championship. Grant will make her first appearance for a Continent of Europe Team at Royal St. Georges.

Leonie Harm (GER) made history last year at Hillside Golf Club when she became the first German player to win the Women's Amateur Championship. The University of Houston Cougar has already won three events in the U.S. this year, most notably the Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate, and will make her first appearance in the Vagliano Trophy.

Frida Kinhult (SWE) is currently the highest-ranked European player in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR). The 2017 and 2018 Spanish Ladies' Amateur Champion won the Darius Rucker Intercollegiate in March and has achieved two other top-five finishes in US Collegiate events since the start of the year. Last season, the Florida State golfer was instrumental in Sweden's gold-medal performance at the European Ladies' Team Championship, where she topped the individual leaderboard after the stroke play qualifying, and won all five of her matches. Kinhult also represented Europe in the 2018 Patsy Hankins Trophy. She will make her first appearance in the Vagliano Trophy at Royal St. George's, after helping the junior team to victory in 2015.

Alessia Nobilio (ITA) won the Junior Vagliano Trophy with the Continent of Europe on home soil at Bogogno GC in 2017. After an excellent 2018 season, which saw her win the European Girls' Team Championship with Italy, finish runner-up in the Youth Olympic Games and the World Junior Girls' Championship, finish tied for third in the European Ladies' Amateur Championship, and achieve a top-10 in the Espirito Santo Trophy, the Italian player graduates to the ladies' team for this year's match.

Pauline Roussin-Bouchard (FRA) has had an impressive start to the 2019 season, winning both the Italian and Portuguese International Ladies' Amateur Championships. The French player has also finished runner-up in the Trophée Esmond and fourth in the ANA Junior Inspiration. The 2015 Girls' European Young Masters Champion helped France to second place in the European Ladies' Team Championship in 2018.

Albane Valenzuela (SUI) has been the top player in the European Women's Amateur Ranking at the end of the last two seasons. The Swiss player has appeared in ten major championships and represented her country at the Olympic Games. In 2017, Valenzuela finished runnerup in both the European Ladies' Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur Championships. The Stanford University player will be striving to win the Vagliano Trophy for the third successive time with the Continent of Europe team, and to add to her impressive record of six wins, one half, and one loss.

More information and livescoring will be available on the EGA website: http://www.ega-golf.ch/event/2019-vagliano-trophy

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