

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND VS THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE

Aldeburgh GC, England

30-31 AUGUST 2019



**JOACHIM FOURQUET**  
(Non-Playing Captain)



**MATTEO CRISTONI**



**DANIEL DA COSTA RODRIGUES**



**LOÏC ETTLIN**



**CHARLES LARCELET**



**ALVARO MUELLER-BAUMGART LUCENA**



**DAVID PUIG**



**BÅRD BJØRNEVIK SKOGEN**



**TOM VAILLANT**



**ADAM WALLIN**

## CONTINENT OF EUROPE TEAM

The EGA is pleased to announce the Continent of Europe team for this year's Jacques Léglise Trophy.

The nine U18 boys selected will face the Great Britain & Ireland (GB&I) team at Aldeburgh Golf Club, England, on 30-31 August.

Now in its 43<sup>rd</sup> edition, the format of the match is four foursomes 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 team, which won the match in 2016 and 2017, will need to secure 13 points to regain the trophy lost to GB&I at Kytjää Golf, Finland, last year.

The team will be captained by former French National team player, **Joachim Fourquet**, who was twice runner-up at the French U18 Championship, and who has formerly won the Jacques Léglise Trophy with the Continent of Europe as a player. Ahead of the match, Fourquet commented:

*“As a former player of this prestigious international match, I am honoured to represent the Continent of Europe for the first time as a captain. I am confident in the team we have selected; it represents a cross-section of Continental Europe's most experienced and talented boys who have shown great form in national and international championships throughout the season. There is little doubt that the GB&I team will be highly competitive on their home soil, but I know that my players will do their utmost to regain the trophy. I look forward to the challenge of the Aldeburgh golf course and experiencing, with my team, one of the greatest matches of the year !”*

### THE TEAM

**Matteo Cristoni** will make his debut in the Jacques Léglise Trophy at Aldeburgh Golf Club. The Italian player, who won his national U18 championship earlier this summer, reached the semi-finals of the Boys Amateur Championship last week, defeating teammate, Adam Wallin, and top stroke play qualifier, Connor McKinney, on his way to a tied third place finish at Saunton Golf Club.

**Daniel Da Costa Rodrigues** will be making his second appearance for the Continent of Europe after making his debut in Finland last year. The Portuguese player, who was ranked 2000<sup>th</sup> in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) ahead of the match in 2018, won both the Portuguese National and International Amateur Championships this season, and enters this year's match ranked 75<sup>th</sup>.

Switzerland's **Loïc Ettlin** is another player making his second appearance in the match. In 2018, he helped his country to a silver medal in the European Boys' Team Championship, and won the Swiss Romande, Swiss Central, and Swiss National Championships.

**Charles Larcelet** will make his first appearance for the Continent of Europe. The French player's season includes top-10 finishes at both the Copa Sotogrande and the St Andrews Links Trophy, on top of winning the French International Stroke Play Championship (Coupe Murat). Larcelet was also instrumental in his country's victory at the European Boys' Team Championship last month.

**Alvaro Mueller-Baumgart Lucena** is the youngest, yet highest-ranked, player in the team this year. Currently sitting 17<sup>th</sup> in the WAGR, the Spaniard has won both the 2019 Spanish Amateur Stroke Play and U18 Championships, and reached the semi-finals of the Spanish Amateur Championship (Copa S.M. El Rey).

**David Puig**, the second Spanish player in the team, makes his second appearance. Currently also inside the top-50 of the WAGR, Puig has won the Campeonato de Barcelona and the Campeonato Abierto de Madrid so far this year, and also finished runner-up to fellow teammate, Mueller-Baumgart at the Spanish Amateur Stroke Play Championship. Puig has topped the stroke play qualifying phase at the European Boys' Team Championships for the last two editions.

**Bård Bjørnevik Skogen** won the European Young Masters title in 2017, earning a European selection for the APGC Junior Championship the same year. The Norwegian player has won twice on the Srixon Tour so far this season, and finished in the top-five at the Portuguese International Amateur Championship and the French International U18 Championship (Trophée Carlhian).

**Tom Vaillant** was also part of the victorious French team at the European Boys' Team Championship in July. After returning two contributing scores in the stroke play phase, Vaillant won all four of his matches in the match play stages to help France win the Jean-Louis Dupont Trophy.

**Adam Wallin** is the fourth selected player returning this year. The Swedish player finished tied third in the stroke play phase of the European Boys' Team Championship last month, and won four of his five matches to help Sweden to a third-place finish.

For scoring and reports from the matches please visit:  
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