

# JUNIOR VAGLIANO TROPHY

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND VS THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE

THE ROYAL ST GEORGE'S GC, ENGLAND 28 - 29 JUNE 2019



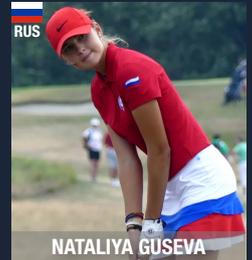
**ANE URCHEGUI GARCÍA**  
(Captain)



**PIA BABNIK**



**FRANCESCA FIORELLINI**



**NATALIYA GUSEVA**



**AMALIE LETH-NISSEN**



**CAROLINA LÓPEZ-CHACARRA**



**LUCIE MALCHIRAND**

## CONTINENT OF EUROPE TEAM

The European Golf Association is proud to announce the selection of six players for the Continent of Europe Team ahead of the 2019 Junior Vagliano Trophy match due to take place at Royal St George's Golf Club on 28 and 29 June alongside the Vagliano Trophy. The six players will be captained for the second successive time by Spain's **Ane Urchegui García**. The match, introduced in 2011 and formerly played every other year, will now be played annually.

Ahead of the match, Urchegui commented:

*"I am very honoured to be Captain of the Junior Vagliano Continent of Europe team for the second time in a row. I have great memories of the last edition and that will be the goal for this edition too: enjoyment of the moment, friendship, gratitude, sportsmanship, discipline, motivation, teamwork and love for golf. That will be our recipe to take the trophy home again."*

**Pia Babnik (SLO)** is currently ranked 31st in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR). The Slovenian player has had an impressive start to the 2019 season, securing top-five finishes in the Spanish and Portuguese International Ladies' Amateur Championships, and claiming a dominant seven-stroke victory in the Helen Holm Scottish Women's Open Championship. In the last two years, Babnik has won five events on the Slovenian Amateur Tour, in addition to the Slovenian Amateur Championship.

**Francesca Fiorellini (ITA)** won the Girls' U16 Amateur Championship at Fulford Golf Club in April. The win was the Italian's second recent success in England, following her victory at the English Girls' U14 Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship last August. The week before her victory in the Girls U16 Amateur Championship, Fiorellini also won the Coppa d'Ora Citta de Roma by 10 shots.

**Nataliya Guseva (RUS)** finished third in the Campeonato de Madrid and secured a top-10 in the Spanish International Ladies' Amateur Championship this year. In 2018, the Russian player won the Turkish and Bulgarian Amateur Open Championships, defended her title in the Evolve Spanish Junior Championship, and finished fifth in the European Young Masters.

**Amalie Leth-Nissen (DEN)** won two Danish events in 2018, the Molleaaen Open and the DGU Elite Tour III event. She also finished in the top-10 at the European Young Masters, and finished runner-up in the International Juniors of Belgium tournament.

**Carolina López-Chacarra Coto (ESP)** claimed the silver medal in the European Young Masters last year. The Spanish player also finished third in the Memorial Celia Barquín, and fourth in the Campeonato de Madrid. López-Chacarra's best result in 2019 was a runner-up finish in the Spanish U16 Championship.

**Lucie Malchirand (FRA)** narrowly missed out on a victory in the Portuguese International Ladies' Amateur Championship earlier this year, finishing one stroke behind compatriot, Pauline Roussin-Bouchard. At the end of April, she would face the Ladies' Continent of Europe Team selectee once more in the final of the Trophée Esmond, and would recover from three-down in the match at the halfway stage to lift the trophy and propel herself into the WAGR top-50.

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

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