



Vagliano Trophy

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND VS THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE

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TEAM EUROPE

Selections

The European Team will comprise the following players to compete against the best Lady amateur players from Great Britain & Ireland for the biennially-awarded, Vagliano Trophy.



Anna Roscio
(Captain)



The 29th edition of the Vagliano Trophy, since its current format was first introduced in 1959, will be played at Malone Golf Club, near Belfast, on Friday and Saturday, June 26 & 27. It will see a strong Continent of Europe team try to retain the Trophy they have held over their Great Britain and Ireland counterparts since 2007.

The team will be led by Captain, *Anna Roscio* (Italy), current manager of the Italian Ladies and Girls National Teams and 2010 Espirito Santo Trophy player.

Her team will comprise two "pillars" from the 2013 successful campaign. *Céline Boutier* (France), who played the matches in 2011 as well, has just added the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship to her impressive record. The 2012 International European Ladies' Amateur Champion, also held the first place, in this season's World Amateur Golf Ranking, during several weeks. She enjoys a very successful college golf career with Duke University in the USA. *Noemi Jimenez Martin* (Spain), was undefeated two years ago at Golf de Chantilly. Since then, she won the 2014 NCAA D1 West Regional and took the silver medal in the International European Ladies' Amateur Championship.

Spain will be the most represented country with two additional players. *Luna Sobron Galmés* is the reigning International European Ladies' Amateur Champion. She reached the final in the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship 2013 and won the Campeonato Absoluto C Valenciana the following year. The third Spaniard is *Nuria Iturrios*, the winner of the 2015 Internationaux de France - Trophée Esmond. Nuria also won the Campeonato de España Interclubs and enjoyed several honour placings since January, including a runner-up spot in the Portuguese International Ladies' Amateur Championship.

The 2014 European Ladies' Amateur Team Champion, France, will send *Justine Dreher* who helped her team to the title by winning her three matches at G&CC Ljubljana, Slovenia, last summer. Justine is another US based college player; she won the Annika Intercollegiate at the end of 2014 and placed second in the Dixie Women's Amateur.

Sweden will be represented by two strong players as well. *Madelene Sagström* will make her comeback to the team after her 2011 successful appearance. She has already won two titles in the US this year, the Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate, the NCAA Raleigh Regional and recorded three podium-finishes. She will be joined by *Linnea Ström*, last week's Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship finalist. The young Swede has a good experience of team match play as she represented Europe in the last two Junior Ryder Cups as well as the 2013 Ping Junior Solheim Cup. Linnea won the gold medal in the mixed team event (together with Jacques Léglise Trophy player Marcus Kinhult) in the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games.

Olivia Cowan (Germany) secured her place in the team thanks to her back to back victories in international events at the beginning of the year: the Portuguese International Ladies' Amateur Championship and the Spanish Ladies' Amateur Championship. Olivia, concentrated on professional events during spring and won the LET Access Series ASGI Ladies Open before to reach the quarterfinals in the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship.

Albane Valenzuela (Switzerland), the youngest player in the selection, was part of the 2013 winning Junior Vagliano Trophy Team. She won the Spanish International Stroke Play at the beginning of May and placed ninth in the LET Lacoste Ladies Open de France at the end of 2014.

Captain Anna Roscio said that she hopes that her players' excellent form shown in the last weeks will give them the edge on an impressive GB&I team lead by Leona Maguire (Ireland), the current number one Lady Amateur in the World Amateur Golf Ranking.

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