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PRESTWICK GOLF CLUB

European Palmer Cup presented by Monster Team Announced

Players from six different countries compose squad

NORMAN, Okla. — Alejandro Cañizares of Arizona State, East Tennessee State's Rhys Davies, Oscar Floren of Texas Tech, Georgia State's Mark Haastrup, Stephen Lewton of NC State, Randstad Topsport Academie Rotterdam's Joost Luiten, Pablo Martin of Oklahoma State and Stirling's Richard Ramsey have been named to represent Europe in the 2006 Palmer Cup presented by Monster announced European Head Coach Peter Mattsson. The annual Ryder Cup-style competition between American collegiate golfers and their counterparts from Europe will be played June 29-30, on the 6,544 yard, par 71 Prestwick Golf Club. The European squad - which trails the United States 5-3-1 - represents players from six different nations.

"We have players with a wide range of abilities from across Europe," said Mattsson, the director of coaching for the English Golf Union. "Several of our players have links experience, which will be of great benefit, and a good mix between players based out of the United States and Europe."

Cañizares, a senior from Manilva, Spain, will be competing in his fourth Palmer Cup. The Palmer Cup all-time leader in victories and points, the former NCAA champion has a 9-3 career record in the event.

Davies, a native of Bridgend Wales will be competing in his third Palmer Cup while Martin, hailing from Malaga, Spain, will be participating in his second. Davies Palmer Cup record is 3-4-1, although he did register a 3-1 mark while leading Europe to victory at Ballyunion in 2004. Martin went 1-2-1 last year at Whistling Straits Irish Course.

Floren (Sweden), Haastrup (Denmark), Lewton (England), Luiten (The Netherlands) and Ramsey (Scotland) will be competing in their first Palmer Cup.

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