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Team Sweden victorious at 2018 Nordic Junior Team Matches

Häädemeeste, EE – (September 20, 2018) – The second annual Nordic Junior Team Matches between Finland, Sweden, Estonia and Canada were held this past week in Häädemeeste, Estonia, at the Pärnu Bay Golf Links. The Canadian contingent qualified via the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour and were captained by Jeff Chambers, MJT Tournament Director and PGA of Canada Professional.

The three-day competition was highlighted by Foursome matches (alternate shot) as well as Singles matches. The team from the Swedish Golf Federation secured six and a half out of a possible nine points on their way to a one-point win over the Finnish team.

During the opening day of competition, the Canadians faced up against the host team from Estonia. The Estonian team was able to take two of three points from the Canadians with convincing wins in both Foursomes versus the Canadian team of Griffin Wilson (Swift Current, SK) and Colby Friedrich (Battleford, SK), 6 and 4 and Singles vs. Connor Ackroyd (St. Albert, AB), 5 and 4. The lone point for the Canadians on the day was a Singles win by Will Holan (Edmonton, AB), 2 and 1.

With first round jitters out of the way, the Canadians came back to the course confident to take on the defending champions, Team Finland. The first match of the day went the Canadians way with Friedrich beating his counterpart from Finland in a Singles match, 4 and 3. The other Singles match saw Wilson trail by three with three holes remaining. After winning the 16th hole to remain dormie, Wilson halved the 17th hole and lost a close match 2 and 1.

Finally, the Foursomes match of the day saw Ackroyd and Holan run into a hot pair from Finland, who recorded five birdies through 14 holes to take a four-up lead with four holes remaining. The 15th hole was halved and the match ended in favour of the Fins, 4 and 3. Once again, the Canadian finished with a single point, bringing their total to two.

After struggling through two rounds, the Canadians would still have an opportunity to win the Nordic Junior Team Matches with a clean sweep of the Swedes. However, Team Sweden was hungry for the win as well, knowing all three points were very important if they were going to hold off the defending champions from Finland. The Swedes came to play and swept all three matches against the Canadians, leaving MJT Team Canada with two points and a fourth place finish.

“What a great experience for our junior golfers, lifelong friendships were forged and the memories will last a lifetime. This experience is a push for all of us to work harder at the game of golf,” said Chambers. “Special thanks to Parnu Bay Golf Links and the Estonian Golf Association for hosting, and congratulations to Team Sweden on the victory. I also want to thank the MJT for creating this fantastic event, the parents for giving their kids the opportunity to play and entrusting me with them to travel and compete internationally, and of course the players for representing the MJT and Canada so well and showing such great respect.”

MJT Team Canada was outfitted with team uniforms and golf bags courtesy of MJT Official Travel Insurance Partner, **TuGo**. TuGo also supports MJT programs via a partnership where MJT receives 10% back from every [travel insurance policy](#) sold.

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