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Callaway Golf Staff Professionals Key European Victory; Ryder Cup Rookies Shine Using Great Big Bertha II Titanium Drivers

CARLSBAD, Calif., Oct 1, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Callaway Golf (NYSE: ELY) was a major player in the outcome of last week's Ryder Cup Matches at the Belfry. Two of the Company's Staff Professionals -- each using the new Great Big Bertha(R) II Titanium Driver -- helped the European side rally to a victory as rookies in Ryder Cup competition. Phillip Price and Niclas Fasth each used Great Big Bertha II Pro Series Titanium Drivers and were among the 10 golfers to use Callaway Golf(R) equipment in the 24-player team event.

Price was a surprise star for the European side, pulling off a major upset by defeating Phil Mickelson in singles, 3 and 2. Price's stunning victory, sealed by a clutch putt with his Odyssey(R) White Hot(R) "2-Ball" Putter on the 16th green, gave the Europeans a strong surge of momentum and brought them within a point of capturing the Ryder Cup. Price used the HX(R) Red golf ball and 11 Callaway Golf clubs, including a Steelhead(TM) III 5-wood and Steelhead X-14(R) Pro Series Irons. Fasth then halved his dramatic match with Paul Azinger to put Europe within a half-point of clinching the Matches, which the team did just a few minutes later. Fasth used the HX Red golf ball and a full complement of 14 Callaway Golf clubs, including a Steelhead III Strong 3-wood, Steelhead X-14 Pro Series Irons, three Callaway Golf Forged Wedges and an Odyssey White Hot Mid Putter.

The leading point-winner for either team at the matches was Callaway Golf Staff Professional Colin Montgomerie, who tallied 4-1/2 points over his five matches. Montgomerie used 12 Callaway Golf clubs at the Ryder Cup Matches, including a Big Bertha(R) Hawk Eye(R) VFT(R) Pro Series Titanium Driver, Big Bertha Irons and an Odyssey White Hot Mid Putter. Also turning in strong performances for the European team were Callaway Golf Staff Professionals Jesper Parnevik -- using a Great Big Bertha II Pro Series Titanium Driver -- and Pierre Fulke, each of whom halved their Sunday singles matches.

Two Callaway Golf Ball Staff Professionals also made important contributions to their teams. Padraig Harrington used the HX Blue golf ball to earn two points for the Europeans, while Mark Calcavecchia used the HX Red golf ball to add a point to the U.S. side's total. The Ryder Cup was a successful conclusion to Callaway Golf's involvement in this year's professional team matches. Out of the 50 golfers to take part in the Solheim Cup and Ryder Cup Matches this year, 31 relied upon Callaway Golf equipment.

Callaway Golf Company makes and sells Big Bertha(R) Metal Woods and Irons, including Great Big Bertha(R) II Titanium Drivers and Fairway Woods, Big Bertha C4(TM) Compression Cured Carbon Composite Drivers, Big Bertha ERC(R) II Forged Titanium Drivers, Big Bertha ERC Forged Titanium Fairway Woods, Big Bertha Hawk Eye(R) VFT(R) and Big Bertha Hawk Eye VFT Pro Series Titanium Drivers and Fairway Woods, Big Bertha Steelhead(TM) III Stainless Steel Drivers and Fairway Woods, Hawk Eye VFT Tungsten Injected(TM) Titanium Irons, Big Bertha Stainless Steel Irons, Steelhead X-16(TM) and Steelhead X-16 Pro Series Stainless Steel Irons, Steelhead X-14(R) and Steelhead X-14 Pro Series Stainless Steel Irons, and Callaway Golf Forged Wedges. Callaway Golf Company also makes and sells Odyssey(R) Putters, including White Hot(R), TriHot(R), DFX(TM) and Dual Force(R) Putters. Callaway Golf Company makes and sells the Callaway Golf(R) HX(R) Blue and HX Red balls, the CTU 30(R) Blue and CTU 30 Red balls, the HX 2-Piece Blue and HX 2-Piece Red balls, the CB1(R) Blue and CB1 Red balls, and the Warbird(TM) golf balls. For more information about Callaway Golf Company, please visit our Web sites at www.callawaygolf.com and www.odysseygolf.com.

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