

# Hero Cup

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Abu Dhabi Golf Club

## Continental Europe

## Francesco Molinari

### Quick Quotes

**Q. You've led your team to victory, just how good does that feel?**

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Amazing, amazing. I could finally relax the last couple of hours have been tense after finishing my game. But yeah, it's been great all week, super happy for the guys. Like I said all week, it's been very, very easy leading them and being a captain for them. I think we found some really good pairings and just had a great week to start the year and I can only wish them all best for the rest of the season.

**Q. What pleased you most about this performance?**

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Many, many things. Like I said, many pairings seemed to gel really, really well, which was great. Made my job a lot easier because I didn't have to tinker and change too much. Just spending time with some of the guys, the younger guys that maybe I didn't know as well, it's been great fun.

**Q. How valuable do you think for the players here, the ones that go on to play The Ryder Cup, has this experience been?**

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Invaluable, really, especially for the younger guys but even for us, to play match play, just get the juices going early, this early in the year, it's a great event. We really enjoy it. The DP World Tour has done a great job at setting it up. Obviously the crowds have enjoyed it as well.

I think we played some really good golf all in all, so hopefully we can do it again next year or the year after.

**Q. May want to be Ryder Cup Captain one day, how valuable is this experience for you if that's the case? Luke Donald said it was huge for him?**

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: I can only imagine the stress of the captain in The Ryder Cup environment. Obviously I



love the event and it would be something amazing and incredible to be honest that I haven't even dreamed about. But obviously I'd love to do it. But to be honest I'd love to play in a couple more before that.

**Q. You've had a fantastic week personally, 3 1/2 points after 4. To make the team in your home country and your brother as a vice captain, how big of a goal is that?**

FRANCESCO MOLINARI: Obviously it's there. It's a great motivation for me. I need to be careful; it's a long way away and there's a lot of golf to be played in between and a lot of goals, intermediate goals to get there. So just focus on my game. Like you said, it's definitely much better than it's been. So hopefully I can play some good golf and be in Rome. Being in Rome would be absolutely incredible.

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