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Dominic helps put Aboyne on the national golfing map

Aboyne Golf Club is celebrating after one of its young players put the club firmly on the national golfing map winning the finals in Portugal this week of the coveted 2017 Titleist Footjoy Matchplay Championships.

Playing in a series of regional qualifying rounds, Aboyne's Dominic Bradburn won four consecutive knockouts across North-East Scotland before securing his place on the Algarve this week by winning the Scottish regional qualifier at Irvine Golf Club in October.

Played at the luxurious 5-star Vale Do Lobo golfing resort near Faro, which has hosted the Portuguese Open, Dominic competed in the 4-round stableford finals this week against the eight-other regional low-handicap qualifiers.

Dominic said "It was the first time I have entered the competition and a real surprise and honour to qualify from Scotland and represent my club and country. To then go and win the finals in Portugal against some very competent golfers was unbelievable. The setting at Vale Do Lobo was amazing and the courses were tough requiring a lot of course management, particularly the third-round played in atrocious rain and wind, it was very testing but that is what you would expect from a final. I managed to hold it all together and was delighted to secure the title. It is such a great feeling and I have received unbelievable support from Aboyne Golf Club and my fellow golfers here in the North East."

David Hughes, Tournament Director of the European Amateur Golf Tour said "Now in its 22nd year, this annual tournament attracted over 1,000 entrants from across the UK with the prize to qualify for the finals in Portugal. Dominic played extremely well over the 4-rounds consistently scoring 31, 34, 32 and 34 and amassing 131 points to take the title by 7 points from his nearest rival. He handled the pressure very well and earned the respect of his fellow players. He has a bright future ahead of him. We are delighted for Dominic and hope to see him back next year to defend his title."

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Notes to Editors

Tournament Director David Hughes presents Dominic Bradburn with his silver salver trophy



Aboyne Golf Club

Aboyne Golf Club, an Archie Simpson and Martin Hawtree inspired course, is the oldest on Royal Deeside, Scotland. The course sits on the eastern edge of the historic Cairngorms National Park and is truly a captivating setting for golfers offering a memorable challenge.

With a growing reputation, Aboyne has hosted on behalf of governing body 'Scottish Golf' a variety of national and regional competitions. We are honoured to be chosen by the R&A to host the LGU 'Coronation Foursomes' Finals in August 2018. Proud host of 2016 Scottish Women's County Finals. Host of Scottish Golf Junior Open Regional Qualifier 2017.

Aboyne has won many plaudits as one of the best manicured, varied and challenging inland courses in Scotland always maintained in pristine condition. The ultimate course of two halves, parkland and heathland, which challenges golfers of all abilities particularly the back nine featuring unique topography.

Surrounded by heather capped mountains and sprawling pine forests, Aboyne is a captivating setting renowned as one of the most beautiful golfing venues in Scotland. Located under an hour from Aberdeen International Airport, we are only 70 miles from St Andrews.

Come and be challenged on one of the most varied and unique courses in the 'Home of Golf'.

