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Rominger to fly Swiss flag at Evian

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Switzerland's top ranked female professional golfer Caroline Rominger is aiming for a strong performance when she competes at the Evian Masters presented by Société Générale for the second time from 22 – 25 July.

Rominger made her debut at the tournament last year after receiving a wild card from the Evian Masters organisation and finished in 69th position. This year she is hoping to improve on that performance after receiving another wild card to compete and is thrilled to be visiting the Evian Masters Golf Club in Evian-les-Bains once again.

She explained: "I feel really proud that I got the invite. I'm really happy and honoured. I got an invite last year as the best Swiss player and now I've got an invite again so I'm really happy. I didn't expect it because it's such a great tournament. I played okay last year and made the cut, made some money, so I'm looking forward to it. It's by far the best tournament I've ever played in."

The 27-year-old second year Ladies European Tour player, who hails from the village of Pontresina, near the popular ski resort of St.Moritz, now resides in Zurich, so will have just a four hour drive around the lake from her home to the venue.

It means that she will have plenty of travelling supporters lining the fairways, including friends, parents, sponsors and one of her two coaches, Regine Lauterns, the former Swiss national team coach.

Her younger brother Matthias, who has travelled on tour with her for almost a year and who is an eight-handicapper, will accompany her as caddie.

She explained: "It's really good and we get along well. He can help me a lot with the lines on the greens."

Golf is in the family with older brother Martin a professional golfer on the Challenge and Asian Tours, but Rominger is inspired by tennis stars rather than golfers and won't be over awed by playing with the world's best players at Evian.

"For sure, it's nice if you're standing on the range, and last year Lorena Ochoa was hitting balls in front of me and that's an experience you won't forget, but on the other side, as soon as I go out on the course, it doesn't matter who the other players are in the field and from which country they are coming."

Her idol is Roger Federer and she explains: "I really admire Roger Federer and think he's a great sportsman. How he handles everything, I think, is great. He does everything so properly and all the people like him. I mean, Tiger Woods is a great sportsman too, but he splits the opinion of the people."

She may not have reached quite the same level of recognition as her sporting idol just yet, but Rominger is certainly determined to progress as far up the Rolex World Rankings as she can, whilst representing the same country.



On her current form, she says: "I would say it's probably quite a bit better (than last year). I feel comfortable and I make a lot of cuts I'm just not making really low scores so I'm going to practise a lot the next week to be ready in Evian and you never know."

"I'm going to see my main coach, Marcus Moreno, who is from Argentina but came back to Switzerland for the summer. I'm going to work on everything because the game is good but I need it checked up."

Caroline says that the Evian Masters is her favourite tournament for several reasons. "It's huge. It's perfectly organised, the course is awesome, it is close to home and I can drive there. The hotels are nice, the people are nice, to see all the stars from overseas and from Europe and be a part of that tournament, that's great," she said.

In 2010, the Evian Masters features a field of 111 competitors with a cut after two rounds. Japan's Ai Miyazato is defending the title after defeating Sophie Gustafson of Sweden last year with a birdie at the first play-off hole.