

Betfred British Masters hosted by Sir Nick Faldo

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The Belfry Hotel & Resort

Matt Wallace

Quick Quotes

Q. British Masters, how special is this event for you?

MATT WALLACE: Yeah, it's great. The crowds are normally the number one thing that I enjoy the most here this week. And obviously being an iconic venue like The Belfry and with the Ryder Cup coming up, it's got that sort of vibe and the feel.

I used to be attached here as well, so I know a lot of the staff and everyone who works up here. So it's always nice to come up here.

Q. Obviously ahead of the Danish you mentioned about finding form at the right time, where your putting game is at, but maybe not the Sunday you wanted, but how do you set the week as a whole?

MATT WALLACE: Yeah, it wasn't my best week. Preparation was okay, but the golf course probably just didn't suit my game as much as I probably would have liked it to have been.

My driving wasn't great, and that was kind of key around there. You saw Marco and Rasmus play great from off the tee. I cracked my driver at the start of the week, so it wasn't the best sort of preparation in terms of playing-wise.

But I grinded hard. I showed some grit at the end there to eagle the last and make the weekend. And then Sunday was a really bad day, but sometimes you need that in your career to give you a push start and go again and reset. And I probably needed that at that time.

So I got two weeks now to go and give it a go.

Q. You've always been accredited to saying how a change in mindset has really benefited you. How much do you think that is going to be key this week, obviously, as you mentioned, from coming off a week you maybe didn't want, but everything that's at stake?

MATT WALLACE: Well, golf is a beautiful game where



you get another chance. And it's the week after. So I've got yesterday and today and tomorrow to get my game back to where it's been.

So it's obviously not far away, but I just need to eke out a few things I was doing last week. And golf is so small, it could be little, tiny things. And that's what I feel like I've found.

I got a little bit fast, I got a little bit away. I didn't -- obviously I was using a new driver, so wasn't using something that I'm used to. So doing some more work with that and getting used to that. And then being comfortable with it.

And I just wasn't comfortable last week. And that, along with trying to hit it probably too hard, caused me to get into some bad spots.

So I'm working away at it, and I can get into decent shape. And I like this golf course, have had some good form. So visually it just looks a little bit easier for me.

Q. Yesterday saw you on the range, only hitting driver, really putting the work in. Do you feel you've found what you were looking for?

MATT WALLACE: Not quite yet. I went and played again just now. I played the front nine. And I've still got a bit of work to do. I found the driver I was using, it was decent on the range yesterday, but it wasn't the balls I normally use.

So went on the golf course today, and there was a lack of spin. So I need to just get that right. I'm always best when I swing it smooth and controlled and the ball comes off with enough spin. And then when you hit it a bit harder, there's some control there.

So, yeah, I know what I'm doing; I just need to try and find that.

Q. Obviously you only played the front nine today, but very friendly with the course. How do you feel it's set up from your first impressions going around?

MATT WALLACE: Yeah, in the trees it's very hard and firm, and they've obviously had a great summer over here

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where there's not been much water around. But on the fairways and greens, they've added a lot of water. So still relatively soft, which is great because if the weather stays how it's supposed to be, it can firm up by Sunday.

But right now and probably come Thursday and potentially Friday, it will be softer conditions from fairway to green.

Q. Are there any stretch of holes that stand out to you around this setup?

MATT WALLACE: Well, the front nine, the front nine for me normally plays harder than the back nine. I think statistically it shows that. But definitely from -- you've got 6, 7, par 3, and then 8 there's a new tee another 10, 15 yards back, which is a great hole now. It's a really tough hole.

So, yeah, from 6 to 9 there, that's the stretch where if you can hit the ball well off the tee, keep it out of the water on 6 and hit the green in 2, and then if you can play fairway and green for those four holes, you'll be gaining a lot on the field.

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