

# ISPS HANDA World Invitational

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*Northern Ireland*

Galgorm Castle & Massereene Golf Club

## Matthew Baldwin

### Quick Quotes

**Q. 4-under to start; how did you find the conditions out there?**

MATTHEW BALDWIN: It was brutal at times. It was really wet and obviously blustery with the wind. I played really nice, though, so I can't complain too much about it.

**Q. Starting on the back nine, you picked up a few birdies towards the end. You just sort of took that into the front nine?**

MATTHEW BALDWIN: Yeah, just holed some really nice putts, holed a lovely putt on 15 and then followed it up on 17 and 18 with two kind of 15- to 20-footers. I hit it close on the first, tucked it in, and then holed another probably 20-footer on 2.

**Q. Moving into tomorrow, going to Massereene, which is seen as sort of the easier course, do you feel like you're really well positioned already?**

MATTHEW BALDWIN: I'm trying not to think about that. I'll just go and play golf and see where I'm at.

**Q. Is the back nine here easier than the front, or was that just a case of your game or could you talk us through maybe the golf course and where the opportunities are?**

MATTHEW BALDWIN: Yeah, from a personal point of view I would say the back nine was a little more scorable. There's obviously two par-5s. The front nine is tricky. First hole is obviously quite tricky, and then tee shots like 3 and 6 are really tough. Even 8 obviously is quite tough. There's no room for error.

From my point of view, the front nine is tougher here, definitely.

**Q. You almost hit me on 8.**



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MATTHEW BALDWIN: Yeah, I tried to get you. I saw the white jacket.

**Q. I was an easy target.**

MATTHEW BALDWIN: Yeah. It got a nice ricochet. I didn't make the most of it, unfortunately, but that's golf, isn't it.

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