

# ISPS HANDA World Invitational

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Northern Ireland

Galgorm Castle & Massereene Golf Club

## Chella Choi

### Quick Quotes

**Q. You're one of three tied for the lead after the first round. How great were the conditions this afternoon? They seemed pretty nice for scoring.**

CHELLA CHOI: Yes, very lucky. I think when I played with Olivia, I have very good love for weather. All players, not much practice rounds, so everybody same condition, and don't know golf course. So I trying to focus on just hit fairways and hit the green and made good shots today.

**Q. Just because Olivia is Irish, she's good luck?**

CHELLA CHOI: She gave me a lot of good luck. She played good today, and she's a very nice girl. I talked with her very good. Personality very good, and she's starting to qualifying this year, so yeah, it's very good.

**Q. Did you give her some advice on qualifying?**

CHELLA CHOI: Good luck. Only one time for life hopefully. She played so good, and she know everywhere, so I'm trying to follow her to tee shots, so that's why I played good.

**Q. I saw an eagle on the scorecard. At one point I think they had you down for two eagles, but you at least had the one eagle on No. 1. Start with that one. Can you take me through hole No. 1 and how you found your way to an eagle?**

CHELLA CHOI: Hit driver really good, and second shot I hit 3-hybrid to five feet and make an eagle. When I practice round only remember like 1 through 6 or 7, so I think 1 through 3 is a very easy golf course, so I trying to make a -- I really want a good score to starting, but I made my goal today, so that's why easy make up golf today.

**Q. You said you only saw holes 1 through 7 in your practice round?**

CHELLA CHOI: No, I played 1 through 16, but just



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remember is -- I feel like 1, 2, 3 is easy holes, so I really want to make a birdie first starting because I don't remember not much the golf course. I really want to play good starting.

**Q. And you did that. 2, 3, 4 and you also had birdies. Then you also had a birdie at 9, 12 and 13. Bogey-free on the back nine. How good was it to make the turn and shoot bogey-free on the back 9?**

CHELLA CHOI: Shot was good No. 15 through 17, but I didn't make a putt. I really good read but only make a speed or just a little bit. But No. 18 I pulled it, my tee shot, but I really good up-and-down on the last hole, so I have really good memory here and very positive.

**Q. Have you ever been to Northern Ireland?**

CHELLA CHOI: First time ever, so I'm very excited, and nice weather today. First time like even, right, men and women, so I played with two guys in my practice round, it's very fun. Like first time ever I feel like no tournament ever enjoyed like here.

**Q. You've never played an event of this format?**

CHELLA CHOI: No, it's not much, very unusual. Before the tournament I feel like really when I play with guys practice rounds really, but when I practice with them, they short game and putting is really good, so I really enjoyed it.

**Q. For tomorrow you're playing the Massereene course. Were you able to practice over there at all?**

CHELLA CHOI: I played yesterday pro-am, and it's very love for me because I play morning yesterday, so I play all holes, so I know the golf course. Better than here, I remember. I think that golf course, too, like the greens are pretty good condition. I know fairway is a little wider than here, so I think I'll try to keep fairway and keep green, make putts. I'll try, do my best.

**Q. I heard it was a little bit bouncy, that there was a lot of run-out. Did you see that?**

CHELLA CHOI: Well, yesterday rain a lot, so fairways got very wet. I know I heard very firm, but yesterday was not.



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It's a little difficult because I'm trying to make first couple holes -- I try to make, how do I play golf.

**Q. First couple holes are kind of your bread and butter, get off to a fast start?**

CHELLA CHOI: Yes.

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