

ISPS HANDA World Invitational

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Northern Ireland

Galgorm Castle & Massereene Golf Club

Borja Virto

Quick Quotes

Q. Borja, very nice way to start off this championship, 5-under on day one. How would you assess your opening round here?

BORJA VIRTO: Yeah, yeah, I'm pretty happy with the way I played today, also with the score. So, yeah, not much to say. Just quite pleased with today's round.

Q. And a nice way to finish at the end there. Got yourself into a little bit of trouble but a nice par save.

BORJA VIRTO: Yeah, it's been actually a good finish because I made a nice birdie on 16 and great save on 17 for par, and also on 18. I hit it long with my second shot, and then, yeah, left myself like 15-footer for par.

So it's always nice to make those ones to end the day.

Q. And you are playing well at the moment. Third and eighth in your last five starts. You got a bit of confidence heading into this week.

BORJA VIRTO: Yeah, I've been playing well. I'm playing Challenge Tour, which is probably a bit different than this.

But, yeah, I'm in good shape, so if I play well out here I can also score. So, yeah, feeling confident about it.

Q. What do you think was the key to success in your game there today?

BORJA VIRTO: Today, well, I played quite solid, like didn't put myself in like bad positions. Gave myself many birdie chances. I missed a couple, but I also holed some nice putts.

I holed one on 14 or something, the par-3 off the fringe with a lot of break.

So just pretty steady and gave myself enough chances to score.



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Q. And obviously this is quite a different format this week. Obviously you'll head to Galgorm tomorrow.

BORJA VIRTO: Yeah.

Q. What's your expectations heading into that? Obviously you got to start here, but it's a clean slate effectively tomorrow.

BORJA VIRTO: Yeah, no, I mean, it's kind of nice that I'm finished here and now I can focus on Galgorm. It was just a bit more practice at the start of the week having to practice two golf courses.

They're playing a bit different as well because this one is quite firmer?

Now all my focus is Galgorm, so tomorrow warmup is get a feel for the greens and just try to go with my game plan.

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