



Recent Press Coverage - The Faldo Course

Eamon Lynch, '6 Irish Modern Classics'. Golf Magazine, July 2010

"The Faldo Course came in at No.3 on Golf Magazine's Best New International Courses ranking and it stands above all of its aforementioned rivals. Much of its charm has to do with location, jutting out into Lough Erne in one of Northern Ireland's most scenic areas. The rest has to do with holes that are just fun to tackle, like the 396-yard 7th...but few holes will get your attention more than the 10th. It is well worth your time."

Golf World, Dream Par 3s May 2010

"18th Hole, Cygnets Rest, The Faldo Course, Lough Erne Resort BEST 18th Par 3 in UK & Ireland...Why its so good: the final one at this new course is tremendous. Just about all carry over the Lough, with a deep bunker awaiting, if you try to bail out left this will provide some finish in matchplay".

Backspin, Feb 2010

Ireland's Top 35 Courses Parkland / Inland...Lough Erne

Golf International, Feb 2010

The Faldo Series has signed a three-year major partnership with the acclaimed new Lough Erne Resort. The deal means Lough Erne Resort will be designated as the home of The Faldo Series and host the Faldo Series Grand Final in 2010, 2011 and 2012 and the Faldo Ireland Championship during the same years".

Colm Bradely, Golf International, Travel, Jan/Feb 2010

"...The course has raised the standard of golf in Northern Ireland in such a way that comparisons with Loch Lomond will be inevitable. Since more than three quarters of the holes are linked to the lough – many with infinity greens – there is a strong likeness to some of the great American courses. Add to that scrupulously groomed fairways, greens and bunkers. There's no doubt about it. Lough Erne – like the great historied links that attract so many golfers to these parts, is world class. Lough Erne Golf Resort is a real gem in the Irish Golfing crown with a sparkle sure to attract golfers from all over the world".

Dermot Gilleece, Golf Digest, January 2010

"Given the lakeside site, the first thing one noticed out on the Lough Erne Course was the firm turf, despite almost persistently hostile weather. This is the most highly specified and consequently the most expensive course. The entire course was hydroseeded like you might do with a links. Every bit of it. Meanwhile, the great strength of Faldo's design is the use he makes of the lake, which is visible from the majority of the holes".

Golfers Guide to Ireland, 2010

"Lough Erne comfortably takes its place in the vanguard of some of the game's finest..."

Jock Howard, Golf World, January 2010

"On the back nine, my favourite holes were the 10th, an exquisite short par 4 to a near-island green, set in the Lough, which is sure to become one of Ireland's most photographed holes".

Links Magazine, The Best of Golf, 14th December 2009

The Best New International Courses of 2009...Lough Erne Golf Resort

Golf.com, December 2009

Best New International Golf Courses...The Faldo Course, Lough Erne Golf Resort (3)

Golf Punk, Issue 47 2009

"Top of the Loughs....The Faldo Course...if your aquaphobic, you've not going to like this. If you love great golf courses, you will.

John Gee, Shropshire Magazine

"Sir Nick Faldo designed is as immaculate as Nick's Golf was in his heyday."

Golf Digest, November 2009

"Where to bring your society in 2010...Lough Erne Golf Resort...whether you are part of a golf society of are just looking for something special; Lough Erne has it all...check out their website www.loughernegolfresort.com"

Madeleine Lyons, Irish Times, 'Ireland's Lakelands', September 30th 2009

"The star of the show, is the course itself. Groomed to within an inch, and accessed via a wooden bridge over the lake, it lies like a siren luring its captivated visitors. Every hole provided an adrenalin".

Golf Monthly, Malcolm Campbell, 'Dream Machines' October 2009

"Lough Erne, Ireland, a Sir Nick Faldo production on the banks of one of the country's most beautiful stretches of inland water. Its tough; its often tight but always enjoyable".

National Club Golfer, October 2009

"...It was the stunning course, which looks set to become a European Tour venue in the future, that struck a chord with the players. McIlroy said: 'Northern Ireland is really crying out for a European Tour event and Lough Erne is set up so well for tournament golf'.

Golf Monthly – Ultimate Travel, October 2009

"The hottest thing to come out of Northern Ireland since, well Rory McIlroy, and Lough Erne appears to be as destined for greatness as the young star. McIlroy and Lough Erne are indeed the perfect fit – they might be young, but the quality is already there for all to see. The highly luxurious resort is the modern golf destination Northern Ireland has been crying out for."

The Robb Report, September 2009

"...Lough Erne, the first true golf resort in Northern Ireland. The Course begins in a small forest hard by Castle Hume Lough. The initial holes hug the shoreline, but the layout then rises high above the water, yielding vistas of lush countryside for miles in every direction. From there, the course leads out onto a spit of lake-licked land and then back into more trees, before ending dramatically behind the resort".

Ireland Homes Interiors Living, September 2009

'For golfing enthusiasts, the Nick Faldo designed course at Lough Erne Golf Resort is a must'.

The Faldo Series at Lough Erne

"The third annual Faldo Series Ireland Championship was played at Lough Golf Resort. Faldo commented: I'm delighted that our Ireland Championship will be moving to one of Faldo Design's most anticipated projects this year".

Summer Golf, Lough Erne Golf Resort, Sunday Times 23rd August 2009

"Nick Faldo selected this breathtakingly beautiful lakeside property to design his first golf course in Ireland. Clever tee placement ensures that the average handicapper can take up the challenge and enjoy the round without being overwhelmed by the length".

Glen Hayward, 'Fine food and fairways', Metro, 18th August

'The golf course' setting is amazing...it has been designed with real vision'

Peter Corrigan, The Independent on Sunday 16th August

"Everything about the Lough Erne complex is brand new and grand with it but the course is exceptional for a layout so new".

'Top Ten New Courses', National Club Golfer, August 2009-08-27'

"Number 1 – Lough Erne Co. Fermanagh.

The word stunning hardly does justice to the beauty of this course that nestles between the waters of Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough."

Sandra Eagle, 'Fermanagh Northern Ireland – Just two hours away from Belfast, the county of Fermanagh is tranquillity, writ large', Incentive Travel Meetings, Canada, July August 2009

"The beauty of the golf course needs to be seen to be believed. Magnificent views greet players at every turn."

Nigel Frazer, 'Golf Duel Shown to World', The Impartial Reporter, Thursday 23 July 2009

"'Top Class' and 'Spectacular' were the verdicts of Rory McIlroy and Padraig Harrington as they flew into Lough Erne Golf Resort by seaplane to officially open the new Sir Nick Faldo designed course. The two golfing stars, who have spent their careers walking the fairways of the greatest golf courses in the world were both impressed by the challenge and scenery of Lough Erne."

Matthew McCreary, 'Tee-rrific Day Out for Fans of Irish Golf, Rory and Padraig have a Ball at Lough Erne', Thursday 23 July 2009

"Thousands watched the pair go head-to-head for a special 18 hole game to officially launch the Lough Erne Golf Resort in the Fermanagh Lakelands. The state-of-the-art course was designed by legendary golfer Nick Faldo and contained enough surprises to test the two players."

Peter Hutcheon, 'McIlroy Has the Last Laugh at Lough, Rory Makes a Big Splash as Padraig is sunk in Fermanagh', Thursday 23 July 2009

"Neither Rory McIlroy nor Padraig Harrington were in any doubt that Lough Erne can host a European Tour event after their Duel on the Lough. The course looks magnificent and the vision that Sir Nick Faldo had when he first came to Co Fermanagh has been fully realised."

Brian Keogh, 'McIlroy Teaches Master a Lesson', Irish Examiner, Thursday 23 July 2009

"Ulster fans got a glimpse of the future when 6,000 aficionados crammed into the Lough Erne Golf Resort to watch young gun Rory McIlroy hand Padraig Harrington a crushing defeat in this enthralling encounter."

Philip Reid, 'McIlroy Best in Duel on the Lough', The Irish Times, Thursday 23 July 2009

"The 'Duel on the Lough' brought us the major champion and the young pretender. Harrington commented that 'This course is well good enough to host a tournament on the European Tour. You couldn't ask for more, for the conditioning or the style of the course. It doesn't just have a great course, it has fantastic facilities with the hotel. It's ideal.' McIlroy knows the place like the back of his hand. The ever-present smile spoke volumes for how much he had enjoyed the experience. 'It's my first time to play golf in Northern Ireland as a professional and it was great to see so many people from the first tee to the 18th green.'"

'McIlroy Wins Battle Between Ireland's Best', Metro, Thursday, 23 July 2009

"Rory McIlroy came out on top in the battle between Ireland's two top golfers. McIlroy commented 'The opening of the course is a tremendous boost for Northern Ireland and I'm delighted to be involved.'"

Brian Keogh, 'Tears and Cheers by the Lough', Irish Daily Mail, Thursday, 23 July 2009

"Padraig Harrington lost out to young pretender Rory McIlroy in an enthralling and ultimately heart rending exhibition at the Lough Erne Golf Resort. The Hollywood ace is looking forward to the day when Lough Erne hosts a European Tour Event, 'It was fantastic. It was the first time I had played a competitive round at Lough Erne. The course has come on really well. It was nice to win but today was really about showcasing Lough Erne and showing everyone how good it is.'"

Tony McGee, 'Rory Claims Rare Duel', Irish News, Thursday, 23 July 2009

"Over 7,000 people watched the world number 16 and number 26 play the 18 holes on scenic courses in Europe. Harrington was highly impressed with what he found at Lough Erne. He never knew such delights existed in the south west corner of Northern Ireland. 'I never realised the beauty of Lough Erne until now. It is phenomenal. In today's good weather it is the nicest place in the world. This is an exciting course with birdie opportunities out there. Amateurs will enjoy it too, as they will be able to make birdies. Water comes into play various times. There is no question- this place is good enough for a European event.'"

Brian Keogh, 'Nice Little Erner, McIlroy Pockets cool €200,000 for beating Pod', The Irish Mirror, Thursday, 23 July 2009

"Padraig Harrington would love nothing better than the chance to return to Northern Ireland next year for a European Tour event with the Nick Faldo designed course on the banks of Lough Erne touted as the likely venue for the British Masters. 'It's definitely good enough to host the European Tour Event. More than good enough. You couldn't ask for more. If a tournament was here you would see a fantastically exciting event with plenty of birdies. There is plenty of water and intimidation coming down the last few holes and with a top class hotel, it is a facility that people will come back to time and again' said Harrington.

The touring professional Rory McIlroy can't wait to see the Tour touch down north of the border; 'You can see by the crowds today that Northern Ireland is crying out for a big golf tournament. The facilities here well exceed what you need to host a tour event. Hopefully a tour event will come here in the not too distant future.'"

'Pros hit the water at Lough Erne,' The Newsletter, Tuesday, 21st July 2009

"Three times Major winner, Padraig Harrington and Northern Ireland's golfing sensation Rory McIlroy will both hit the water at the start of the Duel on the Lough when they arrive together at Lough Erne Golf Resort by seaplane. The occasion marks the first time either man has played competitive golf as a professional in Northern Ireland."

Paul Kelly, 'The Duel on the Lough, Ireland's 'Big two' Primed for Battle', The Newsletter, Monday 20th July

"The Faldo Course is earning rave reviews and the six time major champion is excited that his lakeside creation will be tested by two of the game's greatest exponents. Nick Faldo-'I believe the golf course will emerge to be a top golfing location but it is important to emphasize the extraordinary beauty of the whole area and staging this event should help to bring this message to a wider audience."

'McIlroy is up for nice Little Erne-r', The Belfast Telegraph Tuesday, 21st July 2009

"Rory McIlroy is the touring professional at Lough Erne: 'The opportunity to play against Padraig, on what is in some ways my home turf, is exciting. I've followed the development of the championship course at Lough Erne with great interest and it is spectacular."

Newtownabbey Times 'Local Fireman is First to Tee Off at New Faldo- Designed Course', 8th July 2009

"Created by six-time major champion, Nick Faldo, the course is set on a breathtaking peninsula between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough, and is already being talked about as an obvious venue for future prestigious European Tour Events. Mr Campbell commented that 'The course certainly lived up to its reputation. The scenery is simply breathtaking and the exhilarating course is undoubtedly destined to be one of the major golfing destinations in the world."

David Young, 'Course Ready to Host World Stars', The Belfast Telegraph, 2nd July 2009

"The Faldo Course at the Lough Erne Golf Resort has already been mooted as a potential venue for future European Tour events and later this month three times major champion Harrington will take on up-and-coming Co. Down sensation McIlroy in a winner-takes-all challenge match."

Colm Bradley, 'A Fairway to Heaven', The Fermanagh Herald, 1st July 2009

"The Faldo Course at the Lough Erne Golf Resort demands us to marvel at the astounding beauty of Fermanagh, it is stunningly breathtaking."

Ed Curran, 'How Golf Resort has got The New Northern Ireland Down To a Tee', Belfast Telegraph 22nd June 2009

"The fairways are flawless. From the elevated tees, there are panoramic views of the Lakeland scenery of west Ulster. The waters of the Lough lap around the greens."

Top 100 courses in the Making, Golf World Top 100 Golf Courses in Britain and Ireland, June 2009

"The golf course will set pulses racing, with the Lough coming into play on 14 of 18 holes, not least the thrilling par-3 last over the water in front of the clubhouse. With holes running along the Lough, through trees and up to the top of a hill, variety will certainly be a key element of a resort that has lofty ambitions to attract a major tournament."

David Birtell, 'Northern Ireland's Top Spot for 'Course' Fishing', Manchester Evening News. 16th June 2009

"Faldo has skilfully crafted a spectacular links, measuring 7,310 yards, on a stunning undulating location which boasts a 120-room luxury hotel and 25 lakeside lodges as its centrepiece."

Northern Ireland Visitors Journal, June 2009

"Fermanagh is one of the most up and coming golfing destinations in Ireland, with its Faldo Championship Course due to open this season at the prestigious Lough Erne Golf Resort."

Michael Lenihan, Golf Management Europe, May 2009

"No expense has been spared in creating a venue that is destined to become one of Ireland and Europe's greatest destinations. The quality and finish of the course and breathtaking setting will leave visitors marvelling at what they have just played as they walk off the final green."

Club Golfer, Holiday Golf Guide, May 2009

"Faldo's ingenious creation at Lough Erne Golf Resort brings an exhilarating freshness that captures constant interest with nine holes hugging the shore and views over the water on almost every hole that give the 7, 261-yard course unique beauty and rightful championship status."

Donal Hughes, Irish Examiner, 12th May 2009

"It usually takes me nine holes to recognise a tournament-worthy layout, but it took a mere 15 minutes to figure Lough Erne must be a future European Tour venue. Faldo and his design firm have maximised the natural beauty of the terrain and matched it with the kind of modern layout to test the best."

5 Best Golf and Food Combos, Sunday Tribune, 3rd May 2009

"The Lakeland course is stunningly beautiful, as well as stunningly beautiful, as well as challenging".

Ian Kehoe, 'Course of action', Sunday Business Post, 3rd May 2009

"McIlroy is not the only famous golfer associated with Lough Erne. Nick Faldo, the most successful European golfer of all time, designed the Lough Erne course which is on the banks of the lake and on an island in the middle of the lake."

Eoghan Corry, Travel Extra, 1st May 2009

"Nick Faldo's golf course...looks a peach...what will make it special – it has five par threes and five par fives, and just six par fours. Alleluiah. All but two of the holes are on the water."

IN! Magazine, May 2009

"...when Lough Erne is open, it will be pretty special. It's so nice down there. As I've just bought a house down there, I will go down often and hope to spend a lot of weekends there."

Dermot Gilleece, Good Value Now Par For The Course, The Sunday Independent, 26th April 2009

"Sitting as it does in a spectacular location on Lough Erne, the Faldo Course would provide wonderful images for a European event."

Bunkered, April 2009

"Golf enthusiasts eager to be the first to play Ireland's newest golfing masterpiece, The Faldo Course at Lough Erne Golf Resort...can book on-line as the countdown to the official opening on July 1, 2009 gets underway. Set on a breathtaking peninsula between Lower Lough Erne and Castle Hume Lough, an is already being talked about as an obvious venue for future prestigious European events. The resort's official representative at worldwide tournaments, Rory McIlroy, is really relishing the opportunity to play the full 18 holes".

David Young, Irish Examiner 'Irish stars sign up for \$300K showdown', 25th March 2009

"Three-time major winner Pdraig Harrington and teenage sensation Rory McIlroy will play each other in a winner-takes-all showdown on the new Lough Erne golf course...'The opportunity to play against Pdraig on what is in some ways my home turf is exciting' Rory McIlroy...'I am assured by those who have seen it (The Faldo Course) will be a wonderful addition to Ireland's golfing infrastructure' Pdraig Harrington.

National Club Golfer, March 2009

"We'd rather be playing...Lough Erne..This stunning Northern Irish Course opens July...Rory McIlroy is the resort's attached touring professional and the course was designed by six-time Major winner Nick Faldo with no fewer than 14 holes running alongside the Lough on what is a 7,261-yard championship layout which is destined to become a classic".

Paul Handler, Manchester Evening News, 'Where feeling smug is par for the course...', Sat 14th Feb 2009

'...the golf team were forthright in their ambition to become a top 100 world club. The course's great strength lies in its variety. The first four holes wend their way through towering pine trees before the course opens out to offer panoramic views of Castle Hume Lough and Lower Lough Erne.'

Today's Golfer, 'Wish you were here...Faldo's Fantasy' January 2009.

'Nick Faldo believes his new design at the striking new Lough Erne Golf Resort in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, could host a European Tour event. Water is Vital to the layout with the Lough and Lake in play on 14 holes. Lough Erne offers the complete package for a relaxing getaway both on and off the course.'

Golf World 'Our Best New Courses', March 2009

'Nick Faldo's routing takes the golfer on a journey to points of high elevation with stunning panoramic views, to greens cut into the limits of the Lough and the intimate seclusion of holes cut through mature woodland.'

National Club Golfer, February 2009

'The 7, 261 yard, par-72 track winds around the Lough and features plenty of water and large, undulating greens. "We think this potentially could be a European Tour destination," said Faldo.'

TG Courses editor, 'Halfway Heaven At Top New Faldo Venue', Today's Golfer, January 2009

'The class halfway house act is breathtakingly situated behind the ninth green on the shores of The Faldo Course which opens in July. Lough Erne is destined to become one of the major

golfing destinations in the world – its beauty and quality of challenge has already suggested it as a possible European Tour venue.’

Today’s Golfer, November 6th – December 3rd 2008

”Faldo’s a Winner! A new Loch Lomond?”

Golf World, ‘Future classics...Top 100 courses in the making’, November 2008

”..it’s the golf course that will set pulses racing, with the Lough coming into play on 14 of 18 holes, not least the thrilling par-3 over water in front of the clubhouse.”

Golf Monthly, ‘Key to the Lough’, November 2008

“...Lough Erne – the Emerald Isle’s empathic answer to Loch Lomond.”

“The par-4 10th may well live up to its hype of becoming the most photographed hole in the UK.”

Peter Simmons, Golf International, ‘Peace Offering’, August 2008

”..the site is wonderfully evocative with plenty of elevation to provide remarkable views across the lakes....since fourteen holes have some kind of link with water and the majority have lake-side greens – including an island green there are strong echoes of some of the great American courses. Pebble Beach and even Augusta spring to mind.

Backspin, Backspin’s 2010 Course Rankings, Monday 1st February 2010

Ranked 13th in the Highest New Entries Category

Golfsocieties.uk.net, 2010 Guide to Society Golf UK

’Nowhere else in the world boasts such a massive concentration of breath-taking links coursed, taking in some of the most beautiful and unspoilt scenery in the whole of Europe’ ‘Mix all of that together with one of the most famous and friendly welcomes that you will ever receive and you’ve got all the ingredients you need for a golf society outing to remember!....’