



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, Mclroy 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 Mclroy 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 Mclroy 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.”

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

“Rory Mclroy 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.”

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