

## THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC at The Abaco Club

**ROUND 4 QUOTES**  
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**IAN HOLT (-12)**



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**Q. I know it's got to feel awesome right now. Just what do you remember as probably one of the bigger one or two moments of the day?**

**IAN HOLT:** Probably, I would say, rolling in that putt on 17 was a big moment. Then I was kind of on the schneid there for a little bit making the turn and making that 10-, 12-footer on 12 for birdie kind of got me back into things. And then that iron shot on 18 was all I could have asked for.

**Q. I mean, when you watched the two guys go before you, did you make any like last-minute adjustments and what did you have as far as the approach and the thought processes?**

**IAN HOLT:** Definitely talked to my caddie, Thad. We were talking, I think they were playing for a lot more help and, I don't know, they were just hitting longer irons so it didn't get up in the wind much. I was kind of stuck with the iron that I was hitting. It was just a matter of how hard I was hitting it. Yeah, I was super happy with it.

**Q. What were you thinking when it was in the air? Did you like it?**

**IAN HOLT:** Stay left (Laughs.) I was not trying to hit it at the flag, and when it was coming down, I was just hoping it didn't hit and kind of catch that slope and run down there. Once I heard everybody cheer, I knew it was good.

**Q. And what did you do to settle yourself after going in the trees, I think going over the back of another green in some higher grass. What did you do to settle yourself in those tough moments?**

**IAN HOLT:** Thad was a big part of that. My mantra all year, I know it's only been two events, but it's just been to not panic, not try to play defensive, just make pars. Like let's go out and try and make a couple birdies coming in and see what happens. Made a good two-putt on 17 and that kind of got me back into it on that tee shot. The rest is history, I guess.

**Q. How would you summarize the last year and change for you? You were Monday qualifying in the Americas events in 2024 and now you're here.**



**IAN HOLT:** It's been a journey is what it's been. Yeah, it's been a lot of hard work. A lot of good people around me helping me out. I don't know, the hard times kind of show you what you're made of. I feel like I could have easily just shut 'er down and instead of kind of getting back up and giving it another shot.

I'm super proud of myself and how I've handled things over the last two years. I feel like I've made a lot of progress not so much with my golf game but just mentally.

**Q. What were the biggest changes that you made in that time that you were struggling to stick out here to (inaudible)?**

**IAN HOLT:** I think trying to find, you know, positives in anything that happens. I had a couple close calls last year kind of near the top and they didn't work out. Instead of letting those demoralize me, just try and find positives. Having this round together I feel like a year ago, it wouldn't have gone the same way. So a lot of positive self-talk and surrounding myself with good people that we're all kind of growing in the same direction.

**Q. What do you think is the biggest thing that you've learned about yourself in the last year and a half?**

**IAN HOLT:** That I can trust myself, I think. It's a big thing that I've been working on is just trusting myself, trusting my ability, letting things happen.

**Q. Does this change your outlook on your season, what your goals are?**

**IAN HOLT:** No, no. This is -- no, it hasn't. This is a goal this year that I wrote down was to win and cross it off, but I'd like to get one or two more.

