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Northern Ireland

Galgorm Castle & Massereene Golf Club

## Gemma Dryburgh

### Quick Quotes

#### Q. A round of 66; tell us about your round.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, played very well. Played very solid tee to green. I think I only missed three greens, so I played very well and holed the putts and kind of hit it quite close, as well. Yeah, overall a very good day.

#### Q. Your lowest round since the 2019 Meijer Classic. Has something clicked recently in your game?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Well, I've actually been playing quite well recently, just nothing has kind of clicked. Putts haven't been dropping. So it's been quite frustrating to be honest. But I've kind of had to stay patient, and I knew a round like this was coming, so it was good to see it come out today.

#### Q. How about conditions out there at Galgorm because it's different today to earlier in the week?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, I played here on Monday, and it's very different. It was much firmer. It was much softer out there today. It was still running actually more than we anticipated after all the rain yesterday. But it was still, yeah, very different to Monday's practice round. Just had to adjust.

#### Q. Massereene tomorrow; what's the tactics going into tomorrow and how will you have to adjust tomorrow?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, so Massereene was even bouncier than here, so played there on Tuesday and we obviously had a lot of rain yesterday and a little bit this morning. Yeah, it will be a bit different. I'm not really sure what to expect to be honest, so I just have to kind of play it a little cool the first few holes and see how it's bouncing and just kind of do the same as today.

#### Q. You played in the 2014 Curtis Cup with Stephanie Meadow, who obviously won here a couple years ago. You didn't happen to speak to her about this event, did



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you?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: I didn't actually but probably should have, got a few tips. But I heard the last time it was here it was really quite soft, which obviously it's a bit softer now, but on Monday it was playing quite firm, so playing a bit differently I'm sure to a couple years ago.

#### Q. How did it feel out there, just being at a tournament with guys? What's it like?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, it's very cool. I obviously played the Vic Open a few times, so it's kind of similar format to that. But it's really cool actually to see the guys in front of us and behind us. It's nice to see an innovative event like that.

#### Q. You shot bogey-free today, which I haven't seen that on a scorecard yet today.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: I haven't done that in a while actually.

#### Q. Do you remember the last time?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: I don't. Probably maybe when -- Josh mentioned the Meijer, 64 there. I think that was bogey-free, so that might have been the last time.

#### Q. Can you start us out on 1? You opened up with a nice eagle.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, so that was actually my 10th hole, but yeah, I hit 7-wood in there, just kind of 10 yards on, just a bit left, left center, and rolled nicely to six or seven feet, rolled in for a 3, which was nice.

#### Q. And then you had five other birdies the rest of the day at 3, 8, 10, 15 and 17. Any one of those in particular that you look back on and that kind of helped the round get going?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: I think -- well, the first was nice. We had a bit of a delay on the first hole so I kind of had to refocus a little bit on that hole, so it was nice to get the birdie on that one to start off quite well.



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Then yeah, just holed a nice few putts on the other ones. Nothing too long, to be honest. Just kind of the putts that haven't been going in recently. It was nice to see that.

**Q. You talked about just some frustration with the game, but you won back-to-back events last year.**

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah.

**Q. When you did that and then you have some frustration, what's it been like to be competing and to have those ups and downs?**

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, it's been -- obviously with COVID it's been a bit -- and with my schedule, I've not got into every event, so I think I've had six starts on the LPGA so far and just kind of have to take opportunities when you can. It's hard to get kind of a rhythm going almost when you don't get into every event. That's been a bit frustrating. Yeah, I felt like my game has been going in the right direction, so I just kind of had to stay patient, so it was nice to see it pay off today.

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