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Quick Quotes



Q. Down here in Alabama, how long have you been down in Alabama?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: So I played a couple of the warmup events, so I think just over two weeks actually. But I went back up to Chicago for a wedding and then went to Florida before this, so back and forth a bit.

Q. You've played a couple events here, and you didn't just play, you won.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah.

Q. How much confidence are you bringing with you into this week?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, a lot of confidence. Obviously winning anywhere is nice, so yeah, played well on both courses, so that gives me a lot of confidence, and kind of having those visuals of where to hit good shots and stuff is nice to have before going into tomorrow. Yeah, just bringing a lot of confidence in and feeling good with my game.

Q. What did you like most about both courses?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, they're both really good courses. I think Falls might be more difficult but we'll see. Just depends how they set it up. But they're both really good courses and you need to hit good shots. They're quite generous off the tee, but I think you need to position well on the greens and stuff, and they're quite quick, as well.

Q. From that win what positives did you take away from that win as far as your game goes?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, I felt like I was putting well, hitting it well off the tee, putting myself in pretty good positions and gave myself a lot of birdie chances, which hopefully I can do the next four days and then next week, as well. Just feeling good with my whole game really.

Q. You've played a lot on the Symetra, right?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: I played like five this years and then played mostly LPGA.

Q. What does it feel like coming back here to battle for a card?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, it's obviously not somewhere you want to be, but you've just got to get it done. It's kind of like one of those weeks where you just keep your head down and try to just play one shot at a time. Obviously it's a long slog, so eight rounds, but one round at a time. But yeah, it's not somewhere you want to come back to, but just got to get the job done, I guess.

Q. So you've been at Q-Series before?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: I have, yeah.

Q. What was that experience like the first time?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: The first time, the first Q-Series or when it was the five-round Q-school?

Q. Whenever.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: I feel a lot more experienced now. I feel like the first time I came I was very, very nervous. I'm going to be nervous, I'm sure, but I was like extra nervous, and I felt like a little bit out of my comfort zone, shall we say. But now I feel like exact opposite.

Yeah, a lot of experience, which is nice to have under my belt.

Q. Playing here from what I hear, it's really grainy.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: It is.

Q. How do you make those adjustments playing in different kinds of greens from Florida to here?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, so the chip shots can be tricky sometimes, can make you look a bit silly sometimes.



Yeah, I was just working on a few different techniques. I think you can either put it back in your stance or kind of open the face. But you've just got to commit to the shot. I think that's the main thing with the grainy shots. Well, the greens are not -- they're probably grainy but they're so quick that it's not too bad, but the chips are the main thing, I think.

Q. Do you ever have to ignore your heritage a little bit coming from a links style to a very tight tree-lined?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Oh, definitely, yeah. It was actually helpful because I went to Tulane, so not too far from here actually, so that gave me a lot of experience with the grainy shots, so I just channel my college days, I think.

Q. Do you feel a little at home being back in Alabama?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, well, actually my parents are here with me today. They've gone to New Orleans today, so I'm very jealous. I wish I was in New Orleans today, but I've got to be here.

Q. What are you most looking forward to about Q-Series? I know it's a long, grueling two weeks of golf, but there's got to be some positives.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, I'm looking forward -- I'm playing with Emily Pedersen, so that will be good fun. She's obviously a great player. She played Solheim this year, so that will be good fun the first two days. Both courses are great, and they're beautiful surroundings, as well. My parents are here, as well. They haven't been able to come to the States since before COVID, so they'll be able to play, which will be nice.

Q. There aren't a ton of female players from Scotland. What would it mean for you to get full time status and earn your card and be one of the few Scottish women out there right now?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, I think I'm the only one on the LPGA the last few years since Catriona stopped playing over in America. It's obviously important to fly the flag and hopefully I can keep doing that. Yeah, it would be nice to have a few more. We'll see in the next couple years.

Q. Do you ever get to talk to her much?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah. Yeah, we chat, and she always offers if I ever need advice I just message her, and she's always been very welcoming with advice and stuff whenever I need it. It's a shame she's not here. We miss her.

Q. It's still kind of a cool -- to have a two-time winning Solheim Cup captain in your pocket --

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Definitely. Definitely got to take advantage of that.

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