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Lindy Duncan

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: All right, very pleased to be joined by Lindy Duncan here at Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion.

Obviously want to talk a little bit about last week, but while it's fresh, you just got done playing a practice round here. What have you made of the course? What are some of the intricacies of it?

LINDY DUNCAN: It's a very interesting course. A lot of blind shots, doglegs, a lot variance off the tees. You can hit driver into narrow spots or you can lay back.

There is some fall-offs on the greens.

So just played the front nine and the par-5s weren't exactly reachable unless they move the tees up, so we'll see the conditions we get. So far it's such a treat to be here.

Q. What is your approach or philosophy when attacking a new course that really none of us have played?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, totally. I'm trying to find the widest part of the fairway and the middle of the green and just see what happens from there.

Like I said, the par-5s didn't really seem reachable on the front nine, so it's kind of just where is the best angle, what are the bunkers, what is the sand like, how is the rough, is it consistent, those types of things I tried to get a grip on.

And I have a local caddie this week and he works here six days a week, so he knows the course really well, so I'll be asking him a lot of questions.

Q. Going back to last week, obviously a great finish at The Chevron Championship. Have you given yourself a little bit of time to be like, wow, what a great week that was?



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LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, it's been wild. Sunday night I really couldn't sleep. I was so excited I couldn't stop smiling. I was lucky my mom was there with me the whole week. We got to celebrate. Went out to dinner with my sponsor Jason and had a really nice time.

Then traveled here yesterday and relaxed a bit. Today once I got on the golf course I kind of finally felt like myself and relaxed. It was really nice to be out there.

Q. Did you find something within your game that maybe you'll bring to this week?

LINDY DUNCAN: I hope so. My driver felt great last week and I feel like that would be key on this golf course to drive it well, so hopefully I can bring that over.

Q. How do you maybe -- trying to think of the right way to word this -- temper the way you finished last week and reset, new course, new tournament, all that stuff?

LINDY DUNCAN: It's hard and it's still really fresh. So my expectations are quite low to be honest with you.

I'm just trying to make sure all my basics stay within a threshold that's reasonable and kind of just see what happens.

Q. I feel like a lot people use a local caddie out of necessity I guess. For you seems like a choice. Can you just explain the thought process when you have a standard caddie and also use a local?

LINDY DUNCAN: I mix it up a lot, and I've gotten lucky to be paired with a lot of great locals in the past. So I'll use them year after year if we go back to the same place. They know the course really well. It's just comfortable and it's worked out well for me. It's a little bit less pressure than having a full time caddie.

I think it's a grind for the caddies. I think they have a really tough job and our travel schedule is pretty intense. It's a big commitment to be out here full time.

So I appreciate those guys and ladies a lot, but I do like to mix it up. So it's worked out for me in the past and I kind of just stick with it.



Q. This week how much will you be relying on his knowledge at a place, like Matt said, nobody is familiar with?

LINDY DUNCAN: Probably a lot. I went into it thinking maybe I would just tell him -- typically I do most of my stuff on my own. I kind of like to just pick my own clubs and read the greens and really just be independent out there. Please just be nice to me and get me water, that type of thing. Make sure I eat.

But I think he will be actually really -- the way he was talking about the course and the angles and the shots, I could tell first of all he's a great player himself and he's seen this course many times. I hope to use him a lot.

Q. Obviously not a ton of time to digest last week, Sunday, all that in the last half hour there. You put out a really impressive Instagram post today that detailed your thought process. Have you had any other players come up to you and say, hey, I feel the same way you did? I love seeing you play well. Do you feel like you're inspiring people with what you shared and your story over the past week or so?

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, I've had a couple really nice messages. Luckily I have a lot of friends out here that we've played together for a long time, going back to junior golf, college golf. I do think there are similarities in the way that we have gone through ups and downs and so it's been really nice to get that feedback.

I've been working on like writing things like that for the past year, and really have only shared them pretty much with family and like really close friends. I still don't really know how I feel about sharing that, but I'm glad I did.

My sister helped me a lot with the writing of that. She's the incredible writer and she would ask me great questions and we would go back and forth in how to say it.

It is kind of a hard thing to talk about. Not that it's like difficult, but it's hard to like put into words kind of like the feels that go into all the things that we all go through as people in trying to compete in this crazy game. It's a lot.

So she really helped me simplify it, and a lot of that has come from Sean as well. He asked me a lot of great questions and trying to come up with some answers.

Q. Just last one. I don't know if you know this but, you vaulted way up in the Rolex Rankings.

LINDY DUNCAN: I do know.

Q. I was going to say. How much does that kind of I guess side effect of a great performance and solid play this year, how much does that excite you about what's to come the rest of the season that you've now taken yourself from a certain place to I think inside the top 50 of the Rolex Rankings.

LINDY DUNCAN: Yeah, that's the dream start to the year. I could not have asked for more than that end of last year. Because I was still end of last year really fighting for my card and just kind of barely got it back for this year.

So I did a lot of work in the offseason on my game and mentally, and to see it kind of happening right now, it's truly incredible. I'm truly grateful and so excited for so many great tournaments left to go.

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