

# Black Desert Championship

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Black Desert Resort

## Celine Boutier

### Quick Quotes

**Q. All right, here with Celine Boutier after her first round at the Black Desert Championship. Bogey-free. Just talk about what went well for you.**

CELINE BOUTIER: Yeah, I think my long game has been pretty solid today. I hit a lot of fairways, which is super important on this course.

From there I feel like I was able to hit it pretty close. I made some good putts and then missed a few opportunities, so it was kind of up and down a little bit.

Overall I think I just gave myself a lot of birdie chances throughout the round.

**Q. Can you just talk about the strategy out here? We've heard a lot of players aren't using driver. What is your thought process in looking at some of these holes?**

CELINE BOUTIER: Yeah, I think there is definitely a premium on being on the fairway on this course. It's not necessarily super long, but you definitely have two options on a lot of holes where you can be pretty aggressive with the driver or just layup shorter with hybrid or fairway wood, and then still have a chance for a green and birdie chances.

So I think you definitely have a risk-reward situation, but I prioritized hitting fairways more so I definitely also haven't hit a lot of drivers.

**Q. If you look back at your win tally, got the win at Superstition Mountain. I know it's not the same style of golf course, but has some similarities. Do you take any good energy from maybe that win or just knowing you won on a course like this before?**

CELINE BOUTIER: I would say not maybe specifically for this golf course, but I definitely feel like it's a lot of advantages in being straight and being consistent. So I



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think especially if the wind is picking up a little bit it can be pretty narrow, so I think it's a good course and definitely have a lot of chances if you're hitting it straight.

**Q. How did you get yourself out of last week and really get ready for this week knowing the golf courses are entirely different and playing a different strategy and kind of golf?**

CELINE BOUTIER: Yeah, I didn't really know what to expect coming into this week to be honest because I never been here and never had this tournament, so it was hard to expect anything. I knew the grass was going to be different and the style being in the desert.

Beyond that, I didn't know what to expect. I was just trying to get my game turned around. I feel like my game hasn't been too bad but haven't been scoring very well, so just trying to get myself in better positions and hopefully put some good scores together.

**Q. Speak to Black Desert Resort and just how beautiful it is here.**

CELINE BOUTIER: Yeah, it's been unbelievable. I feel like the views are incredible. Just the first practice round just taking -- I was just literally taking pictures the whole round and my caddie was like, I don't know what's going on with you.

Yeah, it was pretty crazy. My mom and I were like paparazzi, just taking everything in. It's in amazing condition so very happy to be here.

**Q. Kind of thinking you got to go low today in the morning because the wind usually kicks up in the afternoon.**

CELINE BOUTIER: Yeah, I think I was actually expecting it to be a little bit more windy starting today. When we got in on Sunday it was quite windy so I kind of knew what it could get to. I feel very lucky and happy that it wasn't too bad this morning.

Yeah, you were able to get a lot of birdie chances in our group so it was also kind of fun to get in the groove. Definitely tomorrow we will see how the conditions will be.



**Q. What about playing at altitude? Did that change -- obviously changes your distance.**

CELINE BOUTIER: Yeah, I love it. Any distance I can gain, I'll take it.

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