## Black Desert Championship

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## **Gemma Dryburgh**

**Quick Quotes** 

Q. Here with Gemma Dryburgh. What a way to blaze this golf course, blitz this golf course. Tell me about your round today.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, obviously got off to a nice start, the four birdies in a row after the second hole. Yeah, was a nice start.

Obviously was kind of hovering around the cut line before the round, and was nice to get off it a good start.

Q. For you when you are in that kind of position, what clicks in your head to really go low and shoot a number like you did today?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, kind of gave myself a goal today to be 1-under every three holes, so that kind of worked out quite well. Didn't manage to do it on every three holes, but kind of added up to a nice score, so I think I'll do that again.

Q. I know you're a player that is always smiling, but I can imagine '24 was a little bit frustrating. To be able to play such solid golf so far this year, and to have a round like you did today, how much validation is that, that last year is last year, this year is this year, and you can just continue forward?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, definitely. Every year is a new year and we start again from scratch. Obviously frustrating not to get into some of the events at the start of the season, but now trying to make the most of the starts I do get, kind of get back to how I was in my form in '22 and; 23.

So, yeah, off to kind of a nice start. Hopefully have a good weekend.

Q. Here I know obviously off the tee is important, but the greens are pretty undulating. Speak to how challenging this golf course is with a lot of sneaky



slopes on the fairways and on the greens.

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, you can't really turn off really. You have to focus on every hole, every tee shot. I don't hit it the farthest out here and I'm not even hitting driver all the time, so it's really a thinking game. In the afternoon, this afternoon, the ball was going miles, so you're kind of having to think about your yardages every hole.

Yeah, just trying to adjust to how far it's going in the altitude as well. You could never really turn off.

Then, yeah, the greens are undulating like you said, and kind of have to take that into account as well.

Q. When you come to a golf course like this and maybe not be the longest player out here, do you get excited when it is a course where people are going to have to strategically plot your way around?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, definitely. When we saw this week it was like, yeah, this is going to be a good week for me. Everyone ends up in a same spot. Might be hitting a different club off the tee, but kind of end up in those -- like you said, plot your way around in similar spots.

So I think a week like that kind of suits me, compared to last week where it was really long and wet and I was coming in with hybrids and stuff into firm greens.

So still had a chance last week to make the cut, but, yeah, obviously this week kind of tried to take advantage.

Q. How do you take this and go forward and build?

GEMMA DRYBURGH: Yeah, I mean, I think just kind of have that same goal for myself the next couple days. Stay in those three-hole kind of goals, and hopefully add up to a nice number at the end of the week.

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