

If you were a spectator which player would you choose to watch?

I always follow Laura Davies because I like the way she attracts people. She's always happy. The kids adore her and she's been my idol right from the word go. I love to play with her and I have fun playing alongside her. I mean when she hits an iron and I hit a driver her ball goes 20 yards past mine. When she's up on her toes and striking her ball she's amazing to watch. She's a nice person to play with too especially when she's playing well.

If you had to play a tournament using only two clubs which ones would you choose to use?

A putter and a driver because I hit it straight. A lot of people have said to me, 'If I hit the ball like you Brooky I'd use the driver on every hole.'

You have had a really consistent season so far. What have been the secrets of your success?

After I broke my elbow, after the operation, my physio gave me incentives which helped and I was better six weeks after the plaster came off. My coach Alex (Mercer) said to me 'Don't change anything, and I'm more positive now. My philosophy is never be scared, always be happy and don't find problems. I want to be the least stressed person on Tour and to stay positive. When you watch people like that they always come over well.'

I'm one of the most consistent players and I hit one hell of a straight shot but I've just improved my short game in my off time. By

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With **Lynnette Brooky**

The Kiwi is one of the hottest players on the Evian Tour right now, winning the latest event at Arras in France.

practising the short putts and the chipping I've become more consistent. I love it here in Europe because there's a different language in every place you visit. There's different food, different wine, and it's very good and smooth.

What's your favourite wine?

I love reds and Chardonnays. Staying with Kaz (Lunn) she likes dry white wine going close to Sauvignon, which is real dry but not as bitter as Chardonnay. We don't have it at home. I like staying with Kaz because she's as relaxed as me.

How does it feel to be engaged?

It feels fantastic. I'm very happy.

Did you get the ring in Salamanca?

Yeah. I told Richard when I was coming over that Salamanca was the place. It's one of the most beautiful cities in the world. You go there and everyone is happy. We bought the ring when we went shopping and then Richard proposed to me next to the statue of the lion – Richard the lion – like him. It was a beautiful setting near some trees.

How do you manage your relationship with the constant travelling?

Well Richard will be spending eight months of the year in New Zealand while I'm over here in Europe so communication will be very hard.

Where can you see the Tour in five years?

I think we'll be altogether stronger because I think these girls are much more knowledgeable players, but they still say 'hello' and get on really well together. If there is a problem, if you have a spat, then you have your spat there and then. I have had no problems for the last few years and my golf's improved.

If you could invite any four guests to dinner, dead or alive, who would you invite?

Karen Lunn, Dibs and Reidy. They're all alive so it can happen tonight. Brad Pitt could come too because I think he's stunning when he's in a tuxedo. Anyone can come who pays the bill!

What about Richard?

Well I'll be sleeping with him all my life and he'll always be by my side anyway. He's really half of me; my better half. My coach has told me to put golf third at the moment because of my engagement. I'm putting Richard first, then it's shopping and golf is third.

You have a lot of support from your fans. Does that help to keep you going?

There is so much support for me. The other week in the first round my physio Tracy was caddieing for me when my putt on the 11th hit the hole and jumped up and down. A big cheer went up and the crowd went wild for me. I always try to keep smiling and say thank you to the crowd. I don't have tempers any more. I think if a golfer has a temper then they are ugly to watch.

If you had to be an animal what would you be?

My German Shepherd 'Gentle Ben' because he's a beautiful dog and I want to be treated like him, he's treated like a prince. He is a prince, he's gorgeous! He's like a human. He gets sad when I go away so I talk to him on the phone. The lady who bred him asked me to play in a foursomes match and she said that if we won I could have him for half price. He was the last in the litter and the others all picked on him. I said, 'I want him, that's me!'

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