

# AIG Women's Open

Press Conference

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## Anna Nordqvist



**Q. I guess can we just start with what do you feel like you've found this week? You're playing some fantastic golf, obviously played well last week at The Scottish Open as well. What's clicking?**

ANNA NORDQVIST: Yeah, I felt like I hit the ball really, really well last week in the hard wind, at Dumbarnie in The Scottish Open. So start to feel like it's come together.

I feel like last few weeks have been solid. Just haven't made as many putts or scored as well as I played. I feel like my caddie just told me to keep patient. I feel like I played solid the first two rounds this week.

Links golf, you test your patience and I feel like I've had a great attitude this week. Love Carnoustie. I think it's a great venue, and just enjoying being back in Scotland.

**Q. One of your major victories came in some of the all-time worst weather ever; are you hoping it gets a little nasty?**

ANNA NORDQVIST: There's so many things I can't control. Right now I'm just happy with my round. Had quite a bit of family and friends out there watching, so that meant a lot to me. I'm ready to get in, I thought we beat the rain in on last but hit a great shot in in the rain.

I feel like the weather, we thought it was probably going rain a lot more today than it did, so got a good break there. But overall, Scotland has been pretty nice to us this week and we'll see what it gives us tomorrow.

**Q. You're obviously one of the stars of the Solheim Cup team for a long time for Europe. Do you feel yourself gearing up knowing that's just around the corner? Is it an internal thing where you start to flip the switch?**

ANNA NORDQVIST: Yeah, obviously we are down to the wire now and I think everyone else just talked so much about it, the caddies, who is going to be the picks and all these things. Obviously I have a great relationship with Catriona Matthew and I played with Laura Davies, one of the assistants this week.

I mean, playing on the Solheim Cup is the highlight of my career. I've been fortunate to have done six, and fingers crossed I can do another one. Right now I am not in an automatic spot in the World Rankings, so keeping my fingers crossed for a pick.

But I've been playing really solid the last few years and hopefully she values my experience and consistency, and I'll be on that team getting ready. I mean, I think there's only one week left, right. I think we are all very excited and it's nice to have fans back and I know it's going to be pretty crazy in Solheim Cup and I can't wait if I get a spot.

**Q. How far away is Kevin's family?**

ANNA NORDQVIST: He grew up in Dundee.

**Q. You played well here back in 2011, also. What do you remember about that experience?**

ANNA NORDQVIST: Yeah, I had my mental coach caddying for me that time. I remember it was me, Caroline Masson and Sophia Popov off at 6.15 in the first group the first day. We laughed about it the other day.

I love Carnoustie, it's a great venue, good golf course. I've only played it a few times but every time I go it's just such a treat. It's a challenging course because you have to challenge some of the pot bunkers off the tee or you're going to be standing with real long irons in.

Overall I think it's a fun venue and I'm enjoying having fans back because it feels like a good major championship again.

**Q. Who was the mental coach?**

ANNA NORDQVIST: His name is Ken Lindahl, and he did pretty good other than showing up in golf shoes for the third round. We worked for a couple years ago, and that was a great memory for us to play or caddie and get to know each other a little bit more.

**Q. Having played so well here now in both championships, is it more that you feel like you have a game that's suited well for Carnoustie or is it that**



**you've just kind of managed to figure out how to navigate it better than some others?**

ANNA NORDQVIST: I think golf, you just never know when your hard work is going to pay off. I feel like I hit the ball really, really well at The Scottish Open last week, especially in the hard winds. I think ended up finishing 12th or something. It just didn't seem like I scored good enough or for as good as I played.

You just never know. You've got to keep plugging along and putting yourself in positions and all I can do tomorrow is go out there and try to shoot best round that I can. Some days are going to be good, some days are going to be bad and I think I've been on Tour long enough now to accept that you can't really control what's going to happen. All you can do is your best.

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