

# AIG Women's Open

Mixed Zone

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## Nelly Korda



### Q. How good did that last putt feel?

NELLY KORDA: Definitely good, yeah. That was nice to end the round on a really good par save.

### Q. Yeah, I can tell you were a little frustrated.

NELLY KORDA: I mean, I was hitting it good. I was getting some unfortunate breaks in the bunkers. I was actually hitting it really decent out of those lies. I just couldn't make the par putts after, which obviously that's probably even more frustrating than probably having like a 20-footer for par and missing that.

### Q. How good were those bunker shots at 12 and 15?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, they were tough. I wasn't sure if I was going to first get my club to come down at a steep enough angle and then for the ball to come out high enough over the lip so I was actually impressed with myself, little pat on the back after those. Been working enough on the putting green.

### Q. The way the course is routed, does it make it tricky to really have to know the wind is changing slightly on every single hole? How do you stay focused on that part of it?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, for sure. I think the Opens are kind of known for the first nine being one direction and the back nine being the complete opposite direction. It's cool that the front nine is the outer part and the back nine is the inner part and every hole is a different -- faced a different direction and you'll get a different kind of wind.

So I think that to me is also the course's defence because you really have to concentrate. It's pretty mentally driving range for sure. You have to play around with a lot of different obviously swings. I mean, I hit an 8-iron 190 and then I hit a 4-iron 180 today. That's British Open but I think it's fun. It's nice to do once a year or a couple times a year. I wouldn't do it every week but it's a lot of fun.

### Q. What irons did you have into 14 or 15?

NELLY KORDA: 14, 15, both 4-irons, yeah, those were pumping into the wind and on No. 1 as well. I think I hit my 4-iron the most today.

### Q. Is there a certain number of birdie holes that you see, that you consider birdie holes when you start a round?

NELLY KORDA: No, I think it just depends on the direction of wind and how well you hit your drive, right. If you don't put that in play then you don't have birdie chances.

I would say the par 5s that are downwind are a little bit easier that you can be a little bit more aggressive on but other than this, I think the par 3s are really tough. The par 4s on the back nine are really long and tough, too. Wherever you can get a chance, I mean, you try to capitalise on that.

But you kind of have to get the right wind, get the right club and get the right bounce out here.

### Q. Is there any other tournament course that, like, can prepare you for a place like this?

NELLY KORDA: I would say maybe the Scottish last week, depending on the weather you get. Other than that, I don't think so.

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