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Nelly Korda

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: We are joined by Nelly Korda here at the ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open. And you were in Prague last week. Tell us about that.

NELLY KORDA: It was so much fun getting back to Prague, me childhood, relive so many memories, growing up and got to play golf there, too, which is always very scenic and different. Just a very wholesome week. Lots of calories and food but a lot of walking, too, so it kind of balanced out.

Q. Only so many chances you get to do that throughout the calendar year. Why do you feel like it's important to take that time?

NELLY KORDA: One, recharge batteries. It's really tough, especially living in Florida going all the way back home with jet-lag and everything.

So I think majority of people that were playing this week kind of stayed over in Europe and just, you know, really enjoyed being kind of like tourists. You live a little bit of a normal life for one week. It's my second home. Obviously I have a home base there, so I can also practise and really kind of get back to my roots.

Q. And then you played today in the Pro-Am, and with the last couple days of practise, what are your thoughts on the course?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, it's definitely drier than it was last year. You can definitely tell, I think all of like the UK, they are experiencing a little bit of a dry spell. So especially heat.

So I think that the golf courses are a little bit more burnt out but overall, it's really pretty. I feel like it's just very green -- well, green in places, burnt out in others but very like scenic, natural landscaping.

Q. And when you come out to play links golf, what do



you kind of try and keep in mind for you personally?

NELLY KORDA: Low shots. It's very different. I mean, you definitely have to hit more of like the imagination button, and depending on the weather that you get, I wouldn't say this is a really, like, old school links golf where some of the greens are a little bit elevated. So it is tougher to run it up as it is maybe like it would be next week.

But yeah, you definitely have to be a little bit more artistic around this golf course.

Q. And how much do you think this event, too, helps in prep for next week, also?

NELLY KORDA: Definitely a good bit. The ground is really firm. So it takes a little bit of a toll on your body with the vibrations and the firmness, but also a great prep week for what you think is going to be a firm and fast golf course.

Q. And obviously you played last year for the first time, so everyone is thrilled that you're back.

NELLY KORDA: Yeah.

Q. What was it that you enjoyed that worked well for you going into the Women's?

NELLY KORDA: For me it just flowed really well in the schedule. Going back home for two weeks in the middle of summer in Florida, I mean, my golf courses are shut. So I enjoy playing this type of golf when it's not freezing, but it also brings me back to like the roots of golf, of like playing in like this kind of weather, this kind of golf course, and being a little bit more artistic.

Q. Requires a lot more creativity?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah.

Q. If it's not too cold.

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I wouldn't be able to play all the time, but I think for two weeks out of the year, it's fun.

Q. And are you staying onsite again this year?



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NELLY KORDA: Yes.

Q. Enjoying the facilities?

NELLY KORDA: Yes, I am. Yeah. I actually drove for the first time, ever, on the only side of the road.

Q. How did that go?

NELLY KORDA: Parking, not very good. But everything else is great. I'm a little bit more cautious, obviously, but it was great. Parking lots are giving me a little bit of trouble but I'll figure it out.

Q. Roundabouts?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, a lot of roundabouts here. Roundabout here, roundabout, roundabout, roundabout.

Q. You generally really enjoy being in Scotland?

NELLY KORDA: I do, yeah, for sure.

Q. Already confirmed for the team; how are you feeling with the Solheim Cup less than 50 days out?

NELLY KORDA: I'm excited. There's no atmosphere like the Solheim Cup, and also getting to represent my country, it's so much bigger than just being on team. You get to represent your country. You get to represent your teammates, your captains, and then the atmosphere is just unbelievable. Nothing that you can describe walking on to that first tee and being in Europe on away soil, and also being on home soil.

I've had the honour to be on many Solheims now getting to represent my country, and there's just no better feeling.

Q. Your first Solheim Cup, were you nervous or were you thinking that it was a thrill then?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I remember playing Gleneagles, and my sister and I teamed up for alternate-shot. That was my first match. And I was just so excited to play alongside my sister. I thought those are memories that we got to look back on forever, we'll get to look back on forever, and it was so fun.

Obviously you're nervous, but it's more of like butterflies in your stomach where you're like, wow, this is the most unbelievable, like, energy I've ever seen from a crowd, and once you get a little bit of a taste of it, you're like, I can't wait to be back.

Q. Well, by the time you've played your seventh or

eighth --

NELLY KORDA: You're still going to be feeling the same way just because you don't get to experience it. You get to experience it every two years, right. It's not like an every-week kind of thing. It's every two years, and you're always like really excited to be on the team.

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