

# The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

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Pelican Golf Club

## Jennifer Kupcho

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Here with Jennifer after the second round at The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican. So, just start off with No. 14, the eagle on the AON Risk-Reward hole. You knew what you needed to do and you did that. Just talk about that.**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, coming into the week I had my eyes set on two eagles. That's probably what I would need to win. Maybe. We'll see. But I think, yeah, was definitely like coming into it really only thinking about that hole.

But I think it's also nice to be playing well this week. I've not necessarily been practicing how I would like to, but I think just to see that my game is still up there and I'm still ready to go, I think that's super great, too.

**Q. Right now after that 4-under 66, sitting in T2. Talk about the front nine. A lot of birdies but also a few bogeys sprinkled in. How are you trying to avoid those bogeys on a very difficult golf course out here?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I don't think it's necessarily avoiding them. I think they're going to happen. Like if you try to avoid them they're going to happen more.

I think this golf course definitely keeps you on your toes. It's really difficult. Any hole you can bogey you can birdie really, so it's just like focusing one shot at a time and just taking it like that.

**Q. Heard you saying something interesting yesterday about admiring Auston Kim's tempo. Can you expound upon that and explain what you mean there?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I think in general when I don't hit the ball well I'm getting a little fast. Her tempo is so good, so just like slowing down my backswing a little bit like really gets me into it and gets me set into it, set into the shot, and then I can really make the contact that I want.



So just watching her, I was a little fast starting the round yesterday and even today, and just like it's nice to be able to have someone like oh, this is what I'm trying to do. I can just look at it and be like, okay, just relax and hit the ball.

**Q. Love that. How have you been able to capitalize on these greens? We keep hearing they're slick out there.**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, they're fast. I think just like relax and just hit it. I mean, obviously they're fast. You kind of have to play a little bit more break or read the grain a lot. Me and my caddie do a really good job reading bermuda together, so usually where I would read the greens by myself it's nice to have him to lean on and know that I have the breaks right if I just -- like I don't need to smash it into the hole. I can just play the break, and if it goes in, it goes in.

**Q. Just kind of eyeballing the computer here, I think I counted seven scores of 66 or better already today. Are the conditions that much different out there?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I don't think so. I think it's just like the -- when the wind is down it's definitely a lot easier. I think possibly the pin placements are maybe a little easier today.

But no, I would say it's very similar to yesterday.

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