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Nelly Korda Celine Boutier

Q. It was a lot of fun watching your group today. You two I think, Celine and Nelly, were 13-under par. You guys would've made a pretty good best ball. Seemed like you got off to a hot start. I'll start with you, Celine. Collectively the group was pretty hot on the front and then kind of flat lined a little bit on the back and then a good finish. Talk about the dynamics of today and how you needed to be aggressive, you knew low scores were out there?

CELINE BOUTIER: Yeah, it was pretty calm today. Definitely felt like the scores were going to be low, so just tried to take advantage of the chances that I got. Especially the par-5s are mostly reachable, so I feel like it was definitely a big advantage to have a very calm day today.

I managed to get a lot of birdies, so that was pretty fun.

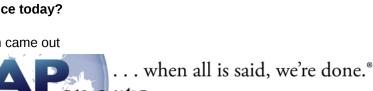
Q. Must have been a delightful round for you. Even though you won last week, Nelly, it was so crazy tough on the weekend. Talk about the transition to going from that kind of weather to these perfectly calm, warm conditions?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, completely different today compared to last weekend. Being in the afternoon, it's quite -- the greens are quite soft. I know Arizona has been getting a good bit of rain throughout the winter. I knew there would be low scores out there, so needed to be aggressive.

Played pretty well, but completely different weather compared at that last week.

Q. A lot of adrenaline and energy is used to win and compete out here. How did you recover the last few days to get yourself ready to really produce today?

NELLY KORDA: I took Monday off and then came out





here really early on Tuesday and just kind of got off the golf course and got out of here by 11:00 and gave myself the afternoon off.

Then had an afternoon pro-am on Wednesday. Kept it pretty light at the beginning of the week knowing I needed rest and that was the most important.

Q. Celine you won here. It kicked off four wins on your season. Won just a little northeast of here at a different golf course. Talk about the dynamics of coming back to an area and playing a different course as defending champion?

CELINE BOUTIER: Yeah, I love coming to Arizona. I think the golf courses here are so nice, and especially this time of the year they're always pristine condition.

So always fun to come back. Obviously a little bit sad not to be playing Superstition Mountain again. I think it's still a great track here.

Be a good test to shoot some low scores, and I think we'll see how the week goes.

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