

The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

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Pelican Golf Club

Jennifer Kupcho

Quick Quotes

Q. All right, here with Jennifer after the first round at The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican. 4-under 66 today. Talk about your round a little bit today.

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I mean, I played really well. I think I was hitting the ball really well. Honestly it was kind of nice playing with Austin. Her swing tempo is unreal. So I tend to swing a little bit quick, so it was nice seeing that and helped me kind of calm down and swing -- try to swing it like her, which was great.

Q. How does that play into your swing? Is it just something she does or is it something you're looking at or the straight tempo of it?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I think just like you're sitting there watching her. I guess you could not watch, but obviously I watch. It just kind of makes you think like, oh, wow, like she has so much power. You don't really need to swing fast. It's tempo and hitting the center of the club face.

Q. Talk about your back nine a little bit. Five birdies on that back nine, only one missed green. What was going on? Was it just a culmination of things coming together?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I think it was kind of just coming off the front nine was playing well and just kept hitting the ball well. I don't know, just having fun out there and just playing, yeah.

Q. And then only two more events after -- one more event after this week. You're near the top of the Aon Risk-Reward Challenge. Made another birdie on their hole this week. Can you just speak to Aon and that million dollar prize they're giving out at the end of the year?

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, obviously it's in the back of all of us that are at the top's back of our mind. Yeah, just go out and play your best. I mean, see what you can do. I



would be lying if I wasn't trying to go after that hole a little bit this week. Yeah, thank goodness I got a birdie. Hopefully I can throw in an eagle. That would be great.

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