

# The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

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Pelican Golf Club

## Jennifer Kupcho

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Joining me today after the third round of The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican is Jennifer Kupcho. Another great round. You played really solid; no bogeys. Could you just take us through?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Yeah, I mean, I was kind of nervous going into today. I think it kind of took me a while to kind of get my bearings on the front nine, but kind of settled down like five, six holes in, and, yeah, started making putts after that. Yeah.

**Q. They adjusted the yardages today. It's playing about more 100 yards shorter than it was in the first round. How does that adjust your game and your game plan heading into tomorrow?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: Makes it really slow. I think we waited so much today. It's kind of ridiculous honestly.

But I think the setup was still fine. They do a really good job setting up this golf course every year. It's a little frustrating when you're the leaders or in the back of the pack and having to wait on every shot.

**Q. Heading into tomorrow being solidly in contention, what are you going to be focused on?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: No. 14, literally. I think that's kind of been my mindset this whole week and it's really worked thus far.

Really just zoning in on 14. Maybe try and throw an eagle in tomorrow. That would be great.

**Q. You said you were a little nervous starting the day. Anything in particular that kind of just made you off a little bit?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I just think this golf course, I mean, it kind of makes everybody uncomfortable, right? It's a hard golf course. There is a lot of hard shots into the



greens.

So I think I just am a little uncomfortable, especially on bermudagrass. I'm a little more uncomfortable than other grasses. I know that as well.

So maybe not practicing as much as I was with three weeks off. It's a lot different with three weeks off and then coming into a tournament. You might be rested but you're in the top of the game, right?

I think that's kind of what went into it.

**Q. When you don't practice for three weeks and all of a sudden you're in the thick of it, is that a quick mental adjustment?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: It's not that I didn't practice, it's not having played a tournament. Obviously different jitters, different pressure. I went out and played rounds with my husband, but that's not like being at the top of the leaderboard out here.

So, yeah, I think it's just a mental thing. I think it helps that I have also another focus on 14 this week. I think that certainly helps my game as well.

**Q. Obviously in this contention sense position again, got that win at ShopRite earlier this year that I know was kind of a monkey off your back a little bit. How much does that kind of confidence that was renewed at that point help you in a scenario like tomorrow?**

JENNIFER KUPCHO: I think it helps a lot. I also think really that week I putted really well, saw a lot of putts go in.

Out here the greens are so slick and you're really trying to make the putt instead of have a five-footer coming back, so I think that confidence in my putter definitely helps as well.

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