

# Meijer LPGA Classic

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Blythefield Country Club

## Nelly Korda

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Nelly, 6-under 66 on day two. Take us through the day. Just few different conditions out there with the rain overnight and some wind on the back nine.**

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, it was definitely -- the greens were definitely a lot softer today so you could be more aggressive. Yesterday in to the afternoon they were really slow but really bouncy and firm. It was like a really weird combo.

So I could really hit my numbers today, and I had a lot of good numbers going in. That eagle helped as well on 8.

**Q. Take us through 8 if you don't mind from start to finish. How did you manage the eagle?**

NELLY KORDA: I hit my drive pretty well. It's a pretty tight fairway. Had a 6-iron in. Hit a little bit of a controlled high 6-iron and probably had like 25 feet; rolled it in the center. It was nice.

**Q. 16 seemed like a bit of a tough hole for you. What happened there?**

NELLY KORDA: I just kind of hooked my tee shot into the left rough, and then I thought -- sometimes out of the rough it jumps. It was straight downwind so I thought it would jump out of the rough, but it didn't.

When you short side yourself there it's a pretty hard chip with this po grass. It's kind of hard to bump it into the slope, and there is no way I could fly it because then you would have a downhill putt and you don't really want a downhill putt on that hole.

So kind of made a miss there.

**Q. How do weather delays impact the professional golfer and what can you do to combat some of those things?**

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I mean, definitely tired out here. You have to stay concentrated. I got up at 5:00 and then I



was on my way to the course when my caddie texted me that there was a two-hour delay, so I just went back and tried to relax a little before coming out here, because it was going to be a long day.

**Q. Birdie on 18. What does that confidence do for you going into the weekend?**

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, whenever you can birdie your final hole it's always a good feeling to sleep on that. Just a lot of birdie opportunities out here. I mean, I had a 9-iron into 18 today, so the wind is downwind, so it's gettable.

**Q. I got to ask, you got boyfriend Andreas Athanasiou out here to see you. That's a name a lot of people remember from his days with the Griffins. What was it like to have him out there and also some young girls and fans back out again?**

NELLY KORDA: It's nice. It's nice to have -- my parents aren't out this week, so it's nice to have a familiar face in the crowd. For the crowds and for the little kids it's super nice to see them out again.

I definitely miss the feeling of people cheering you on, and if you've had a bad hole they're still cheering you on. With the kids, whenever you get to inspire the next generation or someone to look up to you it's a great feeling. Hopefully they can maybe do it one day.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

NELLY KORDA: Yeah. I mean, I spent sometime in Detroit with him. I know he said that a couple people have recognized him. I'm like, So you're the superstar here this week.

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