

The Amundi Evian Championship

Sunday, 12 July 2026

Evian-les-Bains, France

Evian Resort Golf Club

Lydia Ko

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Lydia Ko after her final round at the Amundi Evian Championship. Lydia, great final round. Stormed up the leaderboard. Can you just kind of talk about the uniqueness of this golf course? You obviously won here before. Just how your game suits it.

LYDIA KO: Yeah, you know, when I actually won here I think I won in September so the course was pretty soft relative to now, and I was playing a draw so I feel like in ways it's kind of a very different golf course, because I try and play a cut off the tee and I hit it a little longer.

So the course kind of runs out a little bit more, but I've been trying to get a better idea of how to play this golf course over the years that I've come. I played solid all week. I felt like I left a few putts out there yesterday and seeing the 11-under that Haeran shot, I think that was kind of a motivation for me to kind of say, hey, there is another low one hopefully for me, too.

But the goal was to shoot 6-under and I shot 7. Even then you're like ah, man, I wish that last putt...

All in all it was a really solid week and very memorable just having my husband caddieing for me this week.

Q. Yeah, leads into the next question. Husband on the bag. Give us an overall grade for this week so far.

LYDIA KO: He was A+ for I think me personally. Would it be an A+ for other players? I'm not really sure. But obviously he can say some things that only a husband can say and maybe not Paul for me on a week to week.

But he was great. I think when I started off the championship with a bogey on the first and he was like, hey, it's okay. You can do this.

Just having him on the bag, like he felt like he was carrying his clubs and like playing on the weekend, and honestly felt like for me, too, like any other day we play together on the weekend.



We had a lot of fun. I think having him on the bag has made me realize like how tough of a job a caddie really is. It made me become more appreciative of Paul who does it for -- who we work together, and all of the other caddies. I'm not sure how they kind of go through those physical and mental I guess strenuous situations I guess week in, week out.

Having him has made me more appreciative of their job I guess, yeah.

Q. Maybe some of the best advice and some of the worst advice he gave you out there this week?

LYDIA KO: The best advice was -- well, I don't know if it's an advice, but more like an ultimatum. He was like, oh, I'm not going to caddie for a wuss, so I think that made me be a little bit more kind of aggressive.

And then he really didn't have any bad advice. I told him to like keep up and shut up. That was kind of like my advice at the start of the week. I actually relied on him in like green reading as well which has kind of been the thing that I struggled with on these greens the past few years.

I had more birdies the past four days than I probably did the last couple times I played here. Yeah, I think having him was very helpful, but, yeah, mostly just looking forward to being back in the norm of things with Paul.

Q. AIG coming up here. How does this round lead into prep for AIG now?

LYDIA KO: I know Europe has had a little bit of a heat wave the past few weeks so I'm not really sure how that is going to affect the golf course. But most of the time we turn up to the AIG Women's Open it's pretty windy, and I honestly don't expect anything else.

I personally think I won in some of the windiest AIG Women's Opens that I played, so just knowing that I'm playing a lot of good golf. I think it was a little stressful when I missed the first cuts of the first two majors, especially at Riv, because that's like the pinnacle event that I wanted to play well this year.

I came back at KPMG to make the cut and finish top 15, and I honestly think this led into this week. Hopefully a



lot of good to be able to positively bleed into our last major.

Q. I got to always as you about Kiwi golf. There are three players next week at The Open. Do you think it's a special moment for New Zealand golf?

LYDIA KO: Yeah, it's exciting. I know that Kazuma qualified, did the final qualifying. I was listening to the radio of that qualifying day.

To hear him like have made it, and obviously Daniel has been having a great year again at DP and Foxy coming off a couple wins last year on the PGA TOUR, he's been playing really solid as well.

It's been great to see the growth of golf in New Zealand and I really hope there are many more of us representing our country. Especially because I'm towards the end of my career and we have the '28 LA Olympics and Brisbane coming up. I do think this will be a spark for the next generation but Amelia has been playing great on the LET as well.

It's been really cool to see hopefully Fiona will be able to come back to the LPGA next year. And I think the more of us being on TV, I think that's going to have a correct correlation to junior golfers wanting to be the next Ryan fox or Lydia I don't, next Amelia Garvey. I think it's our job in some ways to inspire them and make them want to play golf and golf is not just boring sport I guess.

Yeah.

FastScripts by ASAP Sports