

# U.S. Women's Open

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## Nelly Korda

### Flash Interview



**Q. Saw you had a nice laugh with Lexi on 18. Could you tell us about it.**

NELLY KORDA: Jason and I just had a really awkward exchange there where he tried to hug me but I didn't hug him back. It was all just kind of awkward. She saw it, and she was like, I really hope the cameras got that, which I really hope they didn't. It was just awkward.

**Q. 16 pars, is that more frustrating, or does it make you happy? What's that like?**

NELLY KORDA: It depends. If you're not striking it well, then that makes you happy because you got a lot of up-and-downs. I was striking it pretty well out there; just under-read some putts and burned a couple edges too.

I think I'm happy with it. Obviously I wish the ball found the bottom of the cup a little bit more. Overall, I can't complain. First day of the U.S. Open, it's all about patience. I'm striking it pretty well, so hopefully I can carry that into the next couple days.

**Q. Actually just off that, how did you like your putting stroke today? Is that something you kind of feel good about going into the morning tomorrow?**

NELLY KORDA: I was hitting my putts really good. Wherever I was kind of looking, rolling it over my intermediate target, that's where I was hitting it. I have no complaints. I will say I didn't really hit a bad putt at all.

Maybe I hit one or two loose shots, but overall I felt like I played well, which obviously on like maybe 13, I did say to Jason I'm a little frustrated just because I feel like I should be playing a little differently with the way I'm striking it.

But he did make sure that he -- he reassured me that it's all about patience.

**Q. After the first round, what are the impressions of the course and impressions of the Wisconsin golf fan base as well?**

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, it's great. Enjoyed playing in front of a great crowd. Obviously a great group too, alongside Charley and Lexi. Hopefully we can show off some good golf the next couple of days, but the golf course is immaculate.

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