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Karis Davidson

Quick Quotes

Q. Karis Davidson is with us now at the 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship. Karis, 7-under for you this afternoon. What went well out there for you?

KARIS DAVIDSON: Definitely hit a lot of fairways. Hit a lot of greens. Putting was pretty on today. Really felt like I was going to hole everything.

So it was a pretty perfect round.

Q. What's been the key for you this season? You've been on this steady train of golf and a made-cut streak. What's been working for you so well?

KARIS DAVIDSON: Well, I think -- that's a good question. I think I've been working on myself. Like mentally finding out what I enjoy of the course I think has really helped me on the course, because now I feel like I can enjoy it more.

Q. I know we've seen a couple of your fellow countrywomen out here in their green and yellow, Karrie's scholarship recipients. You've done that, lived that life and done that twice in back-to-back years. What does she mean to you and what does that meant to your success as you embarked on your own professional golf career?

KARIS DAVIDSON: Yeah, it was a huge help. I learnt a lot coming over and seeing Karrie twice. She does so much for Golf Australia. I think it's excellent. It's so fun getting dressed up and watching the Aussie pros and you learn a lot, so that was a really awesome experience when I got to do it twice.

Q. Had your career-best finish on the LPGA earlier this season at the Aramco. What did that do for your confidence as you looked ahead to maybe a thicker slate of majors this season?

KARIS DAVIDSON: It was really nice because in the past I



don't think I've had that really good start to the season. So it felt like a bit of a weight off my shoulders almost, financially and points-wise, so it was great. I felt like I could actually do it.

Q. And contending early in a major, how do you take this performance today and build on it going into tomorrow?

KARIS DAVIDSON: I think I just need to keep enjoying it and just try and hit the best shots I can; just really embrace the experience.

I think it's pretty special to be up top after day one, so I'm just going to embrace it.

Q. I just wanted to ask about your social media. You've been posting a lot of fun videos and stuff like that. Do you think that that's part of you having fun out here a lot? You seem to be having a lot of fun with you and your caddie doing some of that stuff.

KARIS DAVIDSON: Yeah, definitely. After going home last time I said, I need something for the start of the week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. I thought, why not make some funny videos. It's really fun editing, being creative, and incorporating golf into my personal life.

Yeah, totally for fun and, yeah, I definitely think it's helped on practice rounds become more enjoyable.

Q. Do you have a trend you're looking to do next? Anything in the works?

KARIS DAVIDSON: Well, I'm going to my hometown in Scotland next week and it's really beautiful countryside, so might take some nice videos and introduce some local sheep and stuff like that. (Laughter.)

Q. Curious, when you have a late tee time and you might catch a little of the action on TV in the morning and you see 63, you see some other good scores, does that say, okay, fine, it's out there, I can do it, or is it, oh, my God? What is the emotion going into the afternoon round knowing that?

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KARIS DAVIDSON: I think it's a bit of both, because you're like, you can see that the other girls have done it, but then you're also like, wow, that's unreal. Hannah won here in 2019. I think the winning score was 9-under as I can recall. Must have been really tough.

And like the girls are just so good out here, you know, so it's anyone's tournament.

Q. During your practice rounds this week, was there anything that you came away knowing if I play well I know I can score here?

KARIS DAVIDSON: Honestly, I came off the course and I was like, wow, this is an awesome course but it's tough. You know, I think if the wind picks up the scores are going to change really quick for sure.

Q. So you were talking about hitting fairways, but looks like you were also hitting them longer from the tee, no? You went from maybe average to being in the top 10 in strokes gained from the tee. What have you been working on?

KARIS DAVIDSON: I think with driver, I just try and pick a target in the distance and just really swing through it. I think if you've got any -- just having no fear. I don't feel afraid to just hit it.

Q. And I wonder if that no fear also translates to the mental. Do you feel more comfortable, more yourself here and that is part of it, too?

KARIS DAVIDSON: Yeah, I just know there is more to life than just golf, you know, so I think that's given me a really good perspective. When I'm on the course I can just enjoy it. If it's a bad day, it's a bad day. If it's a good day, really take it all in and really embrace it.

Like it's really awesome to have an amazing score any day at golf, so you just got to take it.

Q. And one last thing: It would be 25 years this year since Karrie Webb won the KPMG. How special would it be for you to be able to get there?

KARIS DAVIDSON: Yeah, that would be awesome, and especially my good friend Hannah has won here in 2019. So that would be so special, yeah.

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