

NELLY KORDA

MODERATOR: Well, many congratulations. Did you feel that the crowd out there was really behind you?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I did. I mean, the atmosphere was amazing. Every single time I made a bogey or a mistake, they were right behind me like pumping me up, and it felt really good and kind of made -- I was a bit more motivated after that as well.

MODERATOR: Was there a time out there -- there was a couple of loose shots towards the end of the round. Did you think, I have still got a handle on this, I know what I'm doing?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah. I mean, I felt Jin-Young was coming in close, but I just -- it was actually just one bad hole that I had today. But I bounced back on 17. And I didn't know what score she was at by then, so I was just trying to hit it close and trying to give myself some opportunities.

MODERATOR: And your sister, did she Face-Time you?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, she did. It was pretty much just screaming congratulations, but she was really happy for me. And it was really special. I mean, this win is really special for my family, so --

MODERATOR: Terrific. I can see your phone is running hot.

NELLY KORDA: Yeah.

MODERATOR: Questions from the floor, please.

Q. Nelly, I covered your father when he won the Australian Open tennis, your brother last year when he won his title, now you. Can you talk about this family association with Jessica and the whole family dominating sport in Australia?

NELLY KORDA: I don't know. I guess, as I said, there's maybe something in the air here. No, we love coming Down Under, and we really enjoy our time here. And my dad -- I just got off the phone with my dad, and he's like, well, congratulations, you're part of the Korda's clan now. So, that was funny.

Q. Do you talk about it in the family? I mean, I know (inaudible) obviously, but is it something that the whole family is aware of?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah. I mean, my parents love Australia. My whole family does. And we occasionally talk about it. But when I was left out, they didn't try to rub it in my face too much. But now that we all have a win down here, it's going to be really special.

Q. Nelly, how were the nerves? Did you feel the nerves coming into the final today?

NELLY KORDA: I felt a little on the first hole, and then they kind of like went away. And then towards the end, on 18, walking up, I mean, that's -- I think I had like a 3-footer for par, so the nerves were a bit on edge there. But other than that, I felt really confident today. I was really actually impressed with myself.

Q. You had two putts or three, so did you know that?

NELLY KORDA: Sorry, what?

Q. (Inaudible)

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I know, but you never want to end like that, you want to end on a par or a birdie.

Q. Nelly, over the last two years you have had incredible draws -- (inaudible)

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I definitely do. I think last year when I won in Taiwan, it kind of -- it kind of like opened up my eyes to the point where I was like, oh, I can win out here, I can be in contention.

Q. (Inaudible) were they all watching together, or --

NELLY KORDA: So, my brother is in Turkey. My sister's on the east coast of Florida, my parents are on the west, so no. But they were all up.

Q. Do you ever feel pressure to keep up with Jess?

NELLY KORDA: Like, as I joined the tour?

Q. Yeah, and before that, when you were coming out of amateur ranks. Was it a big (inaudible) carved your own path, or do you still think you're in her shadow, or you can come out of it now?

NELLY KORDA: You know, what's really great about Jess is that she never really -- I was never really in her shadow. I was, but she never really made me feel like I was in her shadow. She always made me be really independent, do whatever I wanted and kind of go my own way. Because when you're out here, you kind of need some kind of way -- like, you need a person -- like a mentor your first year out here. And she just taught me to go my own

way. You don't want to -- you just need to do your own thing and -- but not -- never really felt too much pressure. Obviously, there was pressure, but I think I finally kind of carved my own way.

Q. I just wanted to ask you if you play much tennis (inaudible)

NELLY KORDA: No tennis. I maybe play two or three times a year.

Q. So it's always golf?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah.

Q. Pretty much as Jess was playing.

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, pretty much. I mean, Jess is five years older, so by the time like she started taking lessons, I was about two or three, so I was right next to her. My mom was watching over her and me at the same time, so I was on the driving range. But we were really active as kids, so -- we were never really, like, restricted to one sport. We played whatever we wanted to.

Q. Nelly, Jason on the bag, (inaudible) did he give you any tips (inaudible) course, or --

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I mean, Jason has been great this week. I would not be where I am without him. We started working together a year ago. And ever since, we have become a really great team. And I would not be where I am today without him.

Q. When did you first see the kangaroos (inaudible)?

NELLY KORDA: Oh, gosh, I wouldn't even know. I was definitely young. I know my dad's favourite animal is a kangaroo. We have them everywhere in the house, so -- so I guess I must have been maybe eight or nine that I can remember, yeah.

Q. So, how did it feel when you got to do it?

NELLY KORDA: Finally, it felt really good.

Q. Is there one that (inaudible)?

NELLY KORDA: No, never, no. It felt really good.

Q. Are you going to put the picture up next to dad's kangaroo?

NELLY KORDA: Maybe all four of ours. That would be cool, like a little collage.

MODERATOR: Is that okay, ladies and gentlemen? Any more questions? We'll leave her to answer all the phone calls that keep blinking at the front here. Thank you for coming in. It's been a wonderful week. You have given us all such a lot of pleasure to see you play, and we hope to see you back next year.

NELLY KORDA: Thank you. Thank you so much.