
MARK WILLIAMS: We would like to welcome Nelly Korda and Denny McCarthy, one of the teams here at the QBE Shootout in 2022. Thanks for joining us.

Just probably want to start with you both played in the pro-am today. What's your impressions of the golf course? I know you played here just fairly recently, and Denny, how about you as well?

DENNY McCARTHY: I'll let her go first.

NELLY KORDA: Ladies first, aww thanks.

Obviously I played this golf course so many times. A little bit of a different yardage, kind of different look to it from the tees, but a golf course I'm pretty comfortable at here. I enjoy playing out here. But as I said, different yardage looks a little different from the tee boxes.

MARK WILLIAMS: I was going to say, how much of a challenge will that be for you playing with the added distance?

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I mean, typically I have like pitching wedges and 9-irons into a lot of the holes and I have like 6-irons and 5-irons. So for sure, I mean, on firmer greens it depends on how much they firm up. It would be challenging from that distance.

DENNY McCARTHY: I've played the pro-ams here the last two or three years, so I've probably played half a dozen rounds on this golf course. I like it a lot. Greens were so pure the last few days, so obviously I like that.

It's pretty tricky. It's pretty grainy around the greens, so we're going to be -- it's not going to matter too much because we're going to be striping it and making putts. Hopefully I can hit some good drives so she can continue those 9-irons and pitching wedges in, but yeah, I'm looking forward to it. We haven't spent too much time together before this, but it will be fun the next couple days for sure.

MARK WILLIAMS: That was going to be my next question, how well do you know each other?

NELLY KORDA: We met on Tuesday.

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah, met on Tuesday. I know her sister, Jess, and her husband,

Johnny DelPrete. I play a decent amount of golf with them over in the Jupiter area. Jess Jest connected us through text a couple weeks ago so we exchanged a few texts and met on Tuesday and --

NELLY KORDA: Denny was super excited to wear matching outfits. We were coordinating.

DENNY McCARTHY: She sent me a few J. Lindeberg outfits that I don't quite have the color scheme for, we're a little different.

NELLY KORDA: Just a little. We tried.

DENNY McCARTHY: We did try. She has this -- I mean, I don't know what you call it. You called it like a weather forecast --

NELLY KORDA: I didn't bring it out, don't worry.

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah, so we were trying to coordinate some outfits. I don't know if -- I don't know if my outfits are going to match up to hers, she's got some pretty wild color schemes.

NELLY KORDA: We'll see every day. Every day will be a surprise.

MARK WILLIAMS: So doesn't sound like you've played together --

NELLY KORDA: No.

MARK WILLIAMS: -- but what do you admire about each other's games of what you've observed?

NELLY KORDA: Well, I've heard he's like a magician on the greens, so I'm super excited to witness that.

DENNY McCARTHY: Obviously she's a great talent and I've seen her play on TV quite a few times. She's one of the best players in the world on the women's side. I know she's very consistent and keeps it in play in front of her and hits quality iron shots and she's not a slouch on the putting green, either. She knows what she's doing.

And she might be able to help me out around this place, she's played some more rounds than me out here. So I'm looking forward to us hitting some quality shots and her maybe showing me the way around on these greens.

MARK WILLIAMS: One more for me. Three different formats to this event. Which one are you most excited about or looking forward to the most out of the three?

NELLY KORDA: I think modified alternate shot.



MARK WILLIAMS: Any reason why?

NELLY KORDA: I've always really enjoyed alternate shot even in Solheim Cup, I've always played with Jess, so I'm definitely really excited for that one.

DENNY McCARTHY: I'm looking forward to that as well, I think. I think it's really helpful for me when I don't know who's going to hit first. I think if I see her, she's pretty accurate so she's going to step up and hit is 270 down the middle right by Kiz. I think that will just allow me to swing a little more freely, play a little more freely, so I'm looking forward to that.

Q. For both of you, the talk about next year, more mixed groups, more women playing in this tournament, what do you feel? Nelly, how do you feel about that? Would you like to see more mixed groups? And also, have there been players on your tour, have they come up to you and anybody expressed interest that you know of that you would like to play?

NELLY KORDA: My season finished two weeks ago and I haven't seen many of the girls since kind of it hit the news earlier this week.

Obviously I think it's super exciting for us women to be able to play with the men at like the end of the year. I think it's a nice season finisher. And for us to be put on a stage with the men I think is also exciting, and for viewers it's just a little bit something different as well.

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah, I think it's a great idea. I didn't know much about it honestly, about the mixed group, but obviously I've got a great partner this week in Nelly. She's one of the great talents in the world. And if they do change to that format, I'm off to a good start, I've got a good partner this week.

NELLY KORDA: You're full of compliments.

Q. Nelly, you're the third woman to play, Annika and then Lexi's played the last five or six years. What attracted you? Why did you say yes?

NELLY KORDA: I mean, I could never turn down such a great opportunity. I've watched almost every year. I know Lexi's played a couple times. Again, to be put on a stage like this and to promote women's golf and just to be a small part of it feels good.

Q. Nelly, you mentioned kind of it's a good event to wind down the year, but for both you guys this is such different than anything you really play throughout the entire year. What stands out about this event and what are you kind of most looking forward to for the rest of the week?

DENNY McCARTHY: I think it's just a really fun event. I like that it's a different format each day and you're just -- obviously we would like to play well and contend and try and win this



week, but I think it will just be fun just the camaraderie between us and our playing partners, our caddies. I think it will just be a great experience this week.

NELLY KORDA: And golf is such an individual sport, so it's nice to kind of mix in some team aspects of it and have a partner.

Q. Is it nice that -- I know you've played in Solheim Cups and team events before, but since this is a little bit more relaxed, do you think that maybe frees you guys up to be a little bit more aggressive when you're playing?

NELLY KORDA: We'll see.

DENNY McCARTHY: I think so. Like I said, she's pretty accurate and she knows her way around this place, so if she's hitting it down the middle, that can only free me up even more. If she's teeing off and hitting it down the middle, I'm like, oh, I can just take a free swing at it and rip it down there and try and get us maybe a shorter club or something. It definitely is a nice aspect, the team aspect. I feel like it should free us both up to where we have nothing to lose. We're just going to fire at all the pins, even if we have 5-irons and 7-woods in.

NELLY KORDA: I'm sorry in advance. If you have a 5-iron, I have a 3-wood.

Q. In a format like this with the different formats, what makes a good partner?

NELLY KORDA: Someone that's accurate.

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah.

NELLY KORDA: Someone that gets the ball in the hole.

DENNY McCARTHY: Yes, I would agree. If your partner's putting too much stress on you, you might feel some heat on some shots here and there. Good thing for us, I think we're both pretty accurate and pretty straight.

NELLY KORDA: Hopefully.

DENNY McCARTHY: Yeah, for the most part it should be stress free. We might find ourselves in a couple spots where we feel a little stress, but for the most part it will be a lot of fun.

NELLY KORDA: And I think the most important is just to keep it light, too. It's never good when one's too serious and you're not enjoying yourself out there as well. I think we have a good group and you and I seem to be getting along so far. We'll see on Sunday.

DENNY McCARTHY: It will be pretty easy to keep it light with Kiz and Max tomorrow.



Q. Nelly, you mentioned about the different distances here than what you're used to playing with CME. Is there a particular tee shot or two here that when you went back to the back tees, you looked and it kind of blew you away a little bit?

NELLY KORDA: Probably 9 and 18. But again, like even 10, like I'm not used to seeing the trees on the right come in so much, so it's just like visually very different.

Q. Denny, what can kind of an elite male golfer learn from an elite woman golfer, and Nelly, same thing reversed?

NELLY KORDA: I think we'll be learning a lot from each other.

DENNY McCARTHY: Just, I mean, just how she goes about her routine, process, how she reacts to shots afterwards. I'm sure, I've watched her play before, she has a pretty good demeanor on the golf course. Maybe just try and emulate some of her actions, emotions out there.

Sometimes I tend to get a little quick and a little hot sometimes, so I'm a competitor, we all want to play well, but I think maybe just taking a step back this week and just relaxing and just something fun.

NELLY KORDA: Well, I'm not usually mic'd up, so you'll see.

DENNY McCARTHY: I'm sure there's some competitor in her, too. I'm sure she gets mad at herself sometimes.

NELLY KORDA: For sure.

MARK WILLIAMS: Nelly, you played in the Father-Son with your dad last year, the PNC Championship, I guess you call it.

NELLY KORDA: Yeah, Father-Son.

MARK WILLIAMS: And you're playing next week. How do you think that will differ this week playing without your dad but with Denny?

NELLY KORDA: Well, my dad was so nervous on the first tee. It was definitely a really cool experience playing in that, but I think something like this, it's just completely different as well. I don't know, you can ask me after tomorrow. I think I'm just super excited to tee it up with Denny and we'll see how this week goes. Hopefully, good.

MARK WILLIAMS: Hopefully good for you, too.

DENNY McCARTHY: Hopefully. Hopefully I'm a better golfer than --



NELLY KORDA: Yeah, I would say that, yes. My dad also played from the same tees and he was outdriving me, so you've got that, too.

