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Rolex Rankings No. 2 and Defending Champion Nelly Korda

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Korda on what it means to see so many young fans out during the pro-am

"To see that, that's probably the best part of being out here, inspiring the next generation, seeing those girls look up to us and saying they want to be in this exact spot in the next couple years. Because we were those girls, right? So I think it's very important for everyone to have role models. I had amazing role models. So it's really cool to see. And, yeah, just I hope they love the game of golf as much as I do."

WNBA Star and Pro-Am Participant Caitlin Clark

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Clark on her experience during the pro-am

"Yeah. I mean, people always ask me like do I get more nervous for this or basketball. It's this and it's not even remotely close. I don't worry about basketball too much, but there is nothing like standing on a tee box and there is a bunch people watching you and this isn't what you're really good at. But obviously playing with Nelly and playing with Lauryn made it really easy. We just kind of took their tee ball most of the time and played from there, so..."

Tournament Host and Hall-of-Famer Annika Sorenstam

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Sorenstam on the LPGA Tour and the 75th anniversary

"Yeah, I'd be happy to. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the LPGA, as you know. Growing up in Sweden and playing golf for fun and getting a chance to make it a living and have dreams come true through the LPGA, it's been tremendous through the years, whether it's people you meet or places you go or just trying to achieve your goals. So it's been an honor to be able to be part of it and continue to grow the Tour and the tournaments and the players and women's golf in a positive direction. So as you know, it started with the Founders and then the trail blazers and the next generation, we're all just doing our part, and hopefully more young women will pick up the game and look at it as something they want to do and get partners to join, et cetera. I don't know. It's cool. That's why can I think it's still fun to still have my name with the LPGA, with a tournament, to continue that and try to make an impact in different ways. Obviously I don't hit any shots to impress anybody anymore, so now it's about how can we get more people involved and grow the game with partners like Dan and Gainbridge. It's been fun doing it this way. We won't be here for the next 75 years, but maybe somebody else will sit here and talk about 150 years and where women's golf is at that time."

Pelican Golf Club Owner Dan Doyle

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Doyle on the impetus of Pelican Golf Club and The ANNIKA

"It was kind of our passion when we started building this club. We looked at the Bay Area and said, you know, there is not a professional women's sporting event in the Bay Area. We have hockey and baseball and football, but we didn't have a professional women's sport. It was funny. This was pre everybody, oh, we should support women. We just said, you know what? It's our duty. Let's create it. It started with our --in all honesty it started with our women's locker room. If you get the chance, walk in there. Pretty impressive ladies locker room. We're just said, we're going to make this the best damn women's golf club in the U.S., and we went out of our way to do it. As I said, those first three years we kept trying to figure out how do we make it better. Meeting Annika and Mike who have now become good friends of ours, I mean, they helped accelerate that, like I said. Annika, as she said, she doesn't like to stand here in front with a microphone talking, but she has got some great ideas and great opinions and we kind of captured those and said, all right, what's the next thing we can do. Now it's almost become like a passion project, kind of like the way the club was. Just tried to figure out ways how we are going to make this the best golf tournament out there."

Sponsor Invitation Kai Trump

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Trump on what she is looking forward to during her first LPGA appearance

"Obviously I think I'm going to learn a lot no matter what happens. I'm just going to go out there and have fun and see which way it goes. I'm going to take a lot away from it. Obviously competing with the best players is going to be cool. To be inside the ropes with them playing with them, learning what kind of shots they hit, what do they do on the course. So, yeah, just looking forward to it and playing with the best."

Sponsor Invitation Anne-Sterre den Dunnen[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Den Dunnen on what she is most looking forward to this week*

"I think being able to play with all these people that I've grown up watching on TV. When I was young, if LPGA there was on a channel somewhere I would always turn it on and like it would be in the background while I was doing my homework. Being able to see all these people in real life has been a little bit surreal, but it's also very, very fun."

Sponsor Invitation Lauryn Nguyen[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Nguyen on the support of the Belleair community over the past month*

"Yeah, no, it's been amazing. Back tracking a little bit, after I came out of college and turned pro, it was a really big adjustment. Financially I had to grab everything out of my pocket. Even coming to this event for media day, I didn't have a place to stay or practice. Chief Doyle was fortunate enough to come up and make smalltalk, but he got me a place to stay. I'm staying with some amazing members here. I got a place to practice. Been back and forth between here and Belleair. Everything that I needed I got to taken care of and more. I've had people make logos for me. I've had sponsors, like Devoted cosmetics has really taken care of. But the whole community of Belleair. I'm looking at places down here, so a little sneak peek."

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