

**ROUND 2 INTERVIEW: ANNA NORDQVIST**  
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**Q. I don't know if I've seen that much emotion out of you as I saw on 18 there very often. You wanted that one pretty bad, huh?**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** Yeah. I felt like I hit a lot of good putts today, just couldn't get some of them to drop and it's always nice to finish with a birdie. I played really good today, hit my irons really good so I gave myself a lot of chances. It's just late. Tried to keep my attitude up and keep my patience and my energy up. It was nice to get one on the last, get one shot closer to Na Yeon Choi for tomorrow.

**Q. A lot of low scores out there. Why is that?**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** Well, the greens, the greens are really good here. They're rolling very true, very smooth. We have a lot of wedges into the greens, so I think that's part of the reason. You can attack the pins. You know wherever it lands it's going to stop, so it's a little bit like throwing darts. I look forward to tomorrow. You need to make birdies, you need to be aggressive because there's definitely low scores out there.

**Q. In a scenario like that, does two shots mean even less knowing that it's going to take a good score either way likely?**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** All I can do is put myself in position. Hopefully the last one, maybe get into the last group. I felt like I played pretty good these last two days, done what I could have done and I'm excited about tomorrow. Every time you have a chance to win or to be up there, it's exciting. There's been a lot of spectators out here this week, so it's been a great atmosphere and I'm just really enjoying myself and try to put on a good show for the spectators here.

**Q. Right. Last tournament you won you came from behind. Do you like being there or would you rather be out in front trying to play with the lead?**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** It doesn't really matter. Obviously if you're in the lead, you've got a shot or two advantage. But I'm happy every time I put myself in contention. I mean, some days you might be a stroke or two in front or chasing, but I was happy to make the last one because that means I was a shot closer to Na Yeon for tomorrow.

**Q. And you know here that Stacy playing in front of you, you're going to here the roars tomorrow, I'm sure.**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** Yeah. I watched on TV when I was having lunch and I was warming up and I believe she birdied the 18th hole and people were going nuts. I think it's great what she's done for this community and can only imagine the feeling playing in Arkansas. So I

expect a lot of people out there tomorrow, and with her in front I expect her to play good. All I can do is try to make birdies and post a low score and then we'll see how far it's going to get me.

**Q. How good of a feeling is it to have your game in this good of shape heading into the U.S. Open after this week?**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** I'm happy with the work I've done and the work I'm putting in. You know, I've come into the U.S. Open feeling great, missed the cut, or I've come in not feeling good and playing better. So U.S. Open is just a grind from hole No. 1 to hole No. 72. I felt like I put in the work and I'm excited. It's one of the tournaments where I love the atmosphere. It's the biggest challenge in golf and that kind of motivates me. No matter what, it's going to be a challenge but I feel like I'm up for the challenge this year.

**Q. I know you said your attitude you felt like was good, you were really feeling happy out there and everything and that was kind of the difference in your game. Is there anything specifically -- putting, ball striking, anything that's been better recently?**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** My ball striking is great. I work with my coach, Jorje Parada, saw him last week and would just kind of narrowed it down to a couple things but I feel like I'm striking it really good. Normal changes week to week, I'm able to keep my swing in the same positions. And I changed my fitness this off season with Ara Suppiah and Marcus Park. I feel like I'm stronger, I have more energy. Last three-week stretch was very draining so I actually took most part of last week off and I think that helped me save some energy for this week because we're in the middle of the summer, a lot of the big tournaments. It takes a lot of energy, especially with the heat, too. So I feel like it's a combination of being a little bit fitter this year and being a little bit stronger and being able to keep my swing a little more compact, in better position from week in to week out.

**Q. Does this remind you of that stretch where you had two wins last year back to back as far as how you're playing?**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** Yeah, last year I was playing great in the beginning of the year. Kind of getting the win, not having won on Tour for a couple years, gave me a lot of confidence again. All of a sudden the second win came right after that. But all you can do is just put yourself in contention. I wasn't in a great place leading into Atlantic City, I was a little frustrated and couldn't really get a lot out of my game. So I guess the wins happen when you least expect it so I'm trying not to put any pressure or any expectation on it.

**Q. Have you played with Na Yeon in the final group ever?**

**ANNA NORDQVIST:** I haven't played with Na Yeon in a long time. I'm exciting to be in the final group. That's right where I want to be and couldn't ask for a better position.