

**State Farm Classic  
The Rail Golf Course  
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**Final-round Interview**

**AN INTERVIEW OF CRISTIE KERR**

**THE MODERATOR:** Cristie, thanks for coming in and joining us. You finished second today, a great round out there. Let's talk about your day.

**CRISTIE KERR:** I played really well on the back 9, on the front 9 I wasn't hitting it that well and I was just a little anxious I think to get out of the gate and teed up today. I settled into myself and made, after a horrible shot into the 8th green, you know, I made a 25, 30-foot putt for birdie, and that made me settle down.

I had so many putts that lipped out this week and I misread so many putts. And when that starts going you are going to finish second. I played really well, and I feel good about my performance today.

**MODERATOR:** Any questions for Cristie?

**Q** Could you explain that one more time with the State Farm series the one scenario with you finishing second?

**CRISTIE KERR:** Yeah, Annika started the day at 9-under and we never really, I played with her the first day she did not play well for her standards. And yesterday she played a little bit better. But she is 10-under, that is just -- when things are meant to go your way, they do. She is a hell of a player. And, you know, she is 10-under on any golf course though. We had figured it out that a couple of different scenarios, and it looked like, you know, we were going to be all right with the State Farm series. And nobody thought about Annika because she so much farther down than Lorena and myself. Good for her. She played great today. That is why you come to Springfield, it's a quarter of a million dollars, it's hard to pass up. She had to win the tournament to beat me by 26 points, and that is what she did, and that is why she is an Allstate member and has however many wins she has. She's awesome.

**Q** The scoring positions compared to yesterday, it's calm out there today.

**CRISTIE KERR:** Yes.

**Q** For this golf course was that ideal?

**CRISTIE KERR:** It was ideal. I think the course played longer than it normally does because of the wet conditions we had all week. I didn't play a practice run on Tuesday because you couldn't even walk around the golf course it was so soft. So, you know, I'm pleased with my performance. I did everything I could to try to win the golf tournament, that was my first goal. And if you win the State Farm series, that is gravy on top of that. That is why you come to Springfield you are going to have to win this golf tournament to win that pool, so, you know, I did everything I could.

**Q** Two straight years. I mean you won here two years ago, there were two years where you played a great final round, but it's not quite enough?

**CRISTIE KERR:** Yeah. This year I had a lot of putts that could have gone in. They all went in for Annika today. But I played great on Friday, shot 8-under, and the last two days, you know, I just didn't seem to get the putter working. But I'm very pleased with the way I finished. And, you know, my motto is I give it 125% everyday and you end up where you end up.

**Q** You mentioned that 10-under is hard to beat. But if 14-under is leading this championship going into the final day in this tournament, you have to have a really mellow approach on that final day to be unusually reticent compared to many of the other tour stops because of the history of the event?

**CRISTIE KERR:** I think the scoring conditions were going to let up a really low round. You know 10-under is obscenely low. Like a 6 or 7-under, that is really low. So, that is almost in the 50 s . I thought there was some pretty good pins out there, and again I played really well. I think the history of this event if there is no wind the course will let up a low round.

In the past when it's played harder and faster maybe not such a low round on Sunday. But the greens were still very soft today. So if you get someone hitting well and you get the putter working it's going to be low out there.

**Q** What exactly happened on 17? You got a good birdie on 16 what happened on 17?

**CRISTIE KERR:** I was a little juiced up I think on adrenaline, and I was trying to hit a nice easy shot, and I ended up pulling it and flying it about 10 yards too far. Luckily the ball didn't spin off the green in the water. It was not a bad putt, but I left it 16 feet short made a great putt, a come-back putt for par.

These are situations that you learn from. I had a little bit -- I had to be precise with the yardage and I just ripped it.

**Q** Again, Annika you are not the first person she has done --

**CRISTIE KERR:** I think I finished second to her probably 8 or 9 times in my career.

**Q She is so low-key out there all the time. She does show some emotion.**

**CRISTIE KERR: I was very surprised when I looked up at the leaderboard on the 17th hole, I looked at leaderboard after I made the putt for par and saw her name ahead of Maria's. I was very surprised because of the way she had been playing, you know, the beginning of the week. But you never can count her out. If she gets it going and she gets her confidence going, you know, anything is possible. I mean I just had to make a couple more putts out there, that is all.**

**Q Traditionally or just today, as far as looking at the leaderboard?**

**CRISTIE KERR: Yeah, I look at 'em. I used to be scared of 'em earlier in my career. Now I look at them and I'm not afraid of them at all. I like to see where I am in relationship to other golfers. I like to know what I have to do or where I stand or whatever.**

**Q As much as you have elevated your game in the last several years where is the greatest room for improvement for you as a player?**

**CRISTIE KERR: The greatest room for improvement? I think it's to keep getting better. Honestly I feel like I have gotten better every year. I been professional which is pretty rare and I'm thankful for that. I have got a new driver in the bag that I hit a lot straighter, and at times longer. And my iron play, I mean everything -- I think everything could get a little better. Get better under pressure. I have to continue to get better with everything. Thanks for coming.**