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**Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes**

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**LPGA TOUR NEWS****[Paula Creamer Named Assistant Captain for 2026 U.S. Solheim Cup Team](#)**

"Paula's passion for her country and the Solheim Cup are infectious," said Stanford. "I truly enjoyed being Paula's teammate when we played on Solheim Cups and when we worked as assistants together in Virginia last year. Paula is a winner and a leader and somebody I want in the room every time at every Solheim Cup."

**PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS****Rolex Rankings No. 13 Mao Saigo**

[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)

*Saigo on how she switches between winning a major championship and playing a new tournament*

"So yesterday I moved to here and went to training gym; good so the work out; a little bit rest from it last week. And after this conference I'm going to the range, check the course, and I will just naturally switch my mode."

*Saigo on what her process is to become comfortable with a new golf course*

"So first thing I check on the course is just write down anything I feel on the course on the yardage book memo. Through the practice round I check where I should be for different pin position, where I shouldn't be. By doing that, really helps me going through the course management and get used to the course."

**Rolex Rankings No. 14 Charley Hull**[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Hull on her experience at the Black Desert Resort so far*

"Yeah, it's really cool. It was pretty cool how they've like done the charter plane for us last week. That's really, really helpful. Obviously it's like a remote location as well. Cool that we got to fly into a local airport straight from last week and didn't have to go through security or anything. Landing here and have a look, literally the views are unbelievable. It's just a good, cool place to come, you know, just even with your friends for golfing trip, let alone to have an LPGA Tour and PGA TOUR event here. We did a hike the other day as well. It was pretty cool. In the mountains at the back. Yeah, it was so much fun."

*Hull on her first impressions of the course*

"I really like it. We played a few holes today and looked back at where the men would've been playing from and it was like 100 yards back and we were like, wow, that would've been months to hole, especially having to hit driver. And it's quite tight, the fairways. Obviously like the fairways aren't super tight, but then off the fairways it's just is the rock so you've got really no bail-out areas, do you know what I mean? So we are quite fortunate. I'm hitting a lot of like rescue woods and 4 irons and stuff, but when the men must have played it, if the wind was up that probably would've been tricky. Yeah, it's really, really cool golf course to come play. I would love to come back here and try it off the back tees. That would be a really, really fun golf course."

**Rolex Rankings No. 52 Lindy Duncan**[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Duncan on how she will utilize her local caddie this week, who works at the course*

"Probably a lot. I went into it thinking maybe I would just tell him -- typically I do most of my stuff on my own. I kind of like to just pick my own clubs and read the greens and really just be independent out there. Please just be nice to me and get me water, that type of thing. Make sure I eat. But I think he will be actually really -- the way he was talking about the course and the angles and the shots, I could tell first of all he's a great player himself and he's seen this course many times. I hope to use him a lot."

*Duncan on how she attacks a new course*

"Yeah, totally. I'm trying to find the widest part of the fairway and the middle of the green and just see what happens from there. Like I said, the par-5s didn't really seem reachable on the front nine, so it's kind of just where is the best angle, what are the bunkers, what is the sand like, how is the rough, is it consistent, those types of things I tried to get a grip on. And I have a local caddie this week and he works here six days a week, so he knows the course really well, so I'll be asking him a lot of questions."

**Rolex Rankings No. 71 Nataliya Guseva**[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Guseva on being back in Utah since winning the 2023 Black Desert Championship*

"Yeah, it means a lot. I feel like just in general, you know, whenever I won out here it was the most welcoming. Also Patrick (Manning) who's the owner of the Black Desert, he seems like a very, very nice person who's really involved into women's golf, which is the most exciting for us. Seeing this resort hosting both the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour events is amazing. Hopefully we're going to see more and more of that. Utah is awesome. It's

definitely like a place like -- you're here like in another world I feel like, on another planet. This golf course is just something else with the lava rocks. I think it's going to be a lot of fun. Going to be definitely a tough one for us, but, yeah, we'll probably enjoy it."

*Guseva on all the accommodations that Black Desert Resort has provided to players this week*

"Yeah, starting the week with a charter flight from Houston to here was super convenient. I wish every week would be like that. But, yeah, it enjoyed my time there, and then being here in the resort, just staying in the hotel on the golf course, and they're doing amazing job for us. This week, starting from charter flights to food to accommodation, everything, yeah, that's amazing, yeah

### **Sponsor Invite Christine Wang**

[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)

*Wang on her background and how she got into golf*

"Yeah, born and raised in Houston, Texas and started playing golf when I was seven. I am the first golfer in my family. Nobody else in my family plays golf which I think is pretty rare. I did all the Girls Golf, First Tee, ended up playing at USC for college all four years. Undergrad Masters there. Now I play on the Epson Tour. Last summer I played a few events so technically my rookie season, but this year will be my first full season, and, yeah, now I'm here."

*Wang on what she thinks of Black Desert Resort*

"Yeah, the golf course, I mean, you can't really have a bad day when you look around. You see red mountains, black rocks, snow on the mountains. It's gorgeous out here. Actually on the golf course there are a lot of blind shots. I'll have the guy who caddied for me in the Girl Golf video is going to be my caddie as well, Kevin. He's a local caddie. He'll help me out with that. The greens are sloped deceptively and I feel like that is going to be a big factor this week."

### **Sponsor Invite Ali Mulhall**

[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)

*Mulhall on how proud she is to represent Black Desert Resort this week*

"I'm extremely proud. I mean, the stuff Black Desert is doing for everyone, especially in the women's game, is phenomenal. They're really starting to move things forward and I'm excited to see where it goes in the future."

*Mulhall on who she is most excited to play with this week*

"I'm trying to just soak in everything this week, learn as much as possible from everyone. It's been a little bit surreal seeing all the people I've grown up watching in person and not on a TV screen. I'm just really trying to take it all in."

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