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“Well, I think it's amazing because I'm in airbnb this week and my host message me like last Saturday. Said, we're really like exciting that you're one of the players. He said golf has been his sport since when he was a kid and he just really, really exciting for me to being here. He left me a card at the house, which is really like heartwarming. Yeah, I just -- every time I come here I just feel the passion and the support. It's really good.”

Thitikul on the environment at the Dow Championship

“I think it's fun, though. Like we had some, you know, stress week which is major, but like we also have Dow which is so relax, and then really have fun out there, which is I think reminding our mentally health that's golf is just golf. And then we had small thing to do. Just like want to be good, good, good every day and wanted to be perfect every day, but once I step in the team tournament I don't think we hope for perfect shots or we hope -- we don't hope for perfect putts or chips that we have. We just hope to have fun out there. Trying to make it, but if not making it, it's fine because we have partner to make it for us.”

[Rolex Rankings No. 5 Haeran Ryu](#) and [Rolex Rankings No. 48 Rose Zhang](#)[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)

Zhang on the atmosphere at the Dow Championship

"I think that atmosphere is very heartwarming. It's very exciting for all the players to put a little show on. And I think it also shows how the women's game is trending a lot more. It's a small town but it's very cute. There are so many people who are very avid and passionate about where they're from and where they live and for all the locals to come out and support us, we are very grateful."

Ryu on their team name

"First opinion is Got You Roses. But we thinking it's little bit hard to say that name, so we change for the Roses For Ryu."

[Rolex Rankings No. 25 Akie](#) and [No. 27 Chisato Iwai](#)

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Akie Iwai on their team name Aki&Chizzy75

"75 is LPGA years this year, and then birthday July 5th. That's why."

Chisato Iwai on how things have changed as they've progressed through their rookie season

"Yeah, I think change things, two things. One, first one English. Yeah, in Japanese, only Japanese. But LPGA Tour we should speak English and trying, trying little by little. And two, second, a broad spectator increasing to know us. I heard during tournament, go Chisato, go Akie. Yeah, increase. I'm happy."

[Rolex Rankings No. 32 Megan Khang](#) & [No. 43 Lexi Thompson](#)

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Khang on how she and Thompson decided to play together

"I think we owe a little bit to our former captain, Stacy Lewis, for kind of showing us this pairing in Spain. Clearly worked well there so we are hoping to ride that coming into this week. It's always good fun come playing with Lex and it's fun to watch all the time. I've very happy to be having some shorter clubs in, and I hope you're ready for some longer shots."

Thompson on golf in Michigan and the support they show for the LPGA

"Yeah. Yeah, of course. Michigan has been a huge supporter of women's golf. To be able to see the little kids out there, it makes a world of difference. Good or bad, I mean, we can shoot 80 and they're like, you did so great today. They don't know, but we're somebody they look up to. That means more to us than anything or a good score. So to be able to make at that difference means a lot to us. I think events like this or Meijer, it just really shows how much we're being able to grow the game and make a difference in the world."

[Rolex Rankings No. 3 Lydia Ko](#) & [No. 476 Danielle Kang](#)

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Ko on what it's like playing a round with Danielle Kang and Lydia Ko

"Yeah, I mean, I think there is a lot of trust. You know, it's not our first rodeo. It's not like oh, what's your favorite color. We don't have to do all the basic questions. Yeah, I'm sure there are a lot of partners that played together, but I think we have done a lot of that, and I think because we can almost stick to our own schedules and just focus on us and just try and be the most prepared ourselves, I think that's the best we can do at this point. I think our chemistry, the years have kind of sorted that part out. That's why I think in team kind of

formats it's just great playing with a person that you just genuinely enjoy being around. Because, I mean, if you're out there for five hours and you don't really know this person or you're uncomfortable or you're worried this person is going to be mad if you hit a good shot. Yeah, I want to hit a good shot for us and for Oni, but I think it's greater than that. I think it's so easy, like she said. It was so much fun last year. Even though we've known each other since I was like 15, it's crazy because I felt like we got even closer through that week. I'm excited to spend this week together."

Kang on how she and Ko complement each other's game

"Honestly, I don't think she does anything wrong ever, right? She doesn't think I do anything wrong ever. So we don't ever really say sorry. I'll go, what was that? If the ball just jumps she goes, huh. For her it's never my fault and I never think it's her fault. I think that's kind of how we kind of see life. Something goes wrong, it's never her fault. So there isn't -- I played a lot of different team games and I don't want it to be taken the wrong way, but she's my favorite to play with. It's because you think about certain team games and I've always felt like I had to be the like the veteran or like be that like rah-rah, all this stuff. But then like you just have -- I have like a nice just --she just stands there and she's like a rock, like a nice anchor. I look over and she goes, you got that. I'm like, yeah, you're right. And I'm like 185 yards away. I hit it and she goes, see. I hit it. She goes, see, chill. I think that's how she complements me, just the trust."

[John Shippen Award Winner Bailey Davis](#) and [Partner Allyn Stephens](#)

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Davis on her experience playing at the Meijer LPGA Classic and what she learned to incorporate at the Dow Championship

"At this level you're playing against the best players in the world, you know, so what I learned at Meijer is pretty much just how to limit the damage. When I'm not really feeling like myself or just struggling with maybe a certain type of shot or I was struggling off the tee a little bit at Meijer and that hurt me. Being able to limit the damage; being able to control the controllables and not allow anything to get out of hand."

Stephens on why she is excited for the team nature of the Dow Championship

"I'm not used to -- you know, like playing in a team is not like a normal thing for golf, so, yeah, I'm really excited. Played in one Four-Ball event in my life so I think it'll be really exciting. It's a great event to do it at, so..."

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Brianna Do knocked in a major ace last week, bringing the season total to \$160,000 for #ScoreForStJude