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**PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS****Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda****Transcript**

*Korda on her comfort with Evian Resort Golf Club*

"I feel like with major championships, you just can't get comfortable. You kind of live in the uncomfortable state because you never know what it's going to throw at you. Especially here Evian. You get some weird bounces even if you hit a good shot. So kind of being okay with being uncomfortable I think is really important in major championships as well. Just having a lot of patience. Yeah, as I said, the more rounds you have under your belt out here, the more knowledge you have about the golf course, where to miss it and what kind of bounces you're expecting, is really good."

**Former champion and Rolex Rankings No. 3 Lydia Ko****Transcript**

*Ko on her first return to France since winning Olympic Gold in 2024*

"No, I haven't been back since then. Haven't even flown through Paris even, so it's nice to come here. I think my sister ended up flying through Paris to come here. She said she got very emotional kind of reliving those

moments. It's going to be exciting because when I played this event in the past a lot of fans that have come out and watched me over the years keep coming back. Some watched in Paris and then at St. Andrews. To be able to see them, that will be my version of reliving it. Obviously this time last year was a pretty crazy stretch of my career. It was life changing, but at the same time life didn't really change much. But this will always be a special place. Having my first major win and winning my first ever gold medal at the Olympics in the same country, it's pretty crazy. It's safe to say that France has been very good to me. I've come to France a lot since I was an amateur. My French speaking has not improved, yes. The pronunciation or my vocabulary."

### 2025 Major Champion and Rolex Rankings No. 6 Minjee Lee

#### Transcript

*Lee on her best memories from her Evian victory in 2021*

"Definitely the playoff. I think that was probably one of my more exciting playoffs. So just the final round. I played really well to get into that position. So I just felt like I just really great vibes, great memories, obviously like playing each hole I can kind of reflect and think back at what happened that round. You know, just gives me good energy and just, yeah, happy vibes I guess."

### Frenchwoman, former champion and Rolex Rankings No. 17 Celine Boutier

#### Transcript

*Boutier on playing in her home country*

"It's definitely a very personal event for me to come. It has always been since the first time I came here. Ever since I won it's been every more special having such good memories and coming back. Playing in front of a French crowd is always very special. Super happy to be back every year, and looking forward to July every year."

### Defending champion and Rolex Rankings No. 16 Ayaka Furue

#### Transcript

*Furue on returning to Evian-les-Bains for the first time since her 2024 victory*

"I'm so happy that I can see all my faces and names everywhere in the city. I actually was waiting for that. I mean, I was really waiting for seeing all the names and faces in the city, so that was pretty fun."

### World Golf Amateur Rankings No. 1 Lottie Woad

#### Transcript

*Woad on the LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway (LEAP) program*

"I think it's great. Obviously be amazing if you don't have to go to Q-School. That's such a tough week. If I can bypass that, that would be great. I think it just encourages everyone to go to college and maybe play a bit more amateur golf which never really hurts anyone, and take the time to develop and get these points."

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