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Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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"We first partnered with the LPGA, AJGA, and Liberty National in 2023 to create a one-of-a-kind tournament that stands apart from the others," said Jerry Rizzieri, President & CEO of Mizuho Securities USA and Head of Americas Corporate and Investment Bank. "We share this tournament – not only with the players – but also with our employees and clients. We remain deeply committed to our investment in women's sports as we aim to help advance the next generation of talent and level the playing field for women, both on and off the golf course."

PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda

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Korda on hosting her AJGA event and now playing against the juniors

"Yeah, it's such a cool two weeks for the girls, last week playing in The Nelly Invitational and having a chance to compete in next year's Chevron major and then obviously this week playing alongside them. If I was a junior I would be -- I think I would just have such an amazing two weeks. It's such a cool opportunity for them getting to learn from the girls in the field, playing alongside them, and even playing practice rounds with them. I think

that's such a cool experience and a great way for them to grow as players. I think props to the AJGA, Michelle for putting this together."

Rolex Rankings No. 26 Rose Zhang

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Zhang looking back on her win here in 2023

"It's honestly a little bit surreal. Not only did I get my first Tour win, but it was my first start. A lot of buildup happened this entire week, and then to top it off with a win and on top of that just got my LPGA Tour card, was able to play the rest of the season, everything kind of stemmed from this event. So it's honestly an honor to come back. And being a Mizuho ambassador as well, it's just a really cool kind of sight to see once again. You got great views. Course is great. Just excited to get back into it."

Tournament Host Michelle Wie West

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Wie West on what fans can look forward to beyond this season with the renewal of the Mizuho Americas Open

"Again, we're at one of America's most iconic venues, Liberty National. The weather is a little dreary, but I think it's going to clear up for the weekend. Just amazing views. The top players in the world. You'll see the next future talent. And I think with the landscape of women's amateur golf now, there is a lot of recognizable names in the junior field as well, which I am really excited for. But, again, just elevating the women's game and pushing the next future generation can forward. I get really excited. In the player dining I saw a couple of the juniors eat with their mentors, and I know a lot of them have played practice rounds this morning. So the whole week just feels really great to be a part of."

Epson Race to the Card No. 2 Yana Wilson

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Wilson on winning in her last start in her hometown of Las Vegas on the Epson Tour

"Yeah, it was really special to win in my hometown in front of everybody. I had a lot of people that came out there that I did not expect to come out there. Like I told you earlier, my seventh grade history teacher came out to watch with her husband. I haven't seen her since seventh grade, so that was really special. Yeah, I think just having that good energy there really helped play well that entire week, and I was just really happy to do it during that tournament."

Rolex AJGA Rankings No. 1 Asterisk Talley

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Talley on the friendships they have made off the golf course through the AJGA

"Yeah, definitely something that helps me look forward to a tournament a little more. It's such a great balance when you get off the course just getting to see your friends after. If you play bad they'll be there to comfort you, but if you play well they'll be there to congratulate you no matter what and they will always be there to talk about anything other than golf or just golf in general. It's really fun."

Rolex AJGA Rankings No. 2 Gianna Clemente

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Clemente on getting to play The Chevron Championship

"Yeah, that was a really cool experience for me. My first major. It was just really special. I had my dad on the bag and we just really tried to take it all in. I think I'll definitely remember that for a really long time. To be able

to make the cut was really cool too and be low am. Had a great week a couple weeks ago. Yeah, just looking forward to another one.”

Rolex AJGA Rankings No. 7 Aphrodite Deng

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Deng on getting to play in front of a hometown crowd this week

“Yeah, it's really cool playing in my hometown and a lot of friends and family are going to come out and watch me.”

Rolex AJGA Rankings No. 15 Sofia Cherif Essakali

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Cherif Essakali on her first time playing at Liberty National Golf Club

“Yeah, I've been really excited. I played some professional tournaments before, but never an LPGA event. Just being inside the ropes, even though I'm not playing with them, it's been really fun to see them practice and playing practice rounds with them. Seeing how composed they are on the golf course is really fun.”

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