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Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul

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Thitikul on what her preparation has been leading up to this week

“Yeah, one of the reason I'm not play LA, not because I want to take a week off before the major, but because I had to working on things in my stuff side. I feel like one week working wasn't enough. instead of one week I just extend it to two weeks because my coach was here and then we figure out things that we have to do because I feel like my iron game was not on track that I want, like last few events. But right now I feel like it's more confident. We getting there on the point that I really want to feeling better with my irons-wise.”

Rolex Rankings No. 2 Nelly Korda

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Korda on her impressions on Memorial Park

“Yeah, I saw the weather for the week and I played 18 yesterday. It's definitely a second-shot golf course. Greens are pretty tricked out. Just depends on how it's going to play with all the rain that they got. It can play really long where it's not go to go run out or play really soft. Just depends on kind of what we're going to get weather-wise. But from what I've seen, the par-3s are really long. I've had like two hybrids, five irons in, so obviously you're at the end of the tee box because they're trying to preserve the tee box for the tournament, so you don't know where they're going to put it. Par-3s are pretty long. Par-5s are -- some of them are pretty gettable. Overall I think the defense of this golf course is probably the contours of the green and being -- it being very sectional.”

Rolex Rankings No. 4 Charley Hull

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Hull on what she has learned about difference between coming close at majors and what it will take to win one

“A lot of my major championships I've come from right behind, so I like chasing. But I've obviously -- kind of was working on quite a few things. So when I won Cincinnati and had to keep in the moment on that back nine, I do like chasing. I find it quite fun. It's like stalking someone down which I quite enjoy. But just kind of couple of breathing techniques and random stuff like that.”

Rolex Rankings No. 5 Hannah Green

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Green on the goals and expectations she has set for herself this week

“Yeah, I think probably coming into this week before last week I was probably thinking, okay, a top 10 result would be really good. Obviously now I'm more hungry to continue the success that I've had so far. I don't really know -- I'm going to say yes, I want to win; obviously I do. But I feel like it's also a really hard task to win back-to-back weeks. Yes, I did that in Australia but probably a little bit different field. Not a major championship obviously. Yeah, I want to make sure that even though I am very confident that I'm not getting too ahead of myself. Staying patient out there is what have to do to win major championships, so that's what I'm going to try and focus on”

Rolex Rankings No. 14 Mao Saigo

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Saigo on how she curated her champions dinner

(Through translation.) “I was communicating with Chef Keller to ask him to put a little bit of Japanese taste into the course menu, and we exchanged few emails. Yesterday they had sushi chef came in and the Wagyu beef. That was kind of the things that I was like really looking for. And all the players liked them too, so I was really happy to be there with them.”

Rolex Rankings No. 39 Lindy Duncan

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Duncan on being open about mental health and inspiring her fellow athletes

Yeah, that's really cool. I think the more we talk about our lives and what's really going on the better. The more everyone feels like they're a part of a bigger community than just out playing for yourself or by yourself, I think those are all good things. It can be tough at times, especially when things on the golf course are not going exactly the way you want. It's very easy to kind of get down about it. So I think the more we can lift each other up I think the better. Hopefully my story will help some people who are in that position kind of feel like there is light and there is a way out.

2011 The Chevron Championship winner Stacy Lewis

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Lewis on playing one last time in Texas after retiring last season

"Yeah, so the end of last year I was hoping to end the year in Florida where I could get some family members there to watch me play, but my last event ended up being in Hawai'i, so it was just me and my daughter there. So just wanted to give my parents one more chance to see me play and family members and friends. And then this tournament, it was my first win. It means a lot to me. And then growing up here in Houston, I played all over the city. I didn't play Memorial when I was a kid but played so much golf in this area that just felt like the perfect place to come back one more time and call it good. But I will say the last several weeks of trying to get ready to play again just kind of affirmed my decision to retire. Looking forward to getting through this week and then going back to normal life."

Amateur Farah O'Keefe

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O'Keefe on playing this event as an amateur

"I don't think any of us come to a tournament without the intention of winning and playing well, otherwise there is not really a point to be there. You're just teeing it up for fun at that point. So I think everybody here is competitive. Obviously all the pros are because that's their life, how they make their money. But I think at the end of the day for us it's a great opportunity for us to go kind of show what we're made of and show the future of the game. The direction of the game is in a really cool spot. I think everybody here playing as an amateur is representing that to the highest capacity and they're really, I don't know, just putting a good face on the game for the future. It's just exciting for us. It's not every day we get to tee it up in a major that we haven't gone through like local qualifying like the U.S. Open or maybe the British Open. So at the end of the day I think we're all going to play the best golf we possibly can and see where it stacks up against everybody else."

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