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Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul

Transcript | Video

Thitikul on her initial assessments on how the course is playing this week

"But I think the most key here is the wind pick up is so strong. I mean, like you might have chance to not be on the rain at all or might have a chance to heavy rain plus a heavy wind, which is going to make golf, you know, difficult. But I mean, if it's difficult to everyone, it's, I mean, fair. It's difficult to me, too. Not just -- all the Tour has the same fields, which is the same weather that we playing. And then it's golf. The show must go on anyway. So hopefully we have a friendly weather for us in Hawai'i."

Rolex Rankings No. 5 Miyu Yamashita

Transcript | Video

Yamashita on this course and the challenges on it

"It was raining today so the greens are soft and the balls are stopping, but this course is really hard in my opinion. There is going to be a wind coming from the ocean, from different directions, so I have to manage that this week"

Rolex Rankings No. 13 Lydia Ko**[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)***Ko on teeing it up for the first time at Hoakalei Country Club since 2022*

"Yeah, I'm super excited to be back. I didn't play particularly well the last time I was here. I think I was defending when I did play. So, you know, I kind of came into the week with a different mindset. It's definitely nice to be here. I've been in Hawai'i this past week, so I'm trying to get used to the wind and luckily it has died down a little bit compared to what we had last week. So it's been nice to see how the golf course has played differently just with all the different conditions. But, yeah, I've a lot of great memories here in Hawai'i. I'm excited for a great week."

Rolex Rankings No. 25 Hye Jin Choi**[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)***Choi on what makes the LOTTE Championship so special*

(Through translation.) "I think the location itself. This tournament is placing here in Hawai'i, so Hawai'i itself is very special and meaningful. And I also am enjoying the surroundings and of course the environment of Hawai'i. As you can see this is my ninth time playing in this tournament, so you can tell that it's really an amazing tournament of course."

Rolex Rankings No. 53 and Defending Champion Youmin Hwang**[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)***Hwang about what she recalls from her victory in 2025*

(Through translation.) "It is really great and happy to be back here again since I had a really great and amazing memories from -- great experience here in Hawai'i, Hoakalei tournament. I can recall great and amazing memories from last year's competition. I had chance to go through the course yesterday and today and I had a chat with my caddie, and those chats and the surroundings here on the green recall my great experience that I had here in 2025."

Sponsor Invite Tagiralani Luafalealo**[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)***Luafalealo on what she learned in her first start on the LPGA Tour at this event last year*

"I think last year was just, again, my first time in Tour so the pressure, the intimidation of the course, the atmosphere, the environment was totally different from what I was used to. So I think I took the competition and the competitiveness from last year. That's what I learned."

Sponsor Invite Hyunjo Yoo**[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)***Yoo on getting to compete on the LPGA Tour for five times this season*

(Through translation.) "So as a player who dreamed to be an LPGA player for so many years I would like to take this tournament and want to approach this tournament with the mindset of learning from other great players as well. I will try to show my great performance during the tournament."

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