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PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS**Rolex Rankings No. 3 Haeran Ryu****Transcript | Video**

Ryu on the success of her 2026 season

"Yeah, I mean, this year such a great year for me because I have a lot of great memory on the major championships, and everything much better than last year. So I'm so happy to got a great year this season. But we have couple tournaments, and, yeah, I'm so happy to be here and great season, and I'm just enjoy last week and I just want to more enjoy the golf course and end of this season."

Rolex Rankings No. 4 and Defending Champion Miyu Yamashita**Transcript | Video**

Yamashita on what is important to succeed at this golf course

So I think a lot of consistency with my shots is really important, because there are lots of tricky holes out here. So I'll focus on hitting second shots.

Rolex Rankings No. 5 and 2024 Champion Ruoning Yin**Transcript | Video**

Yin on how Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club suits her game

I think the West Course is -- this course is always in good condition. The putting green is I think one of the smoothest putting green on our tour. I mean, it's a challenging course for your tee shot, but luckily I'm not

hitting that far so a lot of holes I can't reach, so I would say that's one of my strengths. And if I can put the ball on the fairway I have the confidence for my approach shots that I can hit pretty close and make birdie. I think all the par-5s are not very far. I think two of them are reachable. So there is definitely a lot of birdie chances on this course."

Rolex Rankings No. 10 Hannah Green

Transcript | Video

Green on the crowd support during the Maybank Championship

Yeah, it's one of those golf courses where sometimes you actually don't see where the result finishes, so it's kind of nice when you do have spectators to be able to know that you hit a good, quality shot. Yeah, the crowds are great. They're very committed to the women's game. I do feel like some of the best crowds we have all year are here in Malaysia. I guess the locals are probably used to the heat, but to see so many people that aren't come and still watch us is very impressive. Yeah, it's a tough walk here at KLGCC, so hopefully the more the merrier."

Rolex Rankings No. 15 Lydia Ko

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Ko on how this golf course challenges her game

"But it is I think a very fair golf course. Sometimes you kind of think short holes is like an automatic birdie opportunity, but I think you can really put yourself in position and out of position just straight off the tee, so I think hitting those crucial hybrids or woods is going to be really important. But, yeah, I think nothing is unfair here. For the most part the greens are -- have a bit of slope but doesn't really get out of hand. I think that's why also the scores are fairly low. But I think that's why I like this golf course, is that everything is kind of in front of and you it's not tricked up in any way. You just have to kind of have a plan and stick to it and hope that that's the right way for you to play that day."

Rolex Rankings No. 17 Hye-Jin Choi

Transcript | Video

Choi on her season so far this year

"Yeah, I really did have a good season this year but there was some tournament I still kind of think about it. I still have a lot of tournament left so I'm just going to try my best."

Rolex Rankings No. 38 Celine Boutier

Transcript | Video

Boutier on the growth of the LPGA Tour

"Yeah, it's been super exciting just to see the new events, new countries, new courses that we get to play every year. I feel like every time there is a schedule release I'm just really excited about the next, the following year, and just seeing where the Tour has come, where the venues have been, and the purse increases and everything. It's been super exciting for us as players, and just as a competitor it's also really fun to see more and more players becoming better. I think it is especially difficult mentally because I feel like you have to just keep always getting better, which is a little bit frustrating, but at the same time I also want to be. So, yeah, it's very competitive tour and I think just first thing is being able to go to different countries and new countries is also a way to grow the game there and to have people from different backgrounds and countries coming to the LPGA. So I think ultimately that's also a part of the Tour. But it's just good for everyone to have more talent on the Tour."

Sponsor Invitation and Malaysian Native Natasha Oon[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Oon on how she has grown since she last competed in the Maybank Championship in 2023*

“Basically I had an injury. I felt it actually like the last Maybank I played in. It was kind of there but I just was like, I don't really know if it's that serious. And then I kind of played on it and it got really bad towards the end of the year. I was like, okay, guess we got to check it out. Then it kind of became unsolvable. And then I had surgery. And then I had nerve issues because crutches, instability, and I just was like this rock and push and tumble, push and tumble type of thing.

You know, I got to live without golf in my life and I think in a sense I'm grateful because I -- I have a big chunk of my life that like I never had that. So I got experience myself in situations where I don't introduce myself as a like golfer. So I got to know myself as a person and that's so important. I made so many friends. So many friends in my area and I am so, so grateful when you go back in my off week that I get to have a community around me that's not revolved around my job. You can play bad and they're like, oh, sorry. Want to go get boba? You're like, yeah. You know, yeah.

So I think at the end of the day I'm coming back, I'm still nervous. There is a lot of crowds. People know who I am. I'm like, hey, I'm back, like what's up, you know. People are very I think curious to see how I'm doing. But it's so nice to see so many familiar faces, and they're all so supportive. I just feel like I come back and I'm more comfortable. Last time when I was playing it was more like I really have to do well. I really have to perform. I really have to show what I've learned. Now I'm just like, I'm just going to show up, see what happens, it is what it is. And, yeah, just have a good time. So, yeah.”

Sponsor Invitation and Malaysian Native Mirabel Ting[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Ting on what she's taken away from her season on the Epson Tour*

I think both putting and mental game, because I grew up not having issues hitting golf balls, but my weakness was always on putting and trying to expect too much, trying to play well and prove it to people. I think after half of the season I kind of realized that I don't play golf for people; I play golf for myself. I love the game of golf. So to be able to get out and play and do the things that I love and not sitting down doing nothing, I'm really grateful for it. So I just keep in mind for me it's more grateful and knowing things are going to be okay. Have faith; just keep playing. Keep looking forward. For me it's just more that. I think after the half of the season, things just changed and things got a lot better.”

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