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PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS**Rolex Rankings No. 19 Aki Iwai**

[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)

Iwai on what she is looking forward to this week

"I'm just looking forward to defending my title. So I'm excited."

Rolex Rankings No. 35 Yealimi Noh

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Noh on what she took away from her great finish at the AIG Women's Open

"Just that -- I don't know. Like golf is a crazy game. I think we feel that every week, but just how it can switch up really quick. I mean, you just need one good round get you out of a funk, and I think it really did that for me."

Rolex Rankings No. 87 Julia Lopez Ramirez[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)*Lopez Ramirez on being selected to the European Solheim Cup team*

"Honestly, it's been quite a dream come true. It's obviously what you dream of as a kid, and having the news of being picked for the team, honestly, I'm very excited to get out there, playing with the big crowds, and honestly having a good experience. It will be very fun."

Rolex Rankings No. 90 Mimi Rhodes[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)*Rhodes on being selected to the European Solheim Cup team*

"Yeah, I mean, I didn't really know what to expect when I was driving back home from Lytham. I didn't really have a great week, but I still had an okay week. So, yeah, didn't really what to expect. Yeah, I got the call from Anna as soon as Esther got into the playoff. Yeah, didn't know if it was good or bad. But, yeah, she didn't sound like super over-excited on the phone so I was like so like nervous still on the phone. My heart was racing, and, yeah, then she said she was picking me and it was just like -- it took so long to sink in honestly. I was driving down with my boyfriend and he was just like fist pumping in the air, and he was like, let's turn around. Let's turn around. Let's go party. Yeah, I mean, I'm going to remember that moment for a long time, for the rest of my life probably. It was just like, yeah, it's been such a huge goal of mine since I've even started playing golf. It just felt so surreal that it happened. Yeah, I'm just so excited for the week."

Sponsor Invitation Kaleiya Romero[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)*Romero on getting to play in this event as a sponsors invite*

"Yeah, this is my first exemption and first LPGA event that's not the U.S. Open, so I'm super happy for it to be in Oregon, kind of look a second home for me. My brother and sister, actually my whole family is in town to come and watch. My boyfriend lives like 45 minutes away and he's going to caddie. So just to play in like a second home for me and have it be my first LPGA event is super special. For The Standard to allow me to be here, I'm super grateful for all of that."

NCAA Division I Individual Champion Farah O'Keefe[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)*O'Keefe on the elite amateurs in the field*

"I think that's great. I mean, nothing makes me happier than to see my friends and my kind of competitors also succeed. Kiara just announced she's turning professional. I mean, I think we all kind of knew it was coming. We knew she would get there eventually. She's a great person, great player, and just beyond excited for her and where her golf is going to go. It is going to be really cool to watch her on TV on Sundays, that's for sure. It's just cool to kind of see them outside of golf also, those people. Sometimes you just go have dinner with them, or on the Curtis Cup team we were just hanging out. It was just really special to just be around her and the rest of the team and all those girls, like Anna Davis, Asterisk Talley just won the U.S. Women's Am. So it was cool to be in that room. Sometimes you pick their brain a little bit. Sometimes you're just playing Jenga and trying not to mess up the tower. We are all still kids at heart. So it was a really, really cool week. Yeah, Ma-Jo, I've known Ma-Jo for a while now. She's kind of like sneaky good. Like you wouldn't really look at her and be like oh, yeah,

she's one of the best golfers in the world. But she's really worked hard and gotten really, really fit so that she can hit the ball far. She works -- I mean, man we were at on the putting green at the U.S. Open not this summer but last summer, and she was out there until literally it got dark just hitting putts. I think that just speaks to how hard she works. This is a sport where you're trying to outwork everybody. You are trying to outwork yourself from the day before. So it's really neat to see how all of this kind of -- my group of girls, my generation, is coming through the game, what their work ethic is made of and how much respect they have for the game, for their competition, for what they're trying to achieve. I think it's nothing but good for the future of the game. I'll tell you, even the generation behind us, they're the same way. They're frickin' good. Asterisk, Jasmine Koo is only a year younger than us, but still she's a good player. There is a great group of Canadians coming out of Canada right now, Clairey Linn. You can kind of go down the list. They're all super talented and super hard workers and really, really good people."

The Women's Amateur Champion Valentine Delon

[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)

Delon on getting to play on the LPGA after her victory at The Women's Amateur

"Honestly it's really nice. It's really different. Like it's the first time I played the AIG. Totally different atmosphere. First time playing on the LPGA. But it's just I'm so happy. I love to play golf, to compete with the best, and being able to do it, it's really nice, a really nice opportunity to see how my game is compared to the others. So I'm just happy. And I love to play with the best, so it's always nice. I want to of course be like on the top of the leaderboard, so it help me to just practice harder and come here and do my best."

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