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Defending Champion and Rolex Rankings No. 24 Jennifer Kupcho

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Jennifer Kupcho on her mindset heading into this tournament

“Yeah, I think just going out and playing. I think one big thing I've worked on this year is going out and having fun, not necessarily worrying about the outcome or what it could mean. I think if you get too far ahead of yourself you kind of start to put way too much pressure. So, yeah, just go out and have fun, do the best I can. The greens are definitely tough and bumpy, so you kind of just take it for what it is. If they go in, great. If not, don't take it personal.”

Rolex Rankings No. 26 Brooke Henderson

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Henderson reflecting on her experiences at the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern

“Yeah, absolutely. Winning here in 2022 was amazing. Phenomenal. Really helped boost my career and the rest of that summer in a great way. Gave me a lot of momentum and a lot of confidence. I was able to go on and win my second major, Evian, like a month later after winning here. It was just a great week to kind of turn things around. I first played this event in 2015. I got a sponsor's invitation to come and play. Again, they kind of boosted my career in the right direction giving me a start on the LPGA Tour and just a lot of confidence moving forward. So this event has always meant a lot to me and always really excited to be being back here and looking forward to playing this week.”

Rolex Rankings No. 122 and LPGA Rookie Melanie Green

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Melanie Green reflecting on her year on the Epson Tour

“Yeah, I think it was -- for the development tour it does exactly what it's supposed to. I think being out there for a year, like it takes you from college and takes you from everybody doing everything for you and then it takes you to, okay, I have to book my own flights, I have to register my own golf tournaments, I have to seek out the golf tournaments, even though it's obviously right there in front of you. But these are all things that you have to do. You have to check into the hotel. Your coaches aren't going to do it for you. That's the biggest thing. I'm asked a lot, like what's the difference between Epson and LPGA? I said honestly nothing. It's just everything is much bigger here. Stadiums, fans, staff, media, everything, depth of field, one more round of competition. Everything is bigger, but in a sense it's kind of the same. So I appreciate my time on Epson, but definitely happy to be out here too.”

LPGA Tour Moms and Member of Team ShopRite Azahara Munoz and Cheyenne Knight

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Cheyenne Knight on the support of ShopRite

“Yeah, I think this tournament has such a great history. It's one of our longest-running tournaments, and how much ShopRite has given back to the community, even just trying to elevate the event for us. Putting us up in a hotel, raising the purse, and all the little perks throughout the week just really shows the commitment to the Tour. And also for me, continue to sponsor me while on maternity leave really myself has been impacted by them, and just giving back. Really grateful for them.”

Azahara Munoz on the Seaview Bay Course

“I'm actually a bit bias because I've done really well at this tournament, so you tend to like courses you done really well. I'm a pretty good iron player, so I like that the greens are small. That suits me well. And I like that it's not very easy to make putts. I don't like courses that you shoot 25-under, so that's I guess why I like this course. I don't know if it's very much a New Jersey course. Normally I feel like when I think of New Jersey you think of tree lined, so this is not quite like that. But, I mean, I like it.”

Epson Tour Players, Sponsor Invitations and Members of Team ShopRite Gianna Clemente and Rachel Kuehn

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Gianna Clemente on the Seaview Bay Course

“Yeah, I've always really like this golf course actually. I used to come here for a U.S. Kids event I believe a long time ago. So been here quite a few times and always really liked it. I think it can be really fun. Obviously the greens can be a little bit tricky, but I think it's a really fun golf course to play. Excited to get out there this week.”

Rachel Kuehn on her expectations for the week

“You trust your preparation and all the work you have done not only this week, but in all of your golf journey. You show up and try to hit the best golf shot you can on every single golf shot. I always tell myself I am going to control my controllables, right? If I'm giving my 100% on every golf shot, controlling my attitude, controlling my emotional reactions, that's all I can do. At the end of the day you're going to get good breaks, you're going to get bad breaks, and so just taking care of what I know is in my control, that's what I can expect of myself. The rest will fall how it will.”

Sponsor Invitation and Epson Tour Player Brooke Biermann

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Brooke Biermann on her adjustment to being a professional golfer

“Yeah, it is an adjustment, but at the end of the day I feel like golf is golf, and I've just been trying to enjoy it. My whole mentality is just if I'm not having fun out there I'm not -- this shouldn't be my job. So I've just been trying to enjoy four weeks at a time on the road in a hotel, and thankful I have my family traveling with me, at least one person out of my family traveling with me every week, which has been nice. And then just trying my best just to take one day at a time. There is always going to be some okay days and some great days. You just try to believe that there is always great days around the corner.”

Philadelphia Cricket Club Teaching Professional and LPGA Tour Winner Meaghan Francella

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Meaghan Francella on the future of the LPGA Tour

“I mean, I think it's very strong. I played with two young women yesterday. I was old enough to be their mom, so that was fun. But you see the talent out here is unbelievable. I mean, I'm one of the people that I watch the LPGA every week. I'm a big fan of the LPGA. Always have been as a player and now as a teacher. I think the future of the LPGA is really bright. I mean, what they're doing with the purse increases and just the places we're playing now, you know, we're playing big time places and playing for big time money, which is a lot of fun. Watching Nelly, I mean, I just enjoy watching Nelly so much. You know, the young women out here are really inspiring. I've learned so much coming back and playing and watching people on the range and asking questions when I'm playing with some of the people I'm playing with. What are you working on? Who are you working with? What are some drills you're doing? I had a conversation with somebody today, like what are you doing? Like you're hitting it better kind of thing. It's been fun to watch. It's hard for me to turn my teacher brain off at times. My caddie was like, Meg, you're playing this week, you're not teaching. But I was helping the pro-am players today, which was a lot of fun. So that's kind of my passion. Yeah, I just think the LPGA is in a great place, and we're continuing to grow. It's going to be really good for years to come. There is lots of talent. I was watching the NCAA yesterday and I could not believe. I'm like, oh, my God, they hit it so good. It just confirms I'm doing the right thing with my life right now with teaching and not playing right now. I was getting outdriven quite a bit yesterday. It was like, man, did I not get any roll there or what's going on? So, yeah, the young women are great, and it's going to be really fun to watch the future of the LPGA.”

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