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Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local (PT) and subject to change; Any changes to press conference times will be made on the [U.S. Women's Open Virtual Media Hub](#))

Thurs., June 4

10 a.m. – JoAnne Carner and Amy Alcott

PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Five-time LPGA Tour winner and 2019 U.S. Women's Open champion Michelle Wie West

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Wie West on the biggest piece of advice she received from her daughter for this week

"My daughter is like the best sports psychologist I've ever had honestly. But I think this week, my husband and I were talking about this a lot, I'm going to try to live by the words I tell my daughter. I always tell her before a game or a tournament, whatever, I say I don't care about the results. All I care about is a good attitude and that you try your hardest. Right? That is my number one goal this week, is to go out there and try hard and have a good attitude. There were times at Mizuho I did not have a good attitude out there, so I want to change that this week and I want to have a good attitude."

Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda

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Korda on her takeaways from her runner-up finish at last year's U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally

“That I was just hungry for more. Last year was just a weird year of kind of not necessarily playing my best, but also when I did, not getting the bounces or just missing by a centimeter here and there. But I also learned a lot about myself. It made me hungrier to be in those positions. Yeah, it was just like there's no better place to be in than in the hunt on a back nine on Sunday at a major championship, especially at the Women's Open. It would have been a lifelong dream, but there's more chances.”

Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul

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Thitikul on how the way her approach to major championships have changed

“I don't think I approach anything change. Like I just talk to my coach what we have to do different, but in a major he's just like, we don't have to do anything different because like when you change your routine, that's when you change your mindset. I think, when you just like -- like you have a lead -- just as an example, when you have a lead and you change it to be more careful, you're trying to look at the lines or different angles too much. Like other people can tell your routine is different, and that's when you get tight. That's when you get like kind of controlling shots, controlling strokes.”

Rolex Rankings No. 10 Lydia Ko

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Ko on chasing Annika Sorenstam's career money record

“To be honest, it's hard to compare myself to her record just because she won 70-something times and 90-something times worldwide. I think I've won a decent amount, having 23, but like 70-something is a completely different level than what I've done. We're playing in a very different generation right now. You win CME, you get \$3 million. Jeeno has played two tournaments, and she's won like \$6 million-plus, including the Aon she won one year. It's cool to be, I guess, compared to that record and hopefully surpass it at some point, but it's like very hard to kind of like compare it because we are playing for a lot more money than she did back in that day. For me, like the win count is probably a little bit more meaningful. Not that the money isn't meaningful. Obviously we're very grateful that we get to play for a lot more money, and the last few majors, it's been like a million dollar purse increase starting in L.A. So it's very exciting for the women's game, but record-wise, no, I just feel like I'm like an ant and she's -- I don't know what the biggest bug or living thing is, but she's that. So it's kind of hard to compare that just because we're playing for so much more now. Hopefully in years time, they play for so much more than what we do.”

Rolex Rankings No. 23 and defending champion Maja Stark

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Stark on how she managed her coming off of the high of winning this major championship

“I don't know how much was just waiting to get it back, but I also have a really good team around me. I started working with a therapist, so I had like just getting everything in my life back to normal was probably a big part of it. And then I have my sports psychologist, my mental coach, I have my coach who's been working with Stacy Lewis and Inbee Park, so he's seen it before. It was just really nice because I didn't feel like I was crazy because I have so many people around me saying this is okay. You're going to get through this even if you don't feel like it, and you're going to get back to normal. All of a sudden it happened.”

Rolex Rankings No. 75 Rose Zhang[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)

Zhang on competing in a qualifier for this year's U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally

"It's funny because I was talking to some people on my team about how this year feels like a rookie year to me. Honestly, ever since I turned pro in 2023, I didn't really have to play a U.S. Women's Open qualifier, and in my head, wow, this is what it's like to be grinding for a position out here. All the girls are so competitive, they're so good at golf. I felt like I needed to take a step up and try my best. Grinding and coming into the U.S. Women's Open, I think really helps me realize that the fight is still in me, and I want to prove something, I want to do something in professional golf. So here I am, and it was quite a journey to say the least. We played a solid 39 holes in the qualifier."

Rolex Rankings No. 145 Alison Lee[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)

Lee on what fans and players who are visiting not miss this week

"Not miss? I would just say some great golf. I don't think women's golf gets appreciated as much as it should. There's some really great golfers out here, and I want more people to come out and watch and see how amazing these players are. The fact that we're here in Los Angeles, I mean, they have no excuses. The Kings are out, the Lakers are out. They can come out here and watch. There's not really much else going on this week. So they've got time."

Rolex Rankings No. 1050 Megha Ganne[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)

Ganne on who she has been leaning on for advice as she enters the next stage of her career

"Yeah, I think I try to get as much advice as possible any time I speak to anyone on Tour. I mean, Lydia is actually someone I've been leaning on more recently. She's been practicing out of Stanford, so she's been the coolest resource to have around and just a good friend to everyone on the team. She's been great. I would say her advice is that we get to play golf with her sometimes, and we look at our golf games and there is nothing too glaring. Being a professional is about the little stuff and the stuff you can't really see, like invisible little details, and that stuff comes with experience, time, maturity, and having a good team around you. It's like everything but the golf is common advice I get."

Amateur Farah O'Keefe[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)

O'Keefe on what it is like to see organizations step up to support the growth of the amateur game

"...I think it's massive what the LPGA and what the USGA are doing to support amateur players making that jump into professional golf, especially when those players are completely capable of going in and winning on a Sunday. I mean, it's massive. It's moving the game in a really good direction. Because you really do see, you see someone play in the NCAA championship last week, Megha Ganne won the team championship, and then there's the following that follows her this week into her pro debut at a U.S. Open. So it's like you're kind of drawing the audience that already follows amateur golf and collegiate golf, and now there's more of a direct

pathway for them to be able to go play at the professional level. I just think it's brilliant to pool that audience and to get everybody on the same side rooting for competition in the women's game."

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