



# **Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes Maybank Championship**

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Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul

# Transcript

Thitikul on finishing runner-up the last two times she has played here

"Yeah, I think I had really good memories here. Were in the playoff with Celine for nine holes, and then last year I had a really good finish. Came in second, but hats off to Ronni what she have done last year. To me, I think the course really good condition as always. I think it just kind of feel like comfortable to play here. The course, the weather, and like also the fans seem like second home to me. I feel like it's seem like a mini Thailand. So that's why I just really comfortable and, you know, kind of always looking forward to come here."

Rolex Rankings No. 4 Lydia Ko

#### Transcript

Ko on how her game feels coming into this week

"Last week for the most parts I hit the ball pretty solid. You know, I really didn't make many putts. The only day I really made putts was the last round on the Sunday. So hopefully that gives me a little bit more confidence

and momentum going into this week. Obviously the courses are very different between New Korea and the course here and the grass is very different, so a bit of adjustment that needs to be made.

I've seen this golf course before so it's not a completely new golf course that I'm just purely having to get adjusted to in a short amount of time. But, yeah, I mean, you have to hit it really well and just when you see a lot of birdies, obviously you have to putt well, but you're setting up a lot of birdie opportunities. So I think that's what I got to do well, too."

### Rolex Rankings No. 6 Miyu Yamashita

### **Transcript**

Yamashita on competing in her first International Crown

"So it's a team competition. You really can't make many mistakes, and it's not always easy for everything to be perfectly as a team. But I am happy that we were able to make it to the semifinal as a team. We communicated well and so turned out to be a good week."

# Rolex Rankings No. 7 Ruoning Yin

#### Transcript

Yin on returning to Malaysia as defending champion

"I would love to defend my title, but there is a lot of great players this week. I think the LPGA players getting stronger and stronger. Only one multiple winner this year. So I would say there is a chance for me to defend my title, but there is a lot of great players as well. I think I just plan to play my best out there."

#### Rolex Rankings No. 18 Celine Boutier

#### **Transcript**

Boutier on how the course brings out the best of her game

"I think it's a course that's very much about placement off the tee, but also the approach shots. You kind of have to play good shots, and also be smart about where you want to go. I think also with the green complexes there are some hills and things like that you have to be pretty accurate with your approach shots. So it's fun. Definitely when you miss you can have some bogeys out there, so you got to be patient, and also kind of aggressive sometimes when the pin placement allow. So I think it's a good mix. Yeah, it just makes it fun to play four rounds."

#### Rolex Rankings No. 26 Grace Kim

#### Transcript

Kim reflecting on her year after becoming a major champion and winner of International Crown "Yeah, I was thinking about it the other day. Even before I won Evian I was looking into the final qualifying for British as well, so just to be able to overcome all that, go through a mental slump over the last few months and then to be able to get that done and win the International Crown together as a team, which is obviously very different for our sport, and our country, because we don't get to play a lot for our country like that, yeah, it's been a bit after rollercoaster of a year which has been great. I had a lot of highs, so yeah, definitely cherishing this year for sure."

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