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THE MODERATOR: It's my great pleasure to introduce Charley Hull, Emily Pedersen, and Georgia Hall from Team Europe. Thank you for joining us this afternoon. Charley, how excited are you to get going? Are you feeling buzzing ahead of tomorrow's first foursomes?

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, I'm really excited. It's a really, really nice golf course, a really good golf course. I think the team is so well bonded this year. It's unbelievable. I'm just really excited to get cracking now.

THE MODERATOR: Georgia, were you feeling a lot more European support out there today?

GEORGIA HALL: Definitely. A lot of support from the UK as well, and just been interacting with the crowds, which have been really nice. I think we're going to have a pretty decent amount of support out there, so looking forward to tomorrow.

THE MODERATOR: Emily, how did it feel out there for you today? Are you looking forward to tomorrow?

EMILY PEDERSEN: Good. Yeah, it's good to see the golf course again. We saw a few of the junior girls out there today, so just excited to get going.

Q. How much did the players have when it came to input as to pairings?

EMILY PEDERSEN: Not a lot. Obviously a lot of us have played together before, but Suzann has pretty much decided who's playing together. We're lucky in our team that everyone gets along really well, and I feel like everyone's a good match.

For us, it doesn't really matter who plays together. We're happy to play with each other, and our games suit each

other well.

Q. Were most of the pairings predetermined, or have the practice rounds changed anything?

EMILY PEDERSEN: We've not really talked about pairings at all. We've just -- Suzann has wanted us to see the golf course and do our normal routine and then see after how it fits. I don't know if in Suzann's mind it's been planned out.

GEORGIA HALL: Yeah, I think she's seen a lot of stats. She knows our games and what our strengths and our weaknesses are, and I think they're pairing us together based on that, right? Yeah.

Q. Is there anything you can point to over the past three Solheim Cups that can explain Europe's success and victories over an American team that was probably favored on paper?

GEORGIA HALL: I just think the bond that we all have. I think this is the team for me that gets on the best. All of us just have a laugh in the evenings, and we just know each other really well and a great team spirit. I think that's extremely important in team golf.

When we go out there tomorrow with our partner, it's just like we'll do anything for them and we have their back. I think that's what's most important.

Q. Do you think Europe has figured out something America hasn't, or are you just more comfortable in this format?

GEORGIA HALL: I think to a lot of players, this is the pinnacle of our careers and it's extremely important to us and it means a lot to win. Contributing to the team and individual points as well.

We're just great friends, so I think that's -- yeah.

Q. Charley, I know you're on the European side this week, but it seems like the crowd out there is still on your side. Do you feel like your celebrity has grown



this summer?

CHARLEY HULL: I don't really know, but I just love playing golf no matter. I love the American crowds. It's so much fun. I always love playing a Solheim Cup in America because the atmosphere is unbelievable.

I don't know, we play over here every week on the LPGA Tour and I just really enjoy it. The crowds are a great laugh. Even though they're supporting America they're still respectful, and we just have a lot of fun out there.

Q. Also for Charley, I saw -- I don't know if you were in pain getting maybe your hip worked on. What was going on with that out on the course?

CHARLEY HULL: I was just getting it cracked back into place. It always pops out. We have a physio here, Harry, with us all week, so I thought I'd make the most of it.

Q. Charley, I wanted to ask how comfortable you are with your popularity on social media? The follow-up would be what do you think makes you relatable to your 700,000 followers on Instagram and X?

CHARLEY HULL: Truthfully, I don't have access to my Instagram. I stopped being on Instagram six months ago now. My agent posts everything for me. I don't log onto it. I don't do nothing on it. I literally send her the photos I want to be posted and she'll post them for me.

I feel like social media can be too time consuming. You can get too obsessed with it rather than just living in the real world. I think it's unbelievable how many followers I've gained.

I think it's good because it helps promote the Tour and everything. Yeah, I didn't actually realize how many I have, but yeah, I just think it's pretty cool.

Q. What do you think makes you relatable to all those people who are interested in what you have to do and maybe what you have to say?

CHARLEY HULL: Well, I'm just myself. I just -- I'm myself. If I like things, I like it for myself. If other people don't like it, well, it's not their life. I live me. I live my life the way I want to live it, not how anyone else wants me to live it.

I think just literally just live like a normal person.

Q. Georgia, I know for you, good friends with Charley, what do you think makes her relatable to just the general public?

GEORGIA HALL: She's different than everyone else, and that's why people love her, and that's why like -- she's just really fun to be around and a really genuine, kind person. Obviously a great golfer, so obviously that helps.

Yeah, I think the fact she doesn't care what anyone thinks and goes about her life the way she wants, I think a lot of people can learn from that.

Q. Charley, you were quite young for your first Solheim Cup. I'm wondering if you could go back in time and tell us what your nerves felt like back to that first appearance.

CHARLEY HULL: So 2013 was my first Solheim Cup. I was 17 years old. I remember really not being nervous at all this week, and it's going to sound bad because I look back and think I'm stupid. It was my friend's birthday party the week of the Solheim Cup, so when I got picked for the Solheim Cup I was so gutted that I couldn't go to my friend's birthday party.

My dad was like, you've got to go to the Solheim Cup. I was like, but I'm going to miss my friend's birthday party. Played in it; didn't realize how big it was, and I was like, thank goodness I come here.

Q. What was the name of that friend? Do you remember?

CHARLEY HULL: We call him Pablo, but his name is Alec. He's really like tanned, and if you didn't know him, you'd think he's Mexican. So we just call him Pablo. He's a cool guy. He was one of my best friends when I was younger.

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