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Lottie Woad

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THE MODERATOR: All right, joining me here today at the CME Group Tour Championship is Lottie Woad. You are a 2025 rookie and an LPGA Tour winner. Can you just talk a little bit about your season as a whole?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, I don't know if you can really call it a season. Like, yeah, it's been quick and crazy to think about going back to when I got my card at Evian.

But I've enjoyed all the tournaments I've got to play in and been getting used to traveling and kind of how it all works out here. So every week has been just a new learning experience, but really happy I could make it to this week.

I didn't really know if it would be possible or not with the smaller amount of events I was going to be playing, but that was the goal, to get here. So, yeah, happy to do that.

Q. Like you alluded to, you've made it here to the Tour Championship even though you didn't play a whole season. How does that build your confidence and make you feel like you really belong out here among the best in the world?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, I think it definitely does. When I got my card I was just trying to play as many events as possible and prepare for next year really, get used to everything.

To be here is a bonus. Just happy that I could compete and obviously the win helped me get here. Yeah, just really happy.

Q. Now that you've had some events under your belt, can you just talk a bit about what you're looking forward to next year and what you will be focused on now that you won't be a rookie anymore?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, I'm just looking forward to playing all the events I haven't played in, to be honest and knowing what I'm going to play in too. I can actually plan a bit better. You know, I can plan the schedule how I like;



whereas this year I kind of just played most stuff that I could after I got my card.

So looking forward to that. And obviously we will go back to familiar venues, too. Every time I tee it up it's a new course, so next year I will have at least played a few of them.

Q. You had a lot of firsts this year: First win, first Rolex Awards, first time at The TOUR championship. Talk about the Rolex Awards last night and being out here at The TOUR Championship for the first time.

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, it was a really cool experience. Haven't really experienced anything like that to be honest. Walking down the green carpet was cool as well. It was quite long as well. Just kept on getting longer round the corner.

Yeah, it was really cool to see all the great stories last night and the people getting awards. It was really great to be there and see that.

Q. And I know you played in many professional events not as a professional, but was there a transition period? I know you won right away. What was the biggest difference? What did you notice was different now being a professional and that being your career?

LOTTIE WOAD: Um, I mean, I haven't noticed a difference like from what I expected it was going to be. Like I don't feel any different, but I think getting used to coming over here and playing two, three weeks in a row and traveling between events. Like the first event was in Scotland and then the AIG. I had like my family there, friends there and stuff like that so I had more people there.

Whereas out here some of weeks you're on your own and there's not many people traveling with you. I think it was getting used to that. And I was playing college golf before that, so I think it's just finding your own team out here as well, and just getting used to all that was probably the big thing for me.

Q. When you started, was this weekend on the radar? Was it the ultimate goal? Did you think, let's just see how it goes?



LOTTIE WOAD: It was definitely a goal. I knew I had to play well though obviously not playing too many events before this. I think the first goal was to try to get into the Asian events and that would give me a chance to get into this.

Kind of after Scotland I thought I would get into this as long as I still played decent. After that, I was, yeah, just looking forward to this week.

Q. A topic of discussion is your license, so...

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah.

Q. Have you driven at all? Have you taken tests? When do you expect to have a license and do you have a car?

LOTTIE WOAD: I mean, I don't want to put a date on it because then I'll be held to that. But, yeah, I've driven -- yeah, I've driven in the UK before I came to college. I had lessons and stuff like that, but just didn't manage to get my license in time before coming over to the U.S. for college and obviously didn't after car here.

Then I'm not back in the UK that much so never managed to get a test, and then, yeah, now we're here. I've decided I'm just going to get it in Florida. I need to drive on the right side of the road though. I've only driven on the left. We'll see how that goes.

And I don't have a car yet. I was thinking license then car, yeah.

Q. Since you gotten your Tour card what's the coolest thing that's happened to you off the course?

LOTTIE WOAD: Oh, off the course? I don't know. I don't really think anything has changed to be honest. I've enjoyed just traveling to all the new places. Like I've never been to -- I've been to like the Middle East, Dubai, but never been to Asia before. It was quite cool to see all those places over there and Malaysia was really cool. We were right in the city, so that was a fun week. And, yeah, you can kind of see different cultures over there. It was cool.

Q. What was your offseason look like?

LOTTIE WOAD: I'll be here in Tallahassee until Grant Thornton. I'll play that and then going to go home to England for Christmas with the family. It was my sister's 18th birthday not too long ago, so going to New York a few days before I go back. Meet them over there and have a few days in New York for Christmas, which I've never been

there. That will be Bucket List stuff.

Q. Ice skating at Rockefeller? Any plans?

LOTTIE WOAD: Milly, my sister, she planned the itinerary. I'm just going to follow her directions. Yeah, I'm sure we'll go see the Statute of Liberty, the Christmas Tree. I think we are also going to a Knicks game. So yeah, fun.

Q. ...strategy for learning a new golf course and impressions of this place?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, I think we're lucky that -- I mean, we get two, three days to see the course; whereas I'm used to one day cramming it in. So it's a bit easier in that sense that I can take my time to kind of learn the course.

I mean, pretty much every week my caddie has seen the course before or I'm playing with people that have seen the course before, so you can kind of follow them a little bit. This one seems pretty straight in front of you off the tee. I think it's more the approach shots that are kind of what's more demanding.

Yeah, it wasn't too bad to get to know.

Q. If you were to win \$4 million, what kind of car could you get?

LOTTIE WOAD: (Laughter.) God, I'm just trying to focus on getting my license first before I think about that. I feel like it needs to be -- I don't want to go too flashy. It needs to fit golf clubs and also needs to -- I still live in college towns so I don't want it to stand out too much.

Q. Are you still in an apartment?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, I'm still living with my roommate when I was at FSU. I renewed the lease last September. Didn't know if I was coming back for my senior year, so just going to run the lease through.

Q. Did Mirabel show you around Malaysia at all?

LOTTIE WOAD: Yeah, she did a little bit. She doesn't live too far from the course so kind of where she lives as well.

Q. I know it's been a busy four months since you turned pro, but what have you learned about yourself in that short period of time?

LOTTIE WOAD: I think the knowledge that I can compete out here. Going from amateur to pro, like you hope you can and I felt like I could after playing in the majors and stuff like that, but you can never be too certain.



I think that knowledge has definitely given me confidence and know that when I'm in contention I can usually have pretty good Sunday or a good weekend. I just need to be a bit better on Thursday and Friday.

THE MODERATOR: Wonderful. Thank you, Lottie.

LOTTIE WOAD: Thank you.

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