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Charley Hull

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: All right, very pleased to be joined by Charley Hull at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions. Welcome back to Lake Nona. How does it feel to be back here playing this week?

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, it's great. I really like this golf course. It's super nice. Obviously the weather has turned a bit cold. It's colder here than in the UK at the minute, which is a first.

Q. Yeah, what is it about this course specifically that you enjoy?

CHARLEY HULL: I like that the greens are fast. There is quite tight lies all round the golf course you're shipping on, which is a bit different to what obviously it's been like in the UK.

So it's a good warmup to the season, test your game, and I just like it. Just got a good vibe to it.

Q. How would you assess your game coming into this week?

CHARLEY HULL: I wouldn't really know to be fair. Obviously been practicing a lot indoors at home. Went to Dubai for a few days and practiced and played well out there.

So, yeah, just like obviously I want to win this week. Great event. It's good as well for a warmup to get back into the season.

Q. Obviously very exciting news with the announcement of the WTGL. Talk about your excitement to get to play on that stage.

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, it's super cool. I went there on Monday evening, and it was like -- I watched and I was like, wow, this is pretty unbelievable. We need one of them in the UK actually when it's cold. I thought it was so



impressive the way that green moved round, how the ball reacted on the green when I chipped on it, how it putted, the screen.

Honestly, I was so impressed by it. They done a great job.

Q. (No microphone.)

CHARLEY HULL: Well, I've got a swing studio at my house so I'm kind of used to it, but obviously that one is a lot bigger. I feel like you need to go there in real life to get the full kind of gist of everything there because it pretty unbelievable to see in real life.

No, I think it's going to be super fun. I'm really look forward to it.

Q. Obviously fresh new season. What's your mentality going into 2026?

CHARLEY HULL: Not too much different from last year to be fair. Just go out there, have fun. I know what you got to do to win. Not put too much pressure on myself and just go out there and enjoy it.

Q. What have you learned from your win at Kroger last year that you'll take and use to propel you to more wins?

CHARLEY HULL: Well, I went into that week with an injury, so I didn't have too high expectations. What I've taken from it is I sometimes expect too much on myself, as in don't put too much pressure on myself.

When I'm just kind of not too focused about golf that's when play my best golf, so I need to get more of that.

Q. I know you took a decent sized break, five, six weeks. When you come to this week, does it give you a fresh start mentality?

CHARLEY HULL: I try not to have a fresh start mentality because I had such a good season last year. I'm a bit nervous coming into this week. I've only played like one lot of 18 holes the past six weeks because of the weather at

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home. It's been pretty poor.

So I've been practicing loads working on my swing, but it's just coming into it now we've got -- playing 18 holes and got a scorecard in your hand. So it's good to like slowly build up for the season.

Q. So the weather on Sunday obviously is going to be pretty brutal. When you're back home what's your threshold for I'll go out and practice?

CHARLEY HULL: We played -- on New Year's I think it was minus six outside and it was frosty and it was bouncy and I went out and played, carried my bag. I wasn't that cold. I had a couple layers on, like leggings and trousers over top and then a couple layers on and I'm really not this cold because I'm walking and carrying my bag.

But yesterday morning when I came out here I was absolutely froze. Like my feet were froze. I feel like Florida cold is completely different to England cold. I was absolutely froze yesterday. I went into the locker room and put the hair dryer on myself and the players were like, what you doing? Are you English? I was like, honestly I'm froze.

I was in Thailand before, it was 35 degrees. So what's that, 100 degrees Farenheit? I was cold that morning and I wore a rain jacket and pants and everyone was looking at me, what are you doing?

I must have poor circulation. I get so cold just randomly. As long as I keep moving I'll be fine.

Q. What's the coldest tournament you've ever played in?

CHARLEY HULL: I remember being pretty cold in Texas one year back in 2020. I think this will be pretty cold.

Q. Nelly had some comments yesterday about the WTGL and her disappointment that men and women aren't the sharing the stage in the same league. What did you make of those? Do you feel something similar?

CHARLEY HULL: About what? Sorry.

Q. She was surprised that men and women won't be in the same league, it's two separate leagues. She thought it was a missed opportunity --

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah.

Q. -- that you're not together. Curious your reaction.

CHARLEY HULL: I'm just grateful for them giving us an opportunity no matter what really. Could be something they build in the future, you never know. I feel like them giving us an opportunity to go out there on the same stage as the guys, even though it's not at the same time, fair play to them. Like I really respect that. Like thank you.

You never know, in a couple years' time they could do something like that. But like having an LPGA Tour and the PGA TOUR and now we have the Grant Thornton, you never know. That's something they can probably build on.

Q. One of your best mates just had some really exciting news. What do you make of Georgia's pregnancy and how excited are you to watch her take on this next chapter?

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, it's quite funny. I was with her on Friday. Yeah, I've got nieces and nephews and I'm really good with babies. She's not really good around babies. I'm like George, have you done this? What? Charles, have you got to do this? Yeah, George, you go to do that. She's like, ah, right. Noted.

Then I get a text from her the other day, I've washed the baby's clothes. I'm like, good girl, do you know what I mean? Just little bits like that.

I'm like, stoke its feet, because babies like, you know, like stroking their feet and stuff because that's good for babies. I do it with my nephew because apparently they like to get their feels and touch and everything.

She's like, oh, really? Okay. Just little bits and bobs. I'm not a mum, but I've got a baby nephew, two baby nephews, three nephews, so I've always been good round babies and that.

I'm just going to find it funny if the baby has a poonani because I've had to clear that up before with my nephew and we had to stretch upstairs in the bath, so I will be howling watching her do that. It will be funny.

Q. You were talking about the cold a few minutes ago. With all the different injuries you dealt with last year, being in the cold weather, does that impact you at all?

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, it does. I've got to make sure I warm up properly and keep on moving. Probably just be down the side of the fairway shuffling around keeping my body moving out of everyone's eye line.

Q. Is there any certain areas you feel it in more than others?

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CHARLEY HULL: Just my lower right back. My hip as well. But apart from that, I'm pretty good. Don't get much pain in my ankle. At home I carry the golf bag all the time. When it's freezing I feel like carrying the golf bag you're warm because you're always on the go. Now I've got Adam carrying the bag, which I'm grateful for because it's massive and probably super heavy this week because of so many clothes in there.

Yeah, just make sure I keep moving. You see me switching out there, you know why.

Q. Do I enjoy playing in the cold?

CHARLEY HULL: I love it. I love it. Like I'll go out on -- I think it was Friday before I met Georgia. I was out in the rain and everything. I don't know. I just kind of like it. I like the mental toughness of it. I like being outside. I just enjoy that. I enjoy playing with my friends at home sometimes more than I do on Tour because I'm at home, playing with my mates, we're having banter. Sometimes not the best of weather, but reminds you of feeling like a junior, do you know what I mean? I find it so much fun. I like that.

Q. Specifically when it comes to the cold, do you wear just what you can swing in or --

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, that's the hard thing. Like I don't like playing with a lot of layers on but I have to have small layers. So I wear like an under like thermal, couple thermals, got thermal trousers on, and then I'll have a jacket and probably another thin layer underneath. That's about it really.

Yesterday I had three pairs of pants on. I bet people were thinking, gosh, she enjoyed Christmas a bit too much.

Q. Is it a slower pace when it's cold or is that something you have to --

CHARLEY HULL: I hope not. You want to be moving fast to keep warm. Hopefully I'll just run around.

Q. This course is already hard and challenging. The fact that the weather could play a factor in how it affects the fairways or the greens, what does that add to this course?

CHARLEY HULL: Well, for instance, so when I played last time I hit gap wedge into last hole; yesterday I hit 4-iron. It was cold and a little bit wind into. Didn't feel like it was super windy but it was just because it was so cold. Yeah, it's going to be tricky out there. I think it's good when it plays tricky. I enjoy playing tougher golf courses. I enjoy

the challenge. I just want it fun.

You just put me on the golf course, I'll enjoy it anyway. I'm like, okay, let's get excited for the next shot and prove to myself that I can execute the shot.

THE MODERATOR: Thank you for your time, Charley.

CHARLEY HULL: Cheers, thanks.

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