

# The Chevron Championship

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## Charley Hull

### Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Joining us is Charley Hull ahead of The Chevron Championship. Heading into major season, what do you feel like the state of your game is right now.

CHARLEY HULL: Well, I started the year off pretty good. Obviously missed the cut in Arizona but then kind of I came 15th I think it was in Vegas, which kind of was a good bounceback. It was such a tricky golf course.

But, yeah, I feel like I've been working very hard on my game, so, yeah, just looking forward to it.

**Q. Obviously we're at a new venue this year. Have you had the chance to see the golf course yet?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, played nine holes yesterday. I really like the golf courses. I like the length of the golf course and how you're hitting more longer iron shots into the greens. I find that super fun.

I play that length at home with my friends, so doesn't feel too drastic. It's nice to not be coming in with a wedge every time.

**Q. Obviously it's raining today. It's going to be probably a little bit wet and damp this week. How do you account for that in your game?**

CHARLEY HULL: Obviously -- we'll probably get a few mudballs, so hopefully if it's that wet we'll play it up. Then it's quite hard to control the ball.

But, yeah, you just got to make sure you strike the ball well and not fat it.

**Q. What have you been working on to prep for major season?**

CHARLEY HULL: I lost a bit of ball speed and club speed since my injuries and obviously not being able to get into the gym. It's been eight months now. So like properly. So I'm starting to notice it now, quite a lot.

So just been working on hitting the ball harder since I've been home and stuff like that.

**Q. I know gym life is such a big part of your life.**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah.

**Q. What have you been doing to fill that void?**

CHARLEY HULL: I don't know. You feel a bit depressed because I've not been able to go to the gym. It's part of my routine and now it's obviously not there.

Been doing a lot of rehab stuff.

**Q. Obviously a player that major championships just fire you up. How excited are you to get the season underway?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, super excited. Always nice to have the first major. Coming up to the first major, you've been waiting eight, nine months for it. Yeah, really looking forward to it.

**Q. When you notice that you've lost ball speed, you're working to fix that, how do you compensate during tournaments knowing that you don't have what you normally have?**

CHARLEY HULL: You obviously got to be sharp with your longer game, so -- but, yeah, listen, I'm talented enough and I can create different kind of shots, so it's not too much of an issue.

Mostly with my driver I've noticed it. It can get a bit annoying sometimes and then you start trying to hit it too hard and you can hit it off line.

But that's what I've been working on at home.

**Q. You talked about more long irons on this course coming in.**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah.



**Q. Do you feel like that plays to your strengths as opposed to just making it a wedgefest?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, definitely. I much prefer that. I think that's the way golf should be. It's way more interesting. I don't really watch golf, but when I watch the men's golf I watch the majors and I enjoy it a lot more when they're struggling on the golf course.

I think it's a lot more fun. It's quite boring watching a birdiefest. All you see is hitting a long drive, hitting a wedge on the green, and holing a putt.

It's nice to see golf be played as an art, like when they have to create shots. I much prefer that. That's why I preferred golf 20, 30 years ago.

**Q. You had a couple runner ups in majors. What have you learned over the course of your career about the difference between coming really close and what it's going to take to get over the line?**

CHARLEY HULL: A lot of my major championships I've come from right behind, so I like chasing. But I've obviously -- kind of was working on quite a few things. So when I won Cincinnati and had to keep in the moment on that back nine, I do like chasing. I find it quite fun. It's like stalking someone down which I quite enjoy.

But just kind of couple of breathing techniques and random stuff like that.

**Q. When do you think you'll be cleared to get back in the gym full time, running, all that?**

CHARLEY HULL: Just all depends how my injury is. I thought I was going to be clear a few weeks ago but I'm not. After -- once you do something your body then compensates with another part of your body, and then becomes injured. So just making sure my rehab is like essential. It's quite hard because I have a lot of long haul nights coming from the UK and traveling is usually -- I go home from two weeks and get my body in great shape and then I travel, and that's when it kind of like all screws up again. It's like a battle I can never win.

**Q. Following up, how do you replace the adrenaline rush from lifting weights and running?**

CHARLEY HULL: I've been doing my house up to be fair. That's been key for me kind of keeping my dopamine levels up. I decided if I don't make it at golf or win a major any time, soon I'll become an interior designer.

**Q. What's that process been like for you? Is it fun?**

**Stressful?**

CHARLEY HULL: It's stressful but it's super fun. I kind of like being under the gun because obviously I want to move into my house as soon as possible. It's pretty much nearly finished now. I am just getting my bath fitted this week. Going for a cool look in my bedroom.

I don't know if you've ever been to a hotel before and there is like a bed and then you have a bath at the end of the bed. Like a real like swanky hotel. That's what I'm having put in this week. It's going to look pretty cool.

**Q. Nice.**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah.

**Q. Did you get some design consultation on that?**

CHARLEY HULL: No. All me, myself. Yep.

**Q. Great.**

CHARLEY HULL: Me, myself, and I.

**Q. Have you watched the coverage of the PGA TOUR event here and did you pick up anything from that?**

CHARLEY HULL: No. Like I said I don't really watch golf. It's just something -- because I think I play it so much, I enjoy playing and practicing with my friends at home. I never really come back and watch a tournament. Pretty much the only tournament I watch is the Masters or the men's British Open. I find them pretty exciting to watch.

But my coach has been there a couple times with the men's event because he teaches Alex Noren and Matt Wallace. He's like telling me where they tee off from and how the golf course usually plays. When they played here apparently it's a lot firmer. With the rain it's going to be playing a little bit different.

**Q. Lastly, what do you think of the water feature on 18 and will you jump in if you win?**

CHARLEY HULL: I haven't seen the water feature on 18.

**Q. Okay.**

CHARLEY HULL: So I didn't see a pond so I didn't assume there was one.

**Q. Obviously every single major it's a great opportunity for women's sports.**

CHARLEY HULL: Yep.

**Q. What do you think that Chevron does and this tournament for women's sports?**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, it's just great. You know, obviously gives us another opportunity in another major to play for some great money. The way they give it, it's great because they give us cars for the week, look after us. We have a private players' area where we can get food and stuff.

I'm really into really eating healthy so I like the smoothies I can just make up. It's very convenient for us.

**Q. You touched on it there, but what else is unique about this week? Obviously you've already touched on the new course.**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah.

**Q. What's different? What's unique about The Chevron Championship?**

CHARLEY HULL: What's unique? Used to be unique how to used to come back to the same golf course every year. Obviously we changed a few times. Hopefully this is somewhere we can come back to now for good and then have the old, you know, like the -- what's it called in golf? When you have -- someone help me out here.

When you have tradition.

**Q. Tradition.**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah, have its own tradition.

**Q. Obviously fellow TaylorMade athlete just won his second green jacket. Were you able to congratulate Rory? Do you keep in touch at all?**

CHARLEY HULL: No. I thought it was pretty cool what he done. I think I put on social media or something like that or texted my friends it's pretty cool what he's done.

It's a shame that Justin Rose didn't get over the line because obviously he's English and I like Justin. I played with him in Grant Thornton.

But what Rory done was pretty crazy, especially how he started the front nine.

**Q. You've been playing a lot of matches at home.**

CHARLEY HULL: Yeah.

**Q. I can't remember the guy's name.**

CHARLEY HULL: Ryan Evans.

**Q. What sparked that?**

CHARLEY HULL: Really, Ryan has been one of my best friends for years. We met like 20 years ago at my home golf course, Kettering golf course. He played on the European Tour. He's a really good player.

And we are going to set up a YouTube channel so we been filming loads of stuff because we been playing some great games of golf. We have so much good banter on the golf course as well.

Like last year was on the golf course and I was 8-under through nine holes so I was like seven up or something; and then he's come back, he's birdied six -- no five of the last six holes to half me, and I was like, oh, my God, imagine if someone was recording this? Because we was throwing banter at each other back and forth like crazy.

He was like, should we set up our own YouTube channel? I said yes, so hopefully it's going to be launching soon.

**Q. Do you watch a lot of YouTube golf?**

CHARLEY HULL: No, I don't. I don't. I just thought it would be quite cool to do something. Yeah, be cool. I've been on a few channels though.

**Q. Just wanted to ask about your Malbon Golf partnership. What do you enjoy about it and also events like the one at Houston store tonight, how are you bringing the community together?**

CHARLEY HULL: I think Stephen and Erica Malbon are such great people. I think they are what golf needed. Like growing up I always thought like I love the game of golf, but I could see how other kids didn't really start in the game of golf when I was growing up, because the fashion wasn't really there.

Always had to get boy's clothing and all that stuff. For little girls, sometimes little girls like putting on outfits. I feel like Malbon helps make golf more appealing because they have some cute outfits and everything.

I think it's really cool the way they market stuff as well. Like seems very clever the way he does stuff. He's got some of quirkiness to him. He's great. I spent the week with him at Augusta and the Malbon house there and that was so much fun. How they kind of not just make it all

about golf but they incorporate so many different things and I just think it's really cool.

**Q. In terms of the fits this week, there will be some different weather. Are you going to have to adjust?**

CHARLEY HULL: Probably look like I'm wearing the same outfit the whole week because I'll be in rain pants and trousers. Underneath my outfit will be nice.

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