



AIG Women's Open
Walton Heath Golf Club | Surrey, England | August 10-13, 2023

First-Round Notes
August 10, 2023

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Course Setup: 35-37-72; 6,706 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 73.541

Weather: Dry sunny morning with prolonged sunshine continuing through the afternoon and temperatures in the 70s; variable S to SE 03-06 mph, increasing S to SE 08-11 gust 13-16 mph by late morning and into the afternoon

Race to CME Globe Points: 650 points (winner)

Purse: \$9 million (\$1,350,000 winner's check)

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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
1	Ally Ewing	-4	68
T2	Amy Yang	-3	69
T2	Jaravee Boonchant	-3	69
T2	Perrine Delacour	-3	69
T2	Emily Kristine Pedersen	-3	69
T2	Jeongeun Lee6	-3	69
T7	12 players	-2	70

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Ally Ewing
2023 Race to CME Globe Points List	36
2023 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2023 LPGA Tour Top 10s	3
2023 Season Earnings	\$520,674
Career LPGA Tour Wins	3
Career Ladies European Tour Wins	0
Career Epson Tour Wins	0
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	17
Career Money	\$3,708,840

Rolex Rankings No. 39 Ally Ewing

- Ewing hit 11 of 15 fairways and 11 of 18 greens with 28 putts
 - She made five birdies during her round, on holes 3, 8, 10, 12, and 15
 - She was one of 13 players to eagle the par-5 16th hole
 - She is tied for first in the field in birdies or better (6) with **Perrine Delacour**, **Nasa Hataoka** and **Amy Yang**
 - She had three bogeys on the card, which she shot on No. 5, 13 and 14
 - Ewing was the only player in the field to be under par for both the front nine and the back nine in the first round
- This is the second time Ewing has held an 18-hole lead or co-lead in her LPGA career
 - The last time she held a first-round lead was also at a major championship, The 2019 Chevron Championship
- This is her fifth start in an LPGA Tour major this season
 - Her opening 68 is her second-best first-round score in a 2023 major after an opening 67 at the Amundi Evian Championship, where she missed the cut
 - Her best major finish this season is a solo 11 result at the U.S. Women's Open
 - She finished T23 at The Chevron Championship and missed the cut at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- This is Ewing's seventh appearance at the AIG Women's Open
 - Her best finish in the event is a T16 result, which she earned in her AIG Women's Open debut in 2017
 - She has missed the cut just once (2021) in her six previous playings
 - She has four top-28 appearances at the event
 - She finished T51 in 2022
- Ewing's best finish in any LPGA major is a T6 result at The 2019 Chevron Championship
 - She has three career top-10s in 35 starts in major championships
- This is Ewing's eighth season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has made the cut in nine of her 13 starts this season
 - She has earned three top-10 finishes this year with a season-best result of T5 at the LPGA Drive On Championship
- Ewing played in both the 2019 and 2021 Solheim Cup, representing the U.S. Team

THINGS TO KNOW

- Five players are in a tie for second at 69 after the first round
 - **Amy Yang** had five birdies on Thursday with one eagle, two bogeys and a double bogey
 - Yang is a four-time LPGA Tour winner, a three-time LET winner and a two-time KLPGA winner
 - She has made the cut in all her major appearances this season, with a best finish of T4 at The Chevron Championship
 - This is her 16th appearance in the AIG Women's Open
 - LPGA Tour Rookie **Jaravee Boonchant** finished -3 with one bogey and four birdies, all made on the back nine
 - This is her first appearance in the AIG Women's Open
 - She has held an 18-hole lead or co-lead in two tournaments this season, the Honda LPGA Thailand and the Dana Open
 - She is seventh in the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year standings
 - She has missed the cuts in her three major starts this season
 - **Perrine Delacour** made six birdies, including five in her last seven holes, and three bogeys
 - This is her fourth appearance in the AIG Women's Open
 - She has made the cut on two of four major appearances this season
 - Her best finish at a 2023 LPGA Tour major is a T11 result at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - She has won twice on the Epson Tour
 - **Emily Kristine Pedersen** had one bogey, two birdies and an eagle on the par-4 No. 10 on Thursday
 - Pedersen is a five-time winner on the Ladie's European Tour
 - She has missed the cut in two of her three major appearances this season
 - This is her eighth appearance in the AIG Women's Open; her best ever major finish (T11) came at the event in 2020
 - **Jeongeun Lee6** made par for 10 straight holes before making four birdies and one bogey on the back nine
 - Lee6 is a major champion; she won the 2019 U.S. Women's Open, her only win on the LPGA Tour
 - She is a six-time winner on the KLPGA
 - She has three previous starts at the AIG Women's Open, with one top-10 finish in 2019
- There are 12 players at -2 and T7 after the first-round including 2022 and 2023 U.S. Women's Open champions **In Gee Chun** and **Allisen Corpuz**
- The par-4 No. 2 played the hardest during round one, with a 4.43 scoring average
 - Only five birdies were made on that hole on Thursday
 - There were 80 pars and 58 bogeys-or-worse made there during the first round
- This week's Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, the par-5 16th, played the easiest with a 4.31 scoring average
 - Thirteen eagles were made there on Thursday and 77 birdies

- No player went bogey-free during the first round
- There are ten former champions in the field this week but none of them broke par in the first-round
 - **Stacy Lewis** and **Anna Nordqvist** both shot level par on Thursday, the best of the past champions
- **Laura Davies** withdrew from the AIG Women's Open field during the first round, citing a wrist injury
- **Celine Borge** withdrew from the event before the first round and first alternate **Maddie Szeryk** was added to the field

QUOTABLE

"I was just trying to focus on every shot because obviously I did not do that well on the first three majors and I think my mind was like caught up in major-wise too much and I didn't play my own game. So this week, I was just trying to just hit a drive, hit a shot and try to make putts, and just try to focus on the -- like in the present more than like the results." – *Jaravee Boonchant on her goals heading into the final major of the year*

"Well, I try to say it's not on my mind, but it's always back there. But I try and tell myself that if I just concentrate on doing a good job every day and putting in the work that it will sort itself out. I mean, obviously it's no secret that I want to be there. I know I can win points, but I'm trying to just focus one day at a time." – *Emily Kristine Pedersen on wanting to earn a spot on Team Europe at the 2023 Solheim Cup*

"Tomorrow it's a new day. I've been working with my team on trying to not replicate (my performance), both days. Tomorrow is going to come and I'm going to have a new feeling. I'm going to try to listen to my body and see from there" – *Perrine Delacour on what she hopes to replicate during the second round*

NOTABLE

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TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS (since becoming a major in 2001)

18 holes – 62, Minea Blomqvist, third round, 2004; Mirim Lee, first round, 2016

36 holes – 133, Caroline Masson, 2011; Mirim Lee, 2016; In-Kyung Kim, 2017

54 holes – 199, In-Kyung Kim, 2017; Ashleigh Buhai, 2022

72 holes – 269, Karen Stupples, 2004