



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

Third-Round Notes  
August 12, 2023

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**Course Setup:** 35-37-72; 6706 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 73.541; R2: 73.366; R3: 73.233

**Weather:** Mix of cloudy periods and sunny intervals with light, short showers during the afternoon; SW winds of 08-12 mph with gusts of 12-17 mph and isolated gusts of 20-25

**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
T1	Lilia Vu	-9	72-68-67 – 207
T1	Charley Hull	-9	71-68-68 – 207
T3	Angel Yin	-8	72-69-67 – 208
T3	Hyo Joo Kim	-8	70-70-68 – 208
5	Ally Ewing	-7	68-66-75 – 209

**WITH A WIN**

Charley Hull

- Hull would earn her third LPGA Tour victory and first major championship win
  - She has two LPGA Tour victories at the 2022 The Ascendant LPGA benefiting Volunteers of America and the 2016 CME Group Tour Championship
- She would become the 13th player since the event was designated as a major to make the championship her first major title, joining the likes of **Georgia Hall** (2018), **Lorena Ochoa** (2007) and **Karen Stupples** (2004), among others
  - She would be the eighth player in the last 10 years to become a first-time major champion at the AIG Women's Open
- She would be the third Englishwoman to win the AIG Women's Open since it became as major in 2001, joining Hall (2018) and Stupples (2002)
- She would win the Rolex Annika Major Award if **Allisen Corpuz** finishes sixth or worse and **Celine Boutier**, **Lilia Vu** and **Ruoning Yin** finish third or worse
- She would be the second player in a row to make the AIG Women's Open their first major championship, following **Ashleigh Buhai**
- She would make 2023 her second consecutive season with a win on Tour
- She would surpass the \$8 million mark in career earnings (\$8,051,276)
- With the \$1,350,000 winner's check, she would have \$2,620,202 in Official Money, her highest single-season earning in her LPGA Tour career
  - The most she has earned in a single season on tour is \$1,114,360 in 2016

Lilia Vu

- Vu would earn her third LPGA Tour victory and second major championship this season and in her career
  - She became a Rolex First Time Winner at the 2023 Honda LPGA Thailand and a first-time major champion at the 2023 The Chevron Championship
- She would be the fourth American to win the AIG Women's Open since it became as major in 2001, joining **Mo Martin** (2014), **Stacy Lewis** (2013) and **Sherri Steinhauer** (2006)
- She would clinch the Rolex Annika Major Award
  - Vu could also win the award with a third-place finish or better, depending on the finishes of other key players in the running
- She is projected to move to No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf rankings if **Nelly Korda** finishes solo fifth or worse and **Jin Young Ko** finishes solo third or worse
  - Note – There may be additional possibilities with tie scenarios and separate projection scenarios would need to be run to check
- She would become the second player to earn at least three victories on Tour this season, joining **Celine Boutier** (LPGA Drive on Championship, The Amundi Evian Championship, FREED GROUP Women's Scottish Open presented by Trust Golf)
- She would surpass the \$3 million mark in career earnings (\$3,442,155)
  - With the \$1,350,000 winner's check, she would have \$2,519,386 in Official Money this season (73.2% of her Career earnings)

Angel Yin

- Yin would earn her first victory on the LPGA Tour and first major championship win
- She would be the fourth American to win the AIG Women's Open since it became as major in 2001, joining **Mo Martin** (2014), **Stacy Lewis** (2013) and **Sherri Steinhauer** (2006)
- She would be the eighth Rolex First Time Winner of the 2023 season, joining **Lilia Vu** (Honda LPGA Thailand, The Chevron Championship), **Ruoning Yin** (DIO Implant LA Open, KPMG Women's PGA Championship), **Grace Kim** (LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei), **Rose Zhang** (Mizuho Americas Open), **Allisen Corpuz** (U.S. Women's Open), **Linn Grant** (Dana Open) and **Elizabeth Szokol** (Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational)
- She would win the Rolex Annika Major Award if **Allisen Corpuz** finishes sixth or worse and **Celine Boutier** finishes third or worse
- She would earn her first win in her 147th start on Tour
- She would surpass \$1 million on the Official Money list for the first time in her LPGA Tour career
  - The most she has earned in a single season on tour is \$755,784 in 2019
- She would surpass the \$5 million mark in Career Money with the \$1,350,000 winner's check (\$5,126,868 total earned)

Hyo Joo Kim

- Kim would earn her sixth LPGA Tour victory and second major championship win
  - She won the Amundi Evian Championship in 2014 as a non-member
  - She has also won the 2022 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei, 2021 HSBC Women's World Championship, 2016 Pure Silk-Bahamas LPGA Classic, 2015 Cognizant Founders Cup
- She would be the sixth Korean to win the AIG Women's Open since it became as major in 2001, joining **In-Kyung Kim** (2017), **Inbee Park** (2015), **Jiyai Shin** (2008, 2012), **Jeong Jang** (2005) and **Se Ri Pak** (2001)
- She is projected to move to No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf rankings if **Nelly Korda** finishes solo 10th or worse, **Jin Young Ko** finishes solo fourth or worse and **Celine Boutier** and **Ruoning Yin** finish third or worse
  - Note – There may be additional possibilities with tie scenarios and separate projection scenarios would need to be run to check
- She would make 2023 her third consecutive season with a win on Tour
- She would surpass the \$9 million mark in career earnings (\$9,242,359)
- With the \$1,350,000 winner's check, she would have \$2,639,460 in Official Money, her highest single-season earning in her LPGA Tour career
  - The most she has earned in a single season on tour is \$1,533,497 in 2022

Ally Ewing

- Ewing will earn her fourth LPGA Tour victory and first major championship win
  - She has three LPGA Tour victories including the 2022 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G, the 2021 Bank of Hope LPGA Match-Play presented by MGM Rewards and the 2020 LPGA Drive On Championship at Reynolds Lake Oconee
- She would become the 13th player since the event was designated as a major to make the championship her first major title, joining the likes of **Georgia Hall** (2018), **Lorena Ochoa** (2007) and **Karen Stupples** (2004), among others
  - She would be the eighth player in the last 10 years to become a first-time major champion at the AIG Women's Open
- She would be the fourth American to win the AIG Women's Open since it became as major in 2001, joining **Mo Martin** (2014), **Stacy Lewis** (2013) and **Sherri Steinhauer** (2006)
- She would be the second player in a row to make the AIG Women's Open their first major championship, following **Ashleigh Buhai**
- She would make 2023 her fourth consecutive season with a win on Tour

- She would be the sixth American to win on Tour this season, joining **Lilia Vu** (Honda LPGA Thailand, The Chevron Championship), **Rose Zhang** (Mizuho Americas Open), **Allisen Corpuz** (U.S. Women's Open), **Cheyenne Knight** (Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational) and **Elizabeth Szokol** (Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational)
  - She would also be the third American to win a major championship this year, joining Vu and Corpuz
- She would surpass \$1 million on the Official Money list for the first time in her LPGA Tour career
  - The most she has earned in a single season on tour is \$663,150 in 2021
- She would surpass the \$5 million mark in Career Money with the \$1,350,000 winner's check (\$5,058,840 total earned)

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Lilia Vu	Charley Hull
2023 Race to CME Globe Points List	7	20
2023 LPGA Tour Wins	2	0
2023 LPGA Tour Top 10s	3	3
2023 Season Earnings	\$1,169,386	\$1,270,202
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2	2
Career Ladies European Tour Wins	0	3
Career Epson Tour Wins	3	0
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	11	31
Career Money	\$2,092,155	\$6,701,276

#### Rolex Rankings No. 6 Lilia Vu

- Ewing hit 12 of 15 fairways and 14 of 18 greens with 30 putts during the third round
  - Her 5-under 67 tied the lowest round of the day, also shot by **Angel Yin** and **Amy Yang**
  - She made seven birdies during the second round, including three in a row on holes 5-7
    - Her other birdies came on Nos. 10, 11, 16 and 18
  - She has the least amount of bogeys in the field with just four
- This is the second time Vu has held an 54-hole lead or co-lead in her LPGA career
  - She last held a third-round lead at the 2022 Portland Classic, where she finished T3
- In her two wins this season, Vu came from behind to achieve victory
  - At the 2023 Honda LPGA Thailand, Vu had a 6-stroke deficit heading into the final round and won
  - At the 2023 The Chevron Championship, Vu had a 4-stroke deficit after 54-holes and won in a playoff
- This is her fifth start in an LPGA Tour major this season
  - Her third-round 67 is her lowest 18-hole score in a 2023 LPGA Tour major
  - She won the first major of the year, The Chevron Championship
  - She missed the cut at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and U.S. Women's Open and finished T42 at The Amundi Evian Championship
- This is Vu's second appearance at the AIG Women's Open
  - In 2022, she finished T41
- This is her third season on the LPGA Tour
  - She became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the Honda LPGA Thailand and earned her second win at The Chevron Championship
  - She lost priority status on the LPGA Tour after her rookie season in 2019
    - She played on the Epson Tour in 2020 and 2021, where she earned three wins

#### Rolex Rankings No. 16 Charley Hull

- Hull hit 9 of 15 fairways and 14 of 18 greens with 29 putts during the third round
  - She made six birdies and two bogeys during the second round
    - Her birdies came on Nos. 1, 8, 11, 15, 16 and 17
  - She has the second least number of bogeys in the field with five (4 bogeys, 1 double-bogey)
  - She was one of just four players to go bogey free in the second-round along with **Alison Lee**, **Jin Young Ko** and **Ryann O'Toole**
    - No player went bogey free during the first or third rounds
  - Hailing from nearby Woburn, England, Hull is familiar with Walton Heath and has played the course before
- This is the sixth time Hull has held an 54-hole lead or co-lead in her LPGA career
  - She last held a third-round lead at the 2022 The Ascendant LPGAbenefiting Volunteers of America, which she won
  - She also won the 2016 CME Group Tour Championship after holding a 36-hole lead
- This is her fifth start in an LPGA Tour major this season
  - Her best major finish this season is a T2 result at the U.S. Women's Open
  - She missed the cut at The Chevron Championship, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, and the Amundi Evian Championship
- This is Hull's 12th appearance at the AIG Women's Open
  - She has played in the event every year since 2012
  - Her best finish in the event is a T12 result, which she earned in 2014
- This is her ninth season on the LPGA Tour
  - She has two wins on Tour at the 2022 The Ascendant LPGAbenefiting Volunteers of America and the 2016 CME Group Tour Championship

#### THINGS TO KNOW

- Two players are in a tie for third at 208 after the second round
  - American **Angel Yin** shot a third-round 67 on Saturday
    - She had just one bogey or worse on the card on Saturday, tied for least in the field with **Gemma Dryburgh**
    - Yin finished runner up at the 2023 The Chevron Championship after losing in a playoff to Lilia Vu
    - This is her eighth appearance at the AIG Women's Open
      - Her best finish is a T11 result in 2017
  - **Hyo Joo Kim** shot 4-under 68 with six birdies and two bogeys
    - This is her seventh appearance at the AIG Women's Open
      - Her best finish was a T7 result in 2017
    - She is a five-time LPGA Tour winner and major champion
      - She has also won 14 times on the KLPGA and once on the JLPGA
    - She has played in all five majors this season
      - Her best 2023 major finish is a T6 result at the U.S. Women's Open
- First- and second-round leader **Ally Ewing** sits at solo fifth with a 2-stroke deficit
  - She had a five-stroke lead heading into the third round
    - Ewing's lead of five strokes after 36-holes tied the largest lead after 36 holes in AIG Women's Open history (records held since 1995), previously achieved by Emilee Klein at Woburn-Dukes in 1996 and Jiyai Shin at Royal Liverpool in 2012
    - Both of those players went on to win in those years and no-one has ever failed to win after building a lead of more than three strokes after two rounds
    - The last woman to lead any major by 5+ shots through 36 holes and not win was Patty Sheehan at the 1990 U.S. Women's Open (led by 6)
  - She has the low-round of the tournament, a 6-under 66 during round two
  - She leads the field in birdies with 15 total
- Seventy-three players made the cut at +2 after 36-holes
  - There are 17 major champions that made the cut on Friday
  - Of the ten past AIG Women's Open champions in the field, only three made the cut
    - **Jiyai Shin** is the best positioned of the past champions, sitting at -5 and T7 heading into Championship Sunday
    - **Anna Nordqvist** is -1 while Englishwoman **Georgia Hall** is +4
    - Defending champion **Ashleigh Buhai** missed the cut
  - Two amateurs, **Julia Lopez Ramirez** and England's **Charlotte Heath**, made the cut and have a chance to earn the Smyth Salver award given to the low amateur
    - Currently Heath is +3 and Ramirez is +5
- The par-4 No. 2 played as the hardest during round three, with a 4.396 scoring average
  - Not a single player made birdie on the hole on Saturday
  - There were 31 bogeys or worse on No. 2 during the third round
- This week's Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, the par-5 16th, played the easiest with a 4.306 scoring average
  - Four eagles and 47 birdies were made there on Saturday
  - Five eagles were made there on Friday and 90 birdies
  - Thirteen eagles were made there on Thursday and 77 birdies

#### QUOTABLE

"I mean, to be quite honest, with how difficult this course played today, and who knows how it's going to be tomorrow, I think my best bet going into tomorrow is just playing against the golf course. You know, if you hit a bad shot, you kind of hit it into the heather. You can get really unlucky weird bounce or a bad lie; or you can get the opposite, have

a good lie and get really lucky. So yeah, just keeping that in mind and trying not to look at the leaderboard too much because I mean, so much has changed today, and so much can change again tomorrow.” – *Alison Lee on playing against the course tomorrow and not her fellow competitors*

“To me, now my mentality has changed so much with golf. It's so much more enjoyable, like back when I was six or seven years old when I picked up golf and why I picked up golf, it's just playing the game. And you know, sometimes like you get a bad strategy, like my bogey today was trying to play smart but then it backfired and it's just, you played it wrong, and it's just a game. I think that's what so amazing about golf. I don't think I'm really playing against anyone or anything. I think it's just play my game and then enjoying it out there.” – *Angel Yin on her mentality heading into the final round*

“I think today was really big for me just in terms of confidence. It's been a while since I played -- I say awhile. It's been since Chevron that I actually felt pretty decent about my game and where it's at. So I'm just going to do the same thing I did today, just focusing on tee shots and giving myself a good opportunity for birdies, and just do that tomorrow, not think too much about the win. Because every time that happens, it just slips away from me.” – *Lilia Vu on chasing her second major championship victory of the season*

“Yeah, I just feel comfortable obviously. I've played it a few more times and now I just feel excited and comfortable and just really enjoying it. Golf is a game. It's a sport and you play it because it's fun, and I just enjoy it, I'd like to enjoy it more on these golf courses, and good or bad, I love it.” – *Charley Hull on feeling comfortable and familiar with Walton Heath*

#### **NOTABLE**

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[Angel Yin Aims To Play Aggressive On Sunday After Stellar Moving Day](#)

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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