

The Chevron Championship

The Club at Carlton Woods | The Woodlands, Texas | April 20-23, 2023

Final-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36—72; 6,585 yards
Scoring Average: R1: 73.508, R2: 72.091, R3: 72.986; R4: 74.264; Total: 73.084
Weather: Overcast skies with an isolated T-storm in the morning; consistent NE winds with gusts over 20mph in the afternoon and mid to upper 60 degree temperatures
Race to CME Globe Points: 650 (winner)
Purse: \$5.1 million (winner’s portion: \$765,000)
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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
1	Lilia Vu	-10	68-69-73-68—278
2	Angel Yin	-10	69-70-67-72—278
3	Nelly Korda	-9	68-70-70-71—279

LILIA VU EARNS SECOND-CAREER VICTORY AT THE CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP

As temperatures dropped at The Club at Carlton Woods, a new major champion rose to the occasion at The Chevron Championship. When the dust settled from a one-hole playoff, it was **Lilia Vu** holding the Dinah Shore trophy after taking a dip, continuing the pond-jump tradition made famous at Mission Hills Country Club.

“I think the emotions were high and just adrenaline, got to jump into that pond,” said Vu. But the journey to the jump was a gripping tale.

The 25-year-old started the day four shots back of overnight leaders **Allisen Corpuz** and **Angel Yin**, both searching to become Rolex First-Time Winners. The skies were gray and winds were picking with gusts up to 20mph. Dangerous weather conditions delayed play for 50 minutes at 9 a.m., pushing starting times even further into the afternoon.

Corpuz struggled from the start, with four bogeys and one birdie in her first nine holes. Yin stayed steady, balancing a bogey on the first hole with a birdie on No. 4. Vu, five groups back of the leaders, notched three birdies and rose to 9-under overall before a bogey on 9 set her back. After seven-straight pars, Vu closed with back-to-back birdies to finish with the clubhouse lead at -10 after a final-round 68.

Vu stayed in scoring, electing to wait on media responsibilities with a potential playoff, or victory, on the horizon. She watched the coverage as Yin took the solo lead with a birdie on 13 and bogeyed No. 16 before heading to the driving range. Yin picked herself up after another bogey on 17 and took on the 72nd hole in an aggressive manner, eventually missing a 30-foot putt for eagle but draining a solid 5-foot birdie opportunity to face on Vu in extra holes.

Vu and Yin both found the fairway on the 73rd hole but missed the green, with Vu finding the fringe and Yin in the water. “I hit a good drive. Honestly, I don't know how it got that far. Maybe I hit something while it landed, but it was significantly further. I think when I actually played 18 during my round, I had a hybrid in, and then all of a sudden I had a 7-iron in on the playoff hole,” said Vu. “I had just seen Angel hit, and then we were deciding what to hit, either going with the 7 or going extra with the 6-iron just to give it extra room to get over the water. I was just feeling 7-iron and I was going to hit it.

“We hit a good shot, and then I knew the green was really fast, but I wasn't sure with all the rough and into the grain from the fringe, so I left it short. But I knew on that last putt, all I had to do was just do my routine, read the putt how I usually do, and just hit this putt because I've hit that putt a million times and I knew I could make it.”

Yin’s runner-up performance ties her career-best finish in a major championship, which she also recorded at the 2019 U.S. Women’s Open. “Honestly, I held it together, and then 16 and 17 really just was like bad club decision, mind mindset on 16 off the tee, and then obviously in the playoff hole, I just didn't hit a good shot,” said Yin. “It just kind of spoke a lot about today.”

Nelly Korda recorded a Sunday 71 to notch her fourth top-five finish this season, and third-straight top-three finish in The Chevron Championship after earning a T2 result in 2020 and a tie for third in 2021. “Every single time I can finish well at a major, put myself into contention, that's what I strive to do,” said Korda, who missed the Championship in 2022 as she recovered from a blood clot. “A little sad that I didn't really have my best stuff today. My putter kind of let me down this week a little. Even though I made some really good putts, I also missed some putts that I usually don't. Overall I have a lot to work on, but for it to be the first major of the year, I think I played pretty well, and hopefully I can build on it.”

Thailand’s **Atthaya Thitikul** finished in a tie for fourth (-8) with 36-hole leader **A Lim Kim, Amy Yang, Albane Valenzuela** and Corpuz, with **Jin Young Ko** and **Megan Khang** rounding out the top 10 in a tie for ninth at -7. **Eila Galitsky** earned low amateur honors in the Championship after recording a final-round 70 (+1 overall) to finish T28.

A LOOK AT THE CHAMPION

CATEGORY	Lilia Vu
2023 Race to CME Globe Ranking (projected)	1
2023 PGA Tour Wins	2
2023 PGA Tour Top 10s	3
2023 Season Earnings	\$1,113,878
Career PGA Tour Wins	2
Career Epsom Tour Wins	3
Career PGA Tour Top 10s	11
Career Money	\$2,036,647

ABOUT THE CHAMPION

Rolex Rankings No. 12 Lilia Vu (68-69-73-68)

- Vu recorded six birdies (including one on the playoff hole) and one bogey on Sunday
 - She hit 12 of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens with 25 putts during the final round
- Vu was T-11 heading into the final round
 - She is the first LPGA major winner who was outside top-10 through 54 holes since Sherri Turner won the 1988 LPGA Championship
- Her 72-hole score of 278 is the lowest she has shot at a major championship
 - Her first- and fourth-round 68 tie her low 18-hole score at a major, which she shot previously at the 2022 AIG Women's Open
- With her win, Vu becomes the first player with multiple victories in the 2023 season
 - She became a Rolex First Time Winner at the Honda LPGA Thailand in February
- She is the third player to win in a playoff this season and second in a row
 - **Celine Boutier** (LPGA Drive On Championship) and **Grace Kim** (LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei) also won in playoffs this season
- With the \$765,000 winner's check, Vu surpasses the \$2 million mark in career earnings with \$2,036,647 earned
 - She surpassed the \$1 million mark with her win in Thailand earlier this year
- Vu becomes the 21st different player to make The Chevron Championship their first major title
- She is the second-consecutive American to win The Chevron Championship and 19th overall
- This is her third appearance in the Championship
 - She missed the cut in 2022
 - She was the low amateur at the 2018 Chevron Championship
 - She shot a 3-under 285 to finish T40
- This is her fifth start of the 2023 Tour season
 - She's made five cuts with two wins and one additional top-10 finish
- Vu's previous-best finish in a major is a tie for 10th at the 2022 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- This is her third season on the LPGA Tour

THINGS TO KNOW

- The playoff was the 10th occurrence in the Championship since 1983
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- **Angel Yin** finished runner-up after losing in a playoff against Vu
 - It was her first playoff appearance on the LPGA Tour
 - She hit her approach shot on the par-5 18th into the left-side water hazard and had an approximately 12-foot putt for par when Vu made birdie to win
 - Through three-rounds, Yin went bogey-free on the back nine
 - She made her first bogey on the back on Nos. 16 and 17 during the final round
 - She only made seven bogeys or worse during four rounds, the least in the field
 - The runner-up result ties Yin's best finish in an LPGA Tour major, which she previously earned at the 2019 U.S. Women's Open
- **Nelly Korda** finished solo third with a fourth-round 71 that culminated in an eagle on 18
 - With her third-place finish and **Lydia Ko** missing the cut at the Championship, Korda is projected to return to Rolex Rankings World No. 1
 - She last held the World No. 1 position from Nov. 14, 2022 to Nov. 28, 2022
 - This is Korda's third consecutive third-place finish or better at The Chevron Championship
 - She finished T3 in 2022 and T2 in 2020
 - She missed the 2021 playing of the event due to a blood clot in her left arm
- Final-round play was suspended at 9 a.m. local time due to dangerous weather conditions. Play restarted at 9:49 a.m., pushing original starting times for those who had not teed off back 50 minutes (9:50 restart for tee times).
- This week, No. 17 is The Chevron Challenge hole, designed by Chevron to highlight the importance of diversity and inclusion from early education to careers
 - Chevron is donating \$10,000 to the major's associated charities for every birdie made there on Thursday-Saturday and \$100,000 for every birdie made on Sunday
 - Through four days of play, one ace and 69 birdies (noice) were made on 17, including 14 on Sunday, bringing the donation total to \$2,950,000
 - Chevron will donate \$1,000,000 thanks to **In Gee Chun**'s ace on Saturday
- Chun carded the third ace of the season on No. 17 during the third round
 - She hit her 5-iron 164 yards
 - The hole-in-one became the 30th in the major's history, and the first at the championship's new home at The Club at Carlton Woods
 - With every hole-in-one made this season, CME Group will donate \$20,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as part of the CME Group Cares Challenge – Score 1 for St. Jude
 - The 2023 donation total is now \$60,000

QUOTABLE

Lilia Vu on how her grandpa has impacted her game: “Yeah, the reason I'm here is because of my grandpa... He passed away at the beginning of COVID. I was just in such a bad place with my golf game. Just everything was life or death. I just saw everybody that I've competed with being successful, and I just compared myself all the time... The last thing he told me was to play my best. He's in the hospital, thinking of me and my tournament... That's something that I think about a lot. Even today, I was getting really upset on the course, and I just had to remind me, like grandpa is with you, and he'd be really disappointed if you were getting upset like this.”

Runner-up Angel Yin on being able to stay so positive after her playoff loss: “I think I've just come a long way. I'm just really happy with who I am, where I am, and what I'm doing right now. Just a lot to appreciate. If I can talk about how much I appreciate life right now, I'll get emotional, not over this (loss).

Nelly Korda on being projected to move to World No. 1 after her solo third finish: “It would have been obviously very nice to win the major, as well, but I think being World No. 1 is very rewarding. All my hard work has paid off, and hopefully continue building, but the No. 1 ranking keeps bouncing back and forth, back and forth. That is something actually I don't really tend to focus on too much. I tend to focus on what's right in front of me, being present this week, this major, but I think the rankings at the end of the day tell you the consistent play you're playing.”

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TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 62, Lydia Ko (fourth round, 2021); Lorena Ochoa (first round, 2006)
36 holes – 132, Pernilla Lindberg (2018); Sung Hyun Park (2018)
54 holes – 200, Jennifer Kupcho (2022)
72 Holes – 269, Dottie Pepper (1999)
**Records set at the Dinah Shore Course at Mission Hills Country Club*