

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

Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes
April 19, 2023

NOTABLE PLAYERS IN THE CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP

LYDIA KO (Rolex Rankings No. 1)

"I've talked to a few of the people that are from this golf club, and they're super excited to have us here, and it's nice to come to a place where people are excited that the LPGA are here, we're excited that we're here, and it's a good championship golf course, so I'm excited for how this tournament is going to start here in the Woodlands this year and just continue to grow over the next few years." – Ko on the excitement surrounding The Chevron Championship's move to The Woodlands

- This is Ko's fourth Tour start of 2023
 - Her season-best finish is a tie for sixth at the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - She won her seventh LPGA Tour title at the Aramco Saudi Ladies International in February on the Ladies European Tour
- This is her 11th appearance in The Chevron Championship
 - She's made the cut in all previous starts at the major
 - She won the Championship back in 2016, and earned two additional top-10 finishes in 2020 (6th) and 2021 (2nd)
 - In 2021, Ko tied The Chevron Championship nine-hole record (29, -7) and the 18-hole record (62, -10) at Mission Hills Country
 - The 62 also became the lowest fourth-round score in the Championship's history, as well as the second-lowest fourth-round score in women major championship history
 - Her 272 (-16) final score in 2021 was the lowest 72-hole score by a non-winner
- When Ko won in 2016, it was the fourth (and most recent) occurrence of a player winning The Chevron Championship and the tournament before
 - She won the 2016 JTBC Classic heading into the major
 - This was also done by Annika Sorenstam in 2001 and 2005, as well as Lorena Ochoa in 2008
- According to KPMG Performance Insights, Ko has five top-10 finishes in majors the previous two seasons, tied for most of any player in that span with Minjee Lee

Most Top-10 Finishes in Majors Last Two Seasons on LPGA Tour	
Lydia Ko	5
Minjee Lee	5
Atthaya Thitikul	4
Hyo Joo Kim	4
Jin Young Ko	4
Nelly Korda	4
Patty Tavatanakit	4

- Ko leads the LPGA Tour in strokes gained total and strokes gained putting since the beginning of last season

Lydia Ko – Strokes Gained Ranks Since Beginning of 2022		
	Per Round	LPGA Tour Rank
SG: Total	2.40	1 st
SG: Tee-to-Green	1.20	11 th
SG: Putting	1.20	1 st

- Ko's last major championship win was the 2016 Chevron Championship. Since the beginning of 2017, she's +13 in round three of majors in that span, but -47 in the other three rounds

Lydia Ko – Performance by Round Major Championships Since 2017		
	Scoring Average	Score to Par
Round 1	70.8	-21
Round 2	71.0	-15
Round 3	72.0	+13
Round 4	71.1	-11

- Heading into The Chevron Championship, Ko is two points shy of the minimum threshold of 27 for induction into the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - A major championship victory is worth two LPGA Hall of Fame points
- This is her 10th season on Tour
 - She has 17 official victories on her career resume, including two major championships

NELLY KORDA (Rolex Rankings No. 2)

"I think Chevron and everyone involved in the tournament is doing an amazing job to kind of keep the traditions alive. Obviously changing

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 132 players; 72-hole stroke play, cut to top 65 and ties after 36 holes

AON Risk Reward Challenge Hole: No. 18, par 5

Purse: \$5.1 million (winner's portion is \$765,000)

Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-36-72, 6,824 yards (par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

SOCIAL MEDIA: #DRIVEON

Tournament - @Chevron_Golf (Twitter), @thechevronchampionship (Instagram)

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TV/STREAMING TIMES

(all times EDT)

Thursday, April 20 – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 6-8 p.m. (Golf Channel, golfchannel.com, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports App and Peacock)

Friday, April 21 – 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 6-8 p.m. (Golf Channel, golfchannel.com, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports App and Peacock)

Saturday, April 22 – 2-3 p.m. (Peacock), 3-4 p.m. (Golf Channel, golfchannel.com, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports App and Peacock), 4-6 p.m. (NBC, golfchannel.com, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports App and Peacock)

Sunday, April 23 – 2-3 p.m. (Peacock), 3-4 p.m. (Golf Channel, golfchannel.com, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports App and Peacock), 4-6 p.m. (NBC, golfchannel.com, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports App and Peacock)

locations is a little -- it's different for sure. But they're trying their hardest to keep the traditions alive, and for us players, I think that we appreciate that a lot." – Korda on the change surrounding the Championship

- This is Korda's sixth start of the season
 - She has earned three top-five finishes including a season-best runner up result at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Her worst result so far in 2023 is a tie for 57th at the LPGA Drive On Championship
 - In her five starts, she's shot in the 60s a total of 15 times, the most of any player

Nelly Korda LPGA Tour Ranks This Season		
		LPGA Rank*
Rounds in the 60s	15	1st
SG: Off-the-Tee	1.11	1st
Par 5 Scoring	4.37	1st
Rounds Under Par	18	T-1st
Birdies	99	1st
Birdie or Better Pct.	28.6%	2nd

*Minimum 10 rounds played

- This is her eighth appearance in The Chevron Championship
 - She missed the 2022 playing of the event due to a blood clot in her left arm
 - In her last two starts at the Championship, she finished T3 (2021) and T2 (2020), which are her two best results in the event
- Korda has a scoring average of 70.42 in the major championships since 2020, the third-best average of any player with 30 or more rounds in that span

Best Scoring Average in Majors Since Beginning of 2020	
Sei Young Kim	70.31
Hyo Joo Kim	70.32
Nelly Korda	70.42
Brooke Henderson	70.57
Minjee Lee	70.61

*Minimum 30 rounds played in span

- Korda's most recent LPGA Tour win came at the 2022 The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican in November
 - Since becoming a Tour rookie in 2017, she has earned eight LPGA Tour victories including one major championship, the 2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship

GEORGIA HALL (Rolex Rankings No. 10)

"I would have loved to have at least one win sitting here right now, but like I said, I shot 7 and 4-under in the final rounds when I come second twice. It wasn't like I was leading and was two shots ahead and I kind of choked. It gives me a lot of confidence, and I know that all the great players come second a lot, right, so I've just got to stay patient at the start of the year, so hopefully a lot more golf to be played and get a couple wins this year." – Hall on her impressive play leading into The Chevron Championship

- This is her sixth start of the LPGA Tour season
 - She has earned four top-10 finishes, including back-to-back runner-up results at the LPGA Drive On Championship and DIO Implant LA Open
 - Hall hasn't finished outside of the top-14 this season; her worst result so far is a T14 result at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - She finished in a tie for sixth last week at the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - She is currently leading the Race to the CME Globe with 861 points and the Official Money List with \$434,166 earned this season
 - She's averaging nearly twice as many strokes gained total per round through five starts in 2023 (+2.39) than she was through five starts last year (+1.20)

Georgia Hall – 1st 5 Starts of Season 2022 vs 2023		
	2022	2023
6th or better	0	3
Top 15s	2	5
Scoring Average	70.95	68.50
Strokes gained total	+1.20	+2.39

- She is ranked second on the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained putting per round

Most Strokes Gained Putting Per Round LPGA Tour This Season	
Minami Katsu	1.51
Georgia Hall	1.47
Lilia Vu	1.42
Jessica Korda	1.37
Stephanie Meadow	1.36

*Minimum 10 rounds played

- This is her seventh appearance in The Chevron Championship
 - Her best finish is a T13 result, which she earned in the 2022 playing of the event
 - She has made the cut in four of six of her previous playings
- She has two LPGA Tour victories including one major victory at the 2018 AIG Women's Open

- She became the first English major champion since Karen Stupples won the 2004 AIG Women's Open

JENNIFER KUPCHO (Rolex Rankings No. 20)

"I think it was just like a relief. I had come so close in multiple tournaments the couple of years before. To finally get the job done and win a tournament, let alone a major, it was really special. It jump started the really good rest of the season." – Kupcho on what it meant to win the 2022 Championship

- This is Kupcho's sixth event of 2023
 - She's made the cut in each Tour appearance, earning a season-best result of a tie for 16th at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- This is Kupcho's third appearance in The Chevron Championship
 - After a T22 and T60 finish in 2020 and 2021, respectively, she went on to become a Rolex First-Time Winner at the major in 2022
- Kupcho's win made her the first American to get her maiden LPGA Tour win at the event since Stacy Lewis in 2011
 - She also became the fourth American woman to become a Rolex First-Time Winner at The Chevron Championship since it became a major in 1983, following Nanci Bowen (1995), Morgan Pressel (2011) and Lewis
 - Her first-round 66 tied her lowest career opening round in a major, after also opening with a 66 in the 2019 Amundi Evian Championship
 - Her 200 became the best 54-hole score in tournament history, besting the previous record set by Pernilla Lindberg in 2018 by two strokes
 - She shot a final-round 74 and won by two strokes after holding a six-stroke lead after 54 holes; it was the second-highest final round score by an eventual winner in the major's history
 - The six-shot lead was the largest 54-hole lead at the Championship since 2000, when Karrie Webb led by eight after three rounds
- This is the first time Kupcho has defended a title on Tour
 - Following her win, she went on to win the Meijer LPGA Classic and the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational alongside playing partner Lizette Salas
- This is Kupcho's fifth season on Tour
 - She's earned three victories, and was a member of the 2021 U.S. Solheim Cup team
 - Before turning professional, she was the inaugural winner of the Augusta National Women's Amateur and was the 2018 NCAA Individual Champion while at Wake Forest University

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