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2023 CME Group Tour Championship

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*As is the case week in and week out on the LPGA Tour, it is hard to succeed without sharp approach play and putting. That proved true at the CME Group Tour Championship as well, where top-10 finishers last season gained over 75% of their strokes in those two areas.

Strokes Gained by Category

Top-10 at 2022 CME Group Tour Championship

Off the Tee	11.4%
Approach	41.9%
Around the Green	10.4%
Putting	36.3%

Lilia Vu

*Lilia Vu is one of four American players to win four times on the LPGA Tour in the same season since 2000. The last American player to win five times in an LPGA season was Juli Inkster in 1999.

Most Wins by American Player

Same LPGA Season – Since 2000

	Wins
2008 Paula Creamer	4
2012 Stacy Lewis	4
2021 Nelly Korda	4
2023 Lilia Vu	4

*Lilia Vu is one of just three players gaining at least six-tenths of a stroke per round tee-to-green and putting.

0.6 SG Tee-to-Green and Putting Per Round

This Season on LPGA Tour

	Tee-to-Green	Putting
Atthaya Thitikul	0.87	0.79
Celine Boutier	1.00	0.65
Lilia Vu	0.62	0.83



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Nelly Korda

*Nelly Korda's driver continues to be one of the best in the world. She led the LPGA Tour in strokes gained off the tee last season and ranks sixth on Tour in that statistic in 2023.

Nelly Korda

Strokes Gained Off the Tee

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+0.93	1st
2023	+0.81	6th

*Korda has 42 top-ten finishes on the LPGA Tour since the beginning of the 2019 season – three more than any other player in that span.

Most Top-10 Finishes

LPGA Tour Since Beginning of 2019

Nelly Korda	42
Brooke Henderson	39
Jin Young Ko	39
Lydia Ko	36
Danielle Kang	35

*Korda has improved mightily this season around the greens – jumping almost 70 spots in the scrambling ranking over a season ago.

Nelly Korda

Scrambling Last 2 Seasons – LPGA Tour

	Rate	LPGA Rank
2022	49.8%	121st
2023	57.7%	52nd

*Korda' strokes gained total average this season is comparable to a year ago:

Nelly Korda

Strokes Gained Total Per Round

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+1.98	4th
2023	+1.67	8th



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Celine Boutier

*Celine Boutier has made a huge leap with her short game this season, ranking at or near the top of the LPGA Tour in a few key categories around the green.

Celine Boutier Around the Green

LPGA Tour- This Season

	Stat	Rank
Scrambling Percentage	68.7%	1st
SG Around the Green	+0.53	3rd
Sand Save Percentage	58.5%	4th

*Some of Boutier's success this season can be attributed to her ability to keep big numbers off her scorecard, as she leads the LPGA Tour in bogey avoidance.

Celine Boutier Scoring

LPGA Tour- This Season

	Percentage	Rank
Birdie or Better Pct.	19.84%	T-57
Bogey Avoidance	11.43%	1st

*Remarkably, each of Celine Boutier's 4 wins this season have come in 4 different countries, making her just the 5th woman since 2010 to accomplish the unique feat.

4+ Wins in 4+ Countries in a Single Season

LPGA Tour since 2010

	# of Wins	# of Countries
2023 Celine Boutier	4	4
2015 Inbee Park	5	4
2015 Lydia Ko	5	5
2011 Yani Tseng	7	5
2010 Ai Miyazato	5	4



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Ruoning Yin

*Ruoning Yin burst onto the scene in 2023, highlighted by her first major victory at the KPMG Women's PGA in June. Supreme ball striking (off the tee + approach) fueled her breakout, where she ranked second to only Minjee Lee in strokes gained.

SG Ball Striking Leaders LPGA Tour- This Season

Minjee Lee	2.18
Ruoning Yin	1.90
Megan Khang	1.50
Hae Ran Ryu	1.33
Hyo Joo Kim	1.30

Minjee Lee

*Minjee Lee is the only player on the LPGA Tour to win multiple times in each of the last two seasons:

Most Wins LPGA Tour- Last 2 Seasons

Celine Boutier	4
Lilia Vu	4
Minjee Lee	4*
3 players tied with	3

*Only player with multiple wins each of the last 2 seasons

*Minjee Lee's approach play continues to set her apart, where she is at or near the top of the LPGA Tour in a few key categories for the second season in a row,

Minjee Lee Approach Play Ranks LPGA Tour- Last 2 Seasons

	2022	2023
SG Approach	1st	1st
Greens in Regulation	6th	2nd
Proximity from >50 yards	1st	5th

*Min. 40+ rounds



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Atthaya Thitikul

*Atthaya Thitikul's 12 top-10 finishes lead the LPGA Tour this season and are 4 more than any other player without a win.

Most Top-10 Finishes Without a Win LPGA Tour- This Season

Atthaya Thitikul	12
Ayaka Furue	8
Nelly Korda	8
Yuka Saso	8
4 players tied with	6

*Atthaya Thitikul is one of two players this season to rank inside the top-25 in both strokes gained tee to green and putting, alongside 4-time winner Celine Boutier.

Top-25 in SG Tee to Green AND Putting LPGA Tour- This Season

	Tee to Green	Putting
Celine Boutier	18th	19th
Atthaya Thitikul	23rd	12th

Jin Young Ko

*Jin Young Ko has gained 10+ shots from tee to green in 6 tournaments this season, tied with Minjee Lee for the most among all players.

10+ Strokes Gained from Tee to Green LPGA Tour- This Season

	Tournaments
Jin Young Ko	6
Minjee Lee	6
Hyo Joo Kim	4
Megan Khang	4



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*Jin Young Ko ranks 3rd among all players in strokes gained approach this season, one of just 5 players averaging over a full stroke gained per round in that category.

Strokes Gained Approach Leaders LPGA Tour- This Season

Minjee Lee	+1.54
Ruoning Yin	+1.22
Jin Young Ko	+1.13
Megan Khang	+1.09
Lauren Coughlin	+1.02

*Jin Young Ko ranks inside the top-15 in a few key approach play categories this season, including leading the LPGA Tour in proximity to the hole.

Jin Young Ko Approach Play Ranks LPGA Tour- This Season

	Stat	Rank
SG Approach	+1.13	3rd
Greens in Regulation	73.5%	13th
Proximity from >50 yards	22.2 ft	1st

Hyo Joo Kim

*Hyo Joo Kim leads the LPGA Tour in strokes gained total this season, the only player averaging over 2 strokes gained per round.

Strokes Gained Total Leaders LPGA Tour- This Season

Hyo Joo Kim	2.07
Atthaya Thitikul	1.87
Ruoning Yin	1.86
Celine Boutier	1.83
Xiyu Lin	1.80



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*No player has gone under par more often this season than Hyo Joo Kim, whose 56 subpar rounds are tops among all players.

Most Subpar Rounds LPGA Tour- This Season

Hyo Joo Kim	56
Atthaya Thitkul	53
Brooke Henderson	53
Ayaka Furue	52
Nasa Hataoka	52

Angel Yin

*Angel Yin has had a fantastic season, picking up her first career win along with 5 other top-10 finishes. She can thank her putter, which has been the LPGA Tour's best this season.

Strokes Gained Putting Leaders LPGA Tour- This Season

Angel Yin	1.39
Minami Katsu	1.37
Dottie Ardina	1.08
Hinako Shibuno	1.08
Hye-Jin Choi	1.04

Cheyenne Knight

*Approach play is the strongest part of Cheyenne Knight's game – for the second season in a row, she is in the top-20 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach per round:

Cheyenne Knight Strokes Gained Approach

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+0.61	19th
2023	+0.68	19th



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*Knight has three top-20 finishes in four starts since representing the United States in the Solheim Cup in Spain.

Cheyenne Knight **Last 4 LPGA Tour Starts**

Top-20 finishes	3
Scoring average	69.1
SG: Total	+1.56

Rose Zhang

*Zhang is one of two players ranked in the top-25 this season in strokes gained off-the-tee, approach and around the green. Her Solheim Cup teammate Megan Khang is the other:

SG Off the Tee, Approach & Around Green **Top-25 in All Three This Season**

	ZHANG	KHANG
Off the Tee	22nd	24th
Approach Green	11th	4th
Around Green	22nd	11th

*Rose has put together back-to-back top-15 finishes – she is a combined 36-under-par in that span:

Rose Zhang **Last 2 Starts on LPGA Tour**

Score to par	-36
Scoring average	67.5
Rounds under par	8-for-8
Birdie or better Pct	31.9%
Greens in regulation	84.7%

Danielle Kang

*Danielle Kang makes a higher rate of putts this season from 10-15 feet away than the LPGA Tour average.

Danielle Kang **Putting from 10-15 Feet This Season**

Kang – This Season	34.9%
LPGA Tour Average	28.9%



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Madelene Sagstrom

*Madelene Sagstrom has had a slightly down year by her standards, logging only three top-ten finishes in 21 starts. Her putter has been one of the chief reasons for the decline in performance – she’s dropped from second on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained on the greens to 42nd.

Madelene Sagstrom

Strokes Gained Putting – Last 2 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+1.27	2nd
2023	+0.33	42nd

*Sagstrom’s power continues to be one of her biggest weapons: she is ranked ninth on the LPGA Tour this season in average driving distance.

Madelene Sagstrom

Driving Distance – Last 5 LPGA Seasons

	Distance	LPGA Rank
2019	271.0	15th
2020	265.4	11th
2021	273.6	11th
2022	273.4	6th
2023	271.9	9th

Andrea Lee

*Again this season, Andrea Lee has been one of the best approach players on the LPGA Tour.

Andrea Lee

Approach Play Ranks – Last 2 Seasons

	2022	2023
SG: Approach	3rd	10th
Greens in regulation	24th	33rd
Proximity to the hole	3rd	10th

*Lee flipped the script on her season late in the summer – in her last nine starts, she’s averaging nearly nine-tenths of a stroke gained per round on the field.

Andrea Lee

Stroke Play Results This Season

	First 13 Starts	Last 9 Starts
Top 15 finishes	0	5
Scoring average	72.92	70.61
SG: Total	-0.69	+0.89



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Yuka Saso

*Yuka Saso is one of just three players this season who ranks in the top-30 in both strokes gained off-the-tee and strokes gained putting.

SG Off the Tee and Putting

Ranked in Top-30 in Both

	Off the Tee	Putting
Yuka Saso	8th	27th
Atthaya Thitikul	16th	12th
Mel Reid	20th	8th

*Saso's putting improvement this year has been enormous – she's jumped from 92nd on the LPGA Tour in 2022 in strokes gained putting to 27th this year.

Yuka Saso

Strokes Gained Putting – Last 2 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	-0.15	92nd
2023	+0.52	27th