



## Performance Insights

### Round 1 Recap: CME Group Tour Championship

#### Top Notes to Know From Round 1:

- \*Ruoning Yin: bogey-free 63; lowest opening round score of LPGA Tour career by 2 shots
- \*Nasa Hataoka: averaged 15' on approaches from 125-150 yards today (season average: 26'5")
- \*Minjee Lee: -51, 3.08 SG Total per round in last 4 LPGA Tour starts
- \*Alison Lee: 5.33 birdies or better per round, 82.1% GIR in last 3 LPGA Tour starts
- \*Jennifer Kupcho: made 3 putts of 15+ feet today (season average – 0.78 per round)

\*This is the third time Nasa Hataoka has opened up an LPGA event with a round of 63 or lower. Her lowest opening round was a 61 at the 2021 Marathon Classic, which she went on to win.

#### Nasa Hataoka

##### Lowest Opening Rounds on LPGA Tour

	Score	Finish
2021 Marathon Classic	61	Won
2023 CME Group Tour Champ.	63	?
2022 Honda LPGA Thailand	63	T-12

\*Hataoka was dialed in with her approach play in round one. For the season, she averages about 26-and-a-half feet from the hole on approaches from 125-150 yards out. Today, she was more than 11 feet better than that on her 7 approach shots from that range:

#### Nasa Hataoka – Approach Play

##### Average Proximity to the Hole

	125-150 yards	150-175 yards
Season average	26'5"	31'10"
Round 1	15'0"	20'7"

\*Both Ruoning Yin and Hye Jin Choi shot their tenth bogey-free round of the season on Thursday. Only five players have ten or more such rounds on the LPGA Tour in 2023:

#### Most Bogey-Free Rounds

##### LPGA Tour This Season

Ayaka Furue	14
Hae Ran Ryu	13
Ruoning Yin	10*
Hye Jin Choi	10*
Cheyenne Knight	10

\*Includes Thursday



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\*Ruoning Yin is ranked second on the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained approach per round. She was incredible again with her approach play on Thursday – from 125 to 150 yards away, she averaged 16’0” from the hole. Her season average from that range is 25’7”.

### Ruoning Yin

#### Average Proximity to the Hole

	125-150 Yards	150-175 Yards
LPGA Season Average	28’0”	34’6”
R. Yin – Season Average	25’7”	28’8”
R. Yin – Round 1	16’0”	23’0”

\*Minjee Lee’s opening round 64 is among her lowest first round scores on the LPGA Tour. It ties her lowest first round of the season – shot in her last start, the BMW Ladies Championship – which she went on to win.

### Minjee Lee

#### Lowest Opening Rounds on LPGA Tour

	Score	Finish
2022 Palos Verdes Championship	63	T-13
2023 CME Group Tour Championship	64	?
2023 BMW Ladies Championship	64	Won
2018 Cambia Portland Classic	64	4th
2018 Walmart NW Arkansas	64	T-3

\*Minjee Lee is now 51-under-par in her last 13 rounds on the LPGA Tour.

### Minjee Lee

#### Last 4 LPGA Tour Starts

Scoring average	68.1
Score to par	-51
SG: Total per round	+3.08
Bogey percentage	7.3%

\*Won 2 of previous 3 tournaments played



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\*Alison Lee continued her run of incredible play Thursday, firing a bogey-free 66. In her last nine LPGA rounds, she's averaging 5.33 birdies per round and hitting more than 82% of her greens in regulation.

### Alison Lee Last 3 LPGA Tour Starts

Score to par	-38
Scoring average	66.9
Birdie average	5.33
Greens in regulation	82.1%
Bogey-free rounds	3*

\*Had 2 all season entering this stretch

\*Typically a player on the LPGA Tour averages a little less than one putt made of 15+ feet per round this season. Jennifer Kupcho made three such putts in round 1, vaulting her to an opening 67:

### Made Putts of 15+ Feet Per Round – This Season on LPGA Tour

LPGA Tour average	0.80
Jennifer Kupcho – Season	0.78
Jennifer Kupcho – Round 1	3