



CME Group Tour Championship
Tiburón Golf Club | Naples, Florida | Nov. 16-19, 2023

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes
November 14, 2023

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

All times are local (EST) and subject to change

Wednesday, November 15

11:30 a.m. – Ruoning Yin

Following 8:30 a.m. pro-am (tentatively 1:30 p.m.) – Hae Ran Ryu & Rose Zhang

Following 8:30 a.m. pro-am (tentatively 2:00 p.m.) – Jin Young Ko

Thursday, November 16

9:30 a.m. – State of the Association address w/ Mollie Marcoux Saman

NEWS FROM THE LPGA TOUR

[ESPN+ to Stream Live, Exclusive Coverage of Featured Groups at CME Group Tour Championship](#)

ESPN+ will stream exclusive coverage of the LPGA Tour's CME Group Tour Championship, the final event of the 2023 LPGA Tour season, with a live Featured Groups feed starting Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 a.m. ET.

Thursday Featured Groups

Andrea Lee/Madelene Sagstrom | 7:45 a.m. ET

- Andrea Lee – No. 48 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 59 in the Race to the CME Globe, one LPGA Tour victory, 2023 U.S. Solheim Cup Team member
- Madelene Sagstrom – No. 62 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 60 in the Race to the CME Globe, one LPGA Tour victory, three-time European Solheim Cup Team member, 2020 Olympian

Danielle Kang/Perrine Delacour | 8:15 a.m. ET

- Danielle Kang – No. 42 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 53 in the Race to the CME Globe, six-time LPGA Tour winner, four-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member, 2020 Olympian
- Perrine Delacour – No. 76 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 54 in the Race to the CME Globe, 2020 Olympian

Cheyenne Knight/Rose Zhang | 10:45 a.m. ET

- Cheyenne Knight – No. 59 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 23 in the Race to the CME Globe, two-time LPGA Tour winner, 2023 U.S. Solheim Cup Team member
- Rose Zhang – No. 26 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 24 in the Race to the CME Globe, one LPGA Tour victory, 2023 U.S. Solheim Cup Team member

Nelly Korda/Yuka Saso | 11:25 a.m. ET

- Nelly Korda – No. 6 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 15 in the Race to the CME Globe, eight-time LPGA Tour winner, three-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member, 2020 Olympic gold medalist
- Yuka Saso – No. 24 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 16 in the Race to the CME Globe, one LPGA Tour victory, 2020 Olympian

ESPN+ coverage of Friday and Saturday rounds will be determined when pairings and tee times are announced. Sunday's final round will stream in the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. timeframe and include coverage of the par-3 16th hole.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2023 CME GROUP TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

- This is the 10th playing of the CME Group Tour Championship and 10th-consecutive year it will be hosted by Tiburon Golf Club's Gold Course
 - Between 2011-13, the season-ending event was played as the CME Group Titleholders
 - The tournament was played at Grand Cypress Golf Club in 2011 and TwinEagles Golf Club in 2012
 - The purse is \$7 million, with the winner receiving \$2 million
- There are four past champions in the field including **Jin Young Ko** (2019, 2020), **Sei Young Kim** (2018), **Ariya Jutanugarn** (2016) and **Charley Hull** (2015)
 - Last season's winner **Lydia Ko** (No. 100) and 2017 winner **Lexi Thompson** (No. 79) did not make the field
- Twenty-two of the 23 LPGA Tour winners this season are in the field
 - TOTO Japan Classic winner **Mone Inami** is the only 2023 winner who is not in the field
- Six of the 32 LPGA Tour rookies are making their CME Group Tour Championship debuts
 - **Grace Kim**, **Alexa Pano**, **Hae Ran Ryu**, **Chanette Wannasaen** and **Rose Zhang** are the five rookie winners on Tour this season
 - **Yuna Nishimura** is the only rookie in the field to not have won
- **Linn Grant**, **Stephanie Kyriacou** and **Ruoning Yin** are all competing in Naples for the first time
 - Kyriacou entered last week's ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican on the bubble at No. 71 on the Race to CME Globe pints list and jumped to No. 51 after her T5 finish
- Nine of the top-10 in the Rolex Women's Golf Rankings are in the field
 - **Lilia Vu** returned to No. 1 after her win at The ANNIKA, usurping Yin who held the spot for the last two weeks
- **Hae Ran Ryu** was announced as the 2023 Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year earlier this week
 - Ryu became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
 - Outside of her win, she has five additional top-10 finishes and has earned over \$1.5 million
 - She is the sixth player from the Republic of Korea since 2015 to earn the honor and 14th since **Se Ri Pak** in 1998
 - She is the first since **Jeongeun Lee6** earned the award in 2019
- **Angel Yin** was announced earlier today as the 2023 Aon Risk Reward Challenge winner
 - She is the fourth winner of the year-long competition since it began in 2019
 - She joins **Minjee Lee** (2022), **Hannah Green** (2021) and **Carlota Ciganda** (2020)
 - In 2020, due to the global pandemic, the prize money was not awarded to an individual, but was reallocated to support the restart of the LPGA Tour season and the newly created LPGA Drive On Championship at Inverness Club
 - The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a season-long competition across both the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour that highlights golf's best decision makers

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TV & STREAMING TIMES

Tuesday, November 14

Road to the CME Group Tour Championship Preview Show

6:00-6:30pm – Live from the CME Group Tour Championship on NBC GOLF Channel, Peacock

Thursday, November 16

Round 1

7:45/8:15/10:45/11:25 a.m. – ESPN+ Featured Group Coverage

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Live on Peacock, International
3:00-5:00 p.m. – Live on NBC GOLF Channel, Peacock, International

Friday, November 17

Round 2

TBD - ESPN+ Featured Group Coverage
2:00-3:00 p.m. – Live on Peacock, International
3:00-5:00 p.m. – Live on NBC GOLF Channel, Peacock, International

Saturday, November 18

Round 3

TBD - ESPN+ Featured Group Coverage
2:00-5:00 p.m. – Live on Peacock/International
4:00-7:00 p.m. – Tape Delay on NBC GOLF Channel

Sunday, November 19

Final Round

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. – ESPN+ Featured Group Coverage & 16th Hole Coverage
1:00-4:00 p.m. – Live on NBC, Peacock, International

- She joins Tyrell Hatton from the PGA Tour as 2023 winners
- She was awarded the Aon Trophy and \$1 million in prize money

2023 SEASON-LONG STATISTICS AND AWARDS

Statistical Leaders

Official Money: Lilia Vu, \$3,252,303
 Scoring Average: Atthaya Thitikul, 69.676
 Birdies: Nasa Hataoka, 342
 Eagles: Jennifer Kupcho and Bailey Tardy, 12
 Holes in One: In Gee Chun, 2
 Greens in Regulation: Olivia Cowan, 76.4%
 Average Driving Distance: Polly Mack, 281.750

2023 Award Leaders

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Lilia Vu	196 points
2	Celine Boutier	169 points
3	Ruoning Yin	137 points

Rolex Player of the Year Projections: Only the top two players on the points list, **Lilia Vu** and **Celine Boutier**, have a mathematical chance to win Rolex Player of the Year. Vu leads Boutier by 27 points and has the most chances of winning. She can outright win with a seventh-place finish or better. If Vu finishes ninth or worse, she needs Boutier to finish second or worse.

Boutier must win and have Vu finish eighth or worse to win Rolex Player of the Year. If Boutier wins and Vu finishes eighth, both players would be tied with 199 points and each player would receive the award. If Boutier does not win, Vu wins the Rolex Player of the Year award.

			Rolex Player of the Year - Finish Position Scenarios									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rank	Player	Points	30	12	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1	Lilia Vu	196	226	208	205	203	202	201	200	199	198	197
2	Celine Boutier	169	199	181	178	176	175	174	173	172	171	170

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Hae Ran Ryu	893 points
2	Grace Kim	619 points
3	Rose Zhang	513 points

***Clinched**

[Hae Ran Ryu Wins 2023 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year Award](#)

Ryu clinches honor heading into the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship

The LPGA Tour announced Monday that Hae Ran Ryu has earned the 2023 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award. Ryu clinched the honor after finishing in a tie for 12th at last week's The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican. Entering the CME Group Tour Championship, she has earned 893 total points and holds an impassable 274-point lead over Grace Kim in the standings.

Ryu is the sixth player from the Republic of Korea since 2015 to earn the honor, and first since Jeongeun Lee6 in 2019. She is the 14th Korean to earn the award since Se Ri Pak in 1998.

"I'm honored to earn the Rookie of the Year award and add my name to the prestigious list of winners before me. This year has been a memorable one, and I'm proud of what I've been able to accomplish on the LPGA Tour," said Ryu. "I'm forever grateful to my team and fans for their support over my first season, and I can't wait to close out the year at the CME Group Tour Championship."

Rolex ANNIKA Major Award		
1	Lilia Vu	120 points
2	Allisen Corpuz	84 points
T3	Celine Boutier	60 points
T3	Ruoning Yin	60 points

***Clinched**

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Angel Yin	-0.933
2	Atthaya Thitikul	-0.895
3	Carlota Ciganda	-0.861

***Clinched**

[Angel Yin Wins Aon Trophy and \\$1 Million Prize in Decisive Victory](#)

Fifth Year of the Aon Risk Reward Challenge continues to award the LPGA Tour's best decisions makers

Season-long competition rewards players who make better decisions on the most strategically challenging holes across the LPGA Tour and PGA TOUR

Aon plc (NYSE: AON), a leading global professional services firm, and the LPGA Tour today announced Angel Yin as the champion of the 2023 Aon Risk Reward Challenge. As the winner of the season-long competition, Yin will be awarded both the Aon Trophy and the \$1 million prize for her ability to make better decisions on the most strategically challenging holes throughout the LPGA Tour season.

"I'm thrilled to be named the Aon Risk Reward Challenge Champion this year," says Yin. "Golf is shaped by decision-making under pressure, so it's great to be recognized for something that is so key to success in this game. Several talented players have won this title before me and it's an honor to join in this legacy and stand alongside them as a winner of the Aon Trophy."

Race to the CME Globe		
1	Celine Boutier	3,076.983 points
2	Lilia Vu	2,981.968 points
3	Ruoning Yin	2,544.298 points

Race to CME Globe Update: After 31 official events, two team competitions, 12 countries and 11 states, the 2023 LPGA Tour season comes down to one week. The season-ending CME Group Tour Championship, held at Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Fla., is set for four days of fierce competition from a world-class field of elite athletes. Come Sunday afternoon, one player will don the winner's blue jacket and earn a prize of \$2 million, along with the title of Race to the CME Globe Champion.

The final CME Group Tour Championship field is led by all four 2023 major champions – **Celine Boutier** (Amundi Evian Championship), **Allisen Corpuz** (U.S. Women's Open), **Lilia Vu** (The Chevron Championship, AIG Women's Open) and **Ruoning Yin** (KPMG Women's PGA Championship). Boutier, Corpuz, Vu and Yin are joined by 18 other winners from the 2023 season,

including two-time CME Group Tour Championship winner **Jin Young Ko**; 2023 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year **Hae Ran Ryu**; and Ryu's fellow rookie **Rose Zhang**, who won the Mizuho Americas Open in her professional debut.

Overall, the 60-player CME Group Tour Championship field represents 163 total career LPGA Tour victories, including 27 major titles. There are 23 Solheim Cup players and 28 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown players, as well as 24 players who have represented their countries at the Olympics. **Patty Tavatanakit** and **Stephanie Kyriacou** earned their spots in the field off their performances at last week's The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican. Kyriacou is also one of nine players who are making their CME Group Tour Championship debuts, along with **Linn Grant**, **Grace Kim**, **Yuna Nishimura**, **Alexa Pano**, Ryu, **Chanettee Wannasaen**, Yin and Zhang.

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA event to qualify for the season-ending tournament, the CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion." The top 60 points earners and ties earn a spot into the season finale with the entire field competing for a \$7 million purse highlighted by a \$2 million winner's check, which ties the largest single prize in the history of women's golf.

CME Group Cares Challenge – Score 1 for St. Jude Update:

The CME Group Cares Challenge is a season-long charitable giving program that turns aces into donations. CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2023, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases. There have been 18 aces on Tour in 2023, bringing the season's total to \$360,000 heading into the final event of the year, the CME Group Tour Championship.

Wins by Country (31 tournaments, 11 countries)

11 – United States (Allisen Corpuz, Megan Khang, Cheyenne Knight, Alexa Pano, Elizabeth Szokol, Lilia Vu (4), Angel Yin, Rose Zhang)
4 – Australia (Hannah Green, Grace Kim, Minjee Lee (2))
4 – France (Celine Boutier (4))
4 – Republic of Korea (Hyo Joo Kim, Jin Young Ko (2), Hae Ran Ryu)
2 – People's Republic of China (Ruoning Yin (2))
2 – Thailand (Pajaree Anannarukarn, Chanettee Wannasaen)
1 – Canada (Brooke Henderson)
1 – Ireland (Leona Maguire)
1 – Japan (Mone Inami)
1 – South Africa (Ashleigh Buhai)
1 – Sweden (Linn Grant)

Wins by Player (31 tournaments, 23 players)

4 – Celine Boutier (LPGA Drive On Championship, Amundi Evian Championship, FREED Group Women's Scottish Open presented by Trust Golf, Maybank Championship)
4 – Lilia Vu (Honda LPGA Thailand, The Chevron Championship, AIG Women's Open, The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican)
2 – Jin Young Ko (HSBC Women's World Championship, Cognizant Founders Cup)
2 – Minjee Lee (Kroger Queen City Championship, BMW Ladies Championship)
2 – Ruoning Yin (DIO Implant LA Open, KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
1 – Pajaree Anannarukarn (LPGA Bank of Hope LPGA Match-Play presented by MGM Rewards)
1 – Ashleigh Buhai (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)
1 – Allisen Corpuz (U.S. Women's Open)
1 – Linn Grant (Dana Open)
1 – Hannah Green (JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro)
1 – Brooke Henderson (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)
1 – Mone Imani (TOTO Japan Classic)
1 – Megan Khang (CPKC Women's Open)
1 – Hyo Joo Kim (The Ascendant LPGA benefiting Volunteers of America)
1 – Cheyenne Knight (Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational)
1 – Grace Kim (LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei)
1 – Leona Maguire (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)
1 – Alexa Pano (ISPS Handa World Invitational)
1 – Hae Ran Ryu (Walmart NW Arkansas Championship)
1 – Elizabeth Szokol (Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational)
1 – Chanettee Wannasaen (Portland Classic)
1 – Angel Yin (Buick LPGA Shanghai)
1 – Rose Zhang (Mizuho Americas Open)

Average Age of 2023 Winners: 25.281

Youngest Winner: Alexa Pano (19 years)

Oldest Winner: Ashleigh Buhai (34 years, 1 month)