After finishing T15 at the 2022 Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, Paula Reto and Paula Reto, aka Team Hot Shots, have returned to Midland, Michigan, and improved upon their string of great play at Midland Country Club. This time last year, the duo sat at T12 with a total of 132 after a round each of foursomes and fourball play. This year, they are in T2 heading into round three.

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Lead the field at -14 thanks largely to a second-round 61, the second lowest round of the day. The duo got off to what they described as a “rough start” with a bogey on No. 2. It was, in fact, a kickstart to a string of birdies for the team. The Hot Shots birdied Nos. 7, 8 and 9 to make the turn at 30, then added four more on 11, 12, 14 and 15 to finish -9 on the day. For Lewis, who has played primarily on the Epson Tour this year with just one LPGA Tour start at the Dana Open, this is the first post-round lead she has held on the LPGA Tour.

“*I hit a little shot to the right. Everyone else was in the fairway. I was like, ‘it’s okay. I got a good little line open to the flag.’ The wind was helping, so I hit one club less, and I hit it really strong, nice. ‘Okay, it’s going to be close,’ and then, bang, one hop and then in the hole. So I was, like, okay, this could be the start of the birdie train,” Reto said, adding with a laugh, “Amelia picked up on the fairway.”

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Reto and Lewis had eight birdies and one eagle between No. 3 and No. 15. Together, the duo hit 12 of 14 fairways and 17 of 18 greens with a total of 16 putts. They carded a near bogey-free round, with just one bogey on the par-4 5th.

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In T2 heading into round three are Englishwoman Jodi-Ewart Shadoff and American Emma Talley, who shot the low round of the day with a bogey free 10-under 60. The duo have played this event together three times with a best finish of T31. They are joined in second by last year’s runners up Matilda Castren and Kelly Tan, who improved upon their 2022 second-round score of 130 with a two-day, 13-under 127 this year.

“I think the biggest thing for us was the alternate shot yesterday because I felt like we played as well with best ball. I don’t know what we shot (in 2022), but I felt like the alternate shot yesterday really was the difference between this year and last year,” Tan said.

Castren agreed, saying, “All we want to do is put ourselves in a good position. I think we can be really happy how we played yesterday and have that same kind of comfort level going into (foursomes) tomorrow.”

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Each of the previous three winning teams at this event have been within three shots of the lead since the opening round.

Round 1 leaders Matilda Castren and Kelly Tan went bogey-free once again.

Celine Boutier and Yuka Saso recorded seven birdies as a duo in their second-round.

They went bogey-free for the second-straight day as a team.

LPGA Rookies Celine Boutier and Polly Mack ended their fourball day with a six-under 64.

The duo went bogey-free with six carded birdies.

Both are looking for their first top-10 finish of their career.

Jodie Ewart Shadoff and Emma Talley finished T2 after starting their day at T7.

The team went bogey-free with 10 carded birdies, tied for the most among the field in the second round.

This is Talley’s 12th start of the year and Shadoff’s 14th event of the season.

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Cheyenne Knight and Elizabeth Szokol tied the second-lowest score of the day with a nine-under 61.

The duo recorded 10 birdies with one bogey.

They made the jump up the leaderboards starting their day T18 and finishing T6.

Sponsor invites Annabelle Pancake and Savannah Grewal shot a six-under heading into the weekend.

They are the only sponsor invite team to make the cut.

Pancake won the Suzann Peterson Amateur Qualifer this year and selected Grewal as her partner.

In 2022, Grewal won the Suzann Peterson Amateur Qualifer and selected Pancake as her partner, and they missed the cut by one shot.

Pancake is a rising senior and Grewal is a rising graduate student, and helped lead their team to its first ACC Championship in 2023.

The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational is a 72-hole, stroke-play team event with teams comprised of two players.

The first and third rounds are played in foursomes (alternate shot).

The second and final rounds are played in a fourball (best-ball) format.

After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low-35 teams and ties.

Paula Creamer on why she hopes playing partner Jane Park will return to the LPGA Tour:

"Because I know she loves golf, and I know she loves being out here. I know her mind isn’t where it was two years ago, but the fact that she’s playing in front of her family and her friends, and you know, she is so talented. I don’t want it to end for her just personally. I would love for her to keep going, if she can. With Grace being here too, it’s pretty special.”

Annabelle Pancake on what she is most looking forward to as they head back to Clemson University this fall:

"Sawing our teammates. We love them. Our team atmosphere has been so great this year, and obviously we won ACCs, and that makes the team even closer. Definitely excited to be back with the team and competing for the Tigers again.” Annabelle Pancake

"Yeah, we have a lot of fun on the golf course, but I think we have more fun off the golf course just hanging out with each other. So looking forward to that.” Savannah Grewal

Celine Boutier on the Midland CC suits her and Yuka Saso’s game:

"I think it’s a fun course because they can play around with the tee boxes a little bit and I feel like some par-5s are – I mean, it’s more exciting for me because my partner is a little bit longer, so I feel like it’s a little bit more exciting that way because I’m, like, oh, maybe this one (indiscernible) too. Yeah, it’s fun to also be able to have a partner. It’s something that we don’t really get to play often, and I feel like it’s just a fun format and a fun course that’s pretty fitting for the tournament.”

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Celine Boutier and Yuka Saso Show Their Personalities in Post-Round Interview

Clemson University Players Make the Cut at the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational

A Busy Leaderboard Headed Into the Weekend in Midland, Michigan

Tournament Scoring Records:

18 holes - Foursomes (alternate shot): 64, Ariya Jutanugarn/Moriya Jutanugarn (2019, R3); Lizette Salas/Jennifer Kupcho (2022, R3)

18 holes - Four-ball (best ball): 58, Minjee Lee/Soo Yeon Lee (2019, R4)

36 holes: 126, Ariya Jutanugarn/Moriya Jutanugarn (2021); Pauline Roussin/Dewi Weber (2022)

54 holes: 193, Lizette Salas/Jennifer Kupcho (2022)

72 holes: 253, Cydney Clanton & Jasmine Suwannapura, (2019)