



Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational
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Second-Round Notes
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Course Setup: 35-35-70; 6,165 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 70.651, R2: 67.689

Weather: Mixed skies with a brief thunderstorm in the afternoon, suspending play for over two hours; Temperatures peaking at 80F and west northwesterly winds increasing to about 22 mph and gusts up to 60 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 410 to each winner

Purse: \$2.7 million; winning team will split \$656,230 (\$328,115 each)

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LEADERBOARD			
	Team	To par	Score
1	Paula Reto/Ameila Lewis	-14	65-61 – 126
T2	Jodi Ewart Shadoff/Emma Talley	-13	67-60 – 127
T2	Matilda Castren/Kelly Tan	-13	64-63 – 127
4	Celine Boutier/Yuka Saso	-12	65-62 – 128
5	Celine Borge/Polly Mack	-11	65-64 – 129

TEAM HOT SHOTS TAKE LEAD WITH FANTASTIC FOURBALL PERFORMANCE IN MIDLAND

After finishing T15 at the 2022 Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, **Amelia Lewis** 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 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 and a weather delay that suspended their round early. But after a pep talk on No. 5, Reto holed out from the right side rough to earn an eagle for the team.

“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.”

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. Reto has been in this position a few times before, most notably when she won the 2022 CPKC Women’s Open.

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 two 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.”

Thirty-seven teams made the cut at -3 and will be playing foursomes again on Friday. Notable teams to miss the cut are major champions **Brooke Henderson** and **Lexi Thompson**, 2023 KPMG Women’s PGA Championship winner **Ruoning Yin** and partner **Xiaowen Yin**, and **Georgia Hall** and **Ryann O’Toole**.

Jane Park, who returned to the LPGA Tour after almost two years away, missed the cut along with partner **Paula Creamer**. Park, who said this event may be her “swan song,” was determined to leave the LPGA Tour on her own terms after having to step away from the game due to her daughter’s health problems. Her daughter, Grace, suffered a series of undiagnosed seizures in 2021 when she was 10 months old and was diagnosed with intractable epilepsy.

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Paula Reto	Amelia Lewis
2023 Race to CME Globe Points List	81	0
2023 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
2023 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1	0
2023 Season Earnings	\$102,326	\$0
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1	0
Career Ladies European Tour Wins	0	0
Career Epson Tour Wins	0	0
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	10	2
Career Money	\$1,717,677	\$559,257

Rolex Rankings No. 83 Paula Reto/Rolex Rankings No. 923 Amelia Lewis (1st, -14)

- 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
 - Reto and Lewis had eight birdies and one eagle between No. 3 and No. 15
- This is the second time that Reto and Lewis have teamed up for the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational
 - Last year, they finished in a tie for 15th at 15-under
 - Their second-round -9 today beat their 2022 second-round score by two strokes
- This is Reto’s 16th event of the 2023 LPGA Tour season
 - Her best finish came at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, where she finished T6
 - She has missed eight cuts thus far including her last three events
- Reto’s rookie year on the LPGA Tour was in 2014, making this her ninth year on Tour
 - Last year, she became a Rolex First-Time winner at the CPKC Women’s Open
 - Reto competed in the 2016 Rio Olympics, representing South Africa
- For the 2023 LPGA Tour season, this is Lewis’ 2nd event
 - Besides the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, her only other LPGA Tour event was at last week’s Dana Open
 - There, she missed the cut with a two-day total of +2
 - Lewis has also competed in 10 events on the Epson Tour in 2023
 - Her best finish on the Epson Tour came at the Island Resort Championship presented by Delta County Chamber, a tie for 11th
- This is Lewis’ 11th year playing tournaments on the LPGA Tour
 - Prior to turning professional, she won the 2009 North and South Amateur Championship

THINGS TO KNOW

- Second-round play was suspended at 1:06 p.m. due to dangerous weather conditions and resumed at 3:28 p.m. (2-hour, 22 min delay)
- Thirty-seven teams made the cut at -3
 - Notable teams to miss the cut are **Lexi Thompson** and **Brooke Henderson**, **Ruoning Yin** and **Xiaowen Yin**, **Georgia Hall** and **Ryann O’Toole**, and **Jane Park** and **Paula Creamer**

- 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
 - The team carded seven birdies in their fourball round
- **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 Borge** 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
 - Talley is looking for her first top-10 finish this year
- **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 leaderboard 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 Qualifier this year and selected Grewal as her partner
 - In 2022, Grewal won the Suzann Peterson Amateur Qualifier 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

QUOTABLE

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 and Savannah Grewal on what they are most looking forward to as they head back to Clemson University this fall

"Seeing 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 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."

NOTABLE

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[Celine Boutier/Yuka Saso Second Round Highlights | 2023 Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational](#)

[Rookie Team "Mackle Borge" Fires 64 in Second Round of Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational](#)

[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/Jin Young Ko (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)