



Honda LPGA Thailand
Siam Country Club (Pattaya Old Course) | Chonburi, Thailand | Feb. 23-26, 2023

Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes
Feb. 21, 2023

****UPDATED** MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE**

(All times local and subject to change)

Wednesday, Feb. 22

10:40 a.m. – Minjee Lee
10:50 a.m. – Nanna Koerstz Madsen
11:00 a.m. – Nelly Korda
11:10 a.m. – Atthaya Thitikul

All times approximate

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE HONDA LPGA THAILAND

- This is the 16th playing of the Honda LPGA Thailand and the 13th year it's been held at the Pattaya Old Course at Siam Country Club in Chonburi, Thailand
 - In 2006, the tournament was contested at Amata Spring Country Club and has been played at Siam Country Club since 2007
 - The event was played on the Pattaya Plantation Course at Siam Country Club in 2009
 - The Honda LPGA Thailand was not contested in 2008 due to scheduling changes nor was it played in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- This is the LPGA Tour's only event in Thailand
- In 2022, 68.675 was the tournament scoring average across four rounds
 - The par-4, 11th played as the toughest hole on the Pattaya Old Course in 2022, with a scoring average of 4.060
 - The par-5, 7th and par-5, 18th were the easiest two holes on the Old Course in 2022, with both having a scoring average of 4.404
- Denmark's **Nanna Koerstz Madsen** became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2022 Honda LPGA Thailand
 - Koerstz Madsen defeated **Xiyu Lin** in a playoff with an eagle on the second extra hole
 - Lin finished runner-up two additional times in 2022 at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G and The Ascendant LPGA benefitting Volunteers of America
 - Koerstz Madsen and Lin both set the new 72-hole tournament scoring record in 2022 with four-day totals of 262 (-26)
 - Koerstz Madsen tied the 54-hole tournament scoring record last year with a three-day total of 195 (-21)
 - In addition to her victory, Koerstz Madsen went on to finish in the top 10 two more times last season
 - Koerstz Madsen lost in a playoff to **Atthaya Thitikul** at the JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol in her very next start after winning
 - She finished T8 at The Chevron Championship which was her best finish in a major last season
- **Nasa Hataoka** and **Su Oh** tied the 36-hole scoring record at the 2022 Honda LPGA Thailand with a two-day total of 128 (-16)
- There are 11 players from Thailand in the field this week, including **Pajaree Anannarukarn, Jaravee Boonchant, Ariya Jutanugarn, Moriya Jutanugarn, Wichanee Meechai, Pornanong Phatlum, Patty Tavatanakit, Thitikul, Natthakrita Vongtaveelap, Chanettee Wannasaen** and **Arpichaya Yubol**
 - Ariya Jutanugarn won this event in 2021, defeating Thitikul by one shot; Thitikul was not an LPGA Member at the time

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Competition Format: 72 players; 72-hole stroke play, no cut
Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole: No. 15, par 4
Purse: \$1.7 million; winner's portion is \$255,000
Whiteline Par and Yardage: 36-36-72, 6,576 yards (par and yardage are subject to change through the start of the tournament)

SOCIAL MEDIA: #DRIVEON

Tournament - Honda LPGA Thailand (Facebook), @hondalpgath (Twitter), @hondalpgathailand (Instagram)
LPGA Tour - @LPGA and @LPGAMedia (Facebook & Twitter), @lpga_tour (Instagram)

TV TIMES

(all times EST on Golf Channel)
Wednesday, Feb. 22 – 10 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 23 – 10 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 24 – 10:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25 – 10:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m.

STREAMING TIMES

(all times EST on golfchannel.com, NBCSports.com, and the NBC Sports App)
Wednesday, Feb. 22 – 10 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 23 – 10 p.m. - 3 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 24 – 10:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25 – 10:30 p.m. - 3:30 a.m.

- Jutanugarn became the first Thai player to win in her home country on the LPGA Tour
- Thitikul was a 2022 LPGA Tour rookie, winning twice at the JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol and the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
- She also ascended to No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings for the first time in her career, just the second Thai player ever to do so alongside Ariya Jutanugarn
 - Boonchant, Vongtaveelap, Wannasaen and Yubol are all playing in their first LPGA Tour event as a Member
 - All four received LPGA Tour Membership after finishing in the top 45 and ties at 2022 LPGA Q-Series
- Nine of the top 10 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings are in the field, including No. 1 **Lydia Ko**, **Nelly Korda**, **Minjee Lee**, Thitikul, **Jin Young Ko**, **Brooke Henderson**, **In Gee Chun**, **Hyo-Joo Kim** and Hataoka
 - Lydia Ko is coming off a victory at the Saudi Ladies International, defeating Aditi Ashok by one shot
 - Henderson won the season-opening Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions in January, defeating **Maja Stark** and **Charley Hull** by four shots
 - Lydia Ko, Lee, Thitikul, Jin Young Ko, Chun and Kim are all making their 2023 LPGA Tour debut
- There are four past champions in the field this week, including Koerstz Madsen, Ariya Jutanugarn, **Amy Yang** and **Anna Nordqvist**
 - Yang is the only three-time winner of the Honda LPGA Thailand and is the only other player besides **Yani Tseng** to have won this event more than once
- There are 12 sponsor exemptions this week: **Saki Baba (a)**, Boonchant, **Muni He**, **Akie Iwai**, **Chisato Iwai**, **Frida Kinhult**, Meechai, **Emily Kristine Pedersen**, **Yuting Shi**, Vongtaveelap, Wannasaen and Yubol
 - Japanese native Baba (a) won the 2022 U.S. Women's Amateur, defeating Monet Chun 11 and 9 in the final match
 - Also from Japan, twin sisters Akie and Chisato Iwai are making their professional debuts at the Honda LPGA Thailand

2023 SEASON-LONG STATISTICS

Statistical Leaders:

Official Money: Brooke Henderson, \$225,000

Scoring Average: Brooke Henderson, 68

Birdies: Paula Reto, 21

Eagles: Yuka Saso, 2

Holes in One: 0

Greens in Regulation: Maja Stark, 83.3%

Average Driving Distance: Yuka Saso, 271.750

Strokes Gained Total – Per Round: Brooke Henderson, 3.250

Award Leaders:

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Brooke Henderson	30 points
T2	Charley Hull	12 points
T2	Maja Stark	12 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	11 players	-1.000
2	13 players	-.500

Race to the CME Globe		
1	Brooke Henderson	500 points
T2	Charley Hull	275 points
T2	Maja Stark	275 points

Race to CME Globe Update:

The 2023 Race to the CME Globe continues at the 16th playing of the Honda LPGA Thailand. Canada's **Brooke Henderson** currently leads the way with 500 points following her four-shot victory at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions. Two-time LPGA Tour winner **Charley Hull** and six-time LET winner **Maja Stark** sit in a tie for second with 275 points and major champion **Nelly Korda** is currently fourth in the standings with 180 points. Japanese native **Nasa Hataoka** rounds out the top five with 145 total points.

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, CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion."

Beginning in 2019, players started earning points at each official LPGA Tour event throughout the season leading up to the CME Group Tour Championship. The top 60 points earners and ties then earn a spot in the CME Group Tour Championship with the entire field competing for a \$7 million purse highlighted by a \$2 million winner's check, the largest single prize in the history of women's golf.

2023 Wins by Country: (1 tournament, 1 country)

1 – Canada (Brooke Henderson)

2023 Wins by Player: (1 tournament, 1 player)

1 – Brooke Henderson (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)

Average Age of 2023 Winners: 25

Youngest winner: Brooke Henderson (25 years, 4 months, 12 days)

Oldest winner: Brooke Henderson (25 years, 4 months, 12 days)

Team USA Solheim Cup Standings:

- 1 – Nelly Korda, 262 points
- 2 – Lexi Thompson, 258 points
- 3 – Danielle Kang, 212 points
- 4 – Jennifer Kupcho, 196 points
- 5 – Andrea Lee, 181 points
- 6 – Lilia Vu, 178 points
- 7 – Megan Khang, 154 points
- 8 – Jessica Korda, 148 points
- 9 – Ryann O’Toole, 122 points
- 10 – Alison Lee, 116 points

[Team USA Solheim Cup standings](#)

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