



HSBC Women's World Championship
Sentosa Golf Club (Tanjong Course) | Singapore | Mar. 2-5, 2023

Third-Round Notes
Mar. 4, 2023

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Course Setup: 36-36—72; 6,572 yards
Scoring Average: R1: 71.229; R2: 70.179; R3: 72.560
Weather: On-and-off showers throughout the day; one delay from 11:31am to 1:40pm local
Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)
Purse: \$1.8 million (winner's portion: \$270,000)
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LEADERBOARD			
		To par	Score
1	Jin Young Ko	-14	72-65-65 – 202
2	Nelly Korda	-12	68-68-68 – 204
T3	Allisen Corpuz	-11	70-65-70 – 205
T3	Elizabeth Szokol	-11	64-71-70 – 205

KO LEADS, KORDA LURKS WITH 18 TO PLAY AT HSBC WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings No. 5 **Jin Young Ko** is well on her way to defending her title at the 15th playing of the HSBC Women's World Championship. The 13-time LPGA Tour winner fired a third-round, 7-under, 65 on Moving Day at the Tanjong Course at Sentosa Golf Club, making eight birdies and one bogey to post at -14 overall and lead by two. Ko came out swinging on Saturday, birdieing the first hole right out of the gate and then carding three consecutive birdies on holes 3, 4 and 5. She dropped a shot on the par-3, 7th, but quickly recovered with a birdie on No. 8, and then parred the ninth to turn in 32. Ko made three more pars on holes 10, 11 and 12 and grabbed another birdie at the par-5, 13th, this week's [Aon Risk Reward Challenge](#) hole. She notched two more pars on the 14th and 15th and closed her day with two birdies on Nos. 16 and 17 and a par on the last, a final one-two punch that gave her the 54-hole lead, the first time she's held the third-round lead/co-lead since the 2021 CME Group Tour Championship.

"I tried to focus really hard on the front nine, and I got four birdies in five holes. I felt, yeah, today is a good day, so keep going," said Ko, who hit 11 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens on Saturday. "I tried (hard) on the back nine. I played well today but I had some missed putts and some great shots but not good shoots, too. It's okay, I have one more round to go so let's keep it up."

Rolex Rankings No. 2 **Nelly Korda** lurks two shots behind Ko at -12 overall after carding her third consecutive 4-under, 68 in Singapore. Playing with Ko in group 17, Korda kept things steady early, making two birdies in her first five holes on Nos. 2 and 5. She bogeyed the par-3, 7th, but bounced right back with a birdie on hole 8, the easiest hole on the Tanjong Course on day three with a scoring average of 4.515. After a 2-hour and 9-minute stoppage of play due to heavy rainfall, Korda made bogey on No. 10, a wake-up call for the 24-year-old that she said made her work hard to refocus with eight holes to play. She hopped on the par train on holes 11, 12 and 13, finally breaking free with a birdie on the 14th, and closed her Saturday with birdies on the 17th and the 18th, the former of which saw her stuff her tee shot to four feet with water on the left and bunkers short of the green.

“I was just trying to give myself like 20 to 30 feet long, actually. And obviously that's kind of a pin position where even if you go right or left, you still have to fly the bunker. So may as well go straight at it. I did get a little lucky there,” said Korda. “I know that it hit just in the fringe and it rolled up to probably four feet, three and a half, four feet. I told my caddie, I don't think anyone is going to see a shot somewhat short of this hole on the green.”

A trio of Americans round out the top five with just 18 holes to play in Singapore. **Allisen Corpuz** and **Elizabeth Szokol** sit in a tie for third at -11, three back of Ko, after both ground out 2-under rounds of 70 on Saturday. Corpuz threatened early, making two birdies in her first three holes, but erased that effort with a double bogey on the par-5, 5th. She recovered with a birdie on the next but dropped a shot again on No. 7, parring the 8th hole and birdieing the 9th to turn in 35. Despite making bogey on hole 10, Corpuz kept things steady, recording two birdies in her next eight holes to finish under par.

Hitting just 9 of 18 greens, Szokol had three bogeys and five birdies on the card, including two consecutive birdies on Nos. 12 and 13. It's just the fourth time that the 28-year-old has been within five of the lead entering the final round, and while plenty of pressure comes with being in contention for your first LPGA Tour title, Szokol seems more than ready to handle the challenge on Sunday. “I'm so excited,” she said. “(It's) just the second event of the season and I'm really excited to be playing in contention and have a chance tomorrow. Looking forward to it.”

Major champion and 36-hole leader **Danielle Kang** sits in solo fifth at -10 after scraping together an even-par, 72 on day three. Rounding out the top 10, four players are tied for sixth at -9, including LPGA Tour winner **Celine Boutier**, Japanese natives **Nasa Hataoka** and **Ayaka Furue** and LET winner **Linn Grant**.

WITH A WIN

Jin Young Ko

- Ko would be the first player to successfully defend her title since **Nelly Korda** won in her title defense at the 2022 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- Ko would earn her 14th LPGA Tour victory and first since the 2022 HSBC Women's World Championship
- Ko would join fellow Korean **Inbee Park** as the only other multiple-time winner of the HSBC Women's World Championship
- Ko would have her sixth consecutive winning season; she has won at least one title in every season that she's been an LPGA Tour Member, dating back to 2018
- Ko would move from 24th to 22nd on the Career Money List with the \$270,000 winner's check, passing **Yani Tseng** and **Ariya Jutanugarn** with \$10,680,535 earned

Nelly Korda

- Korda would capture her ninth Tour title and first since the 2022 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- Korda would have a winning season for the third consecutive year on the LPGA Tour (2021, 2022, 2023)

Allisen Corpuz

- Corpuz would become the second Rolex First-Time Winner of 2023, alongside Honda LPGA Thailand champion **Lilia Vu**
- Corpuz would be the first player from Hawaii to win on the LPGA Tour since **Michelle Wie West** won the 2018 HSBC Women’s World Championship

Elizabeth Szokol

- Like Corpuz, Szokol would become the second Rolex First-Time Winner of the 2023 season, alongside Honda LPGA Thailand champion Vu
- Szokol would surpass the \$1 million mark in career earnings with the \$270,000 winner’s check; her earnings would total \$1,156,491

Danielle Kang

- Kang would earn her 7th career LPGA Tour victory and first since the 2022 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- Kang would jump up two spots on the Career Money List with the \$270,000 winner’s check, moving from 35th to 33rd and passing **Rosie Jones** and **Ai Miyazato** with a total of \$8,378,279 earned
- Kang would be the fifth different player from the United States to win the HSBC Women’s World Championship and first since Wie West won the event in 2018

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Jin Young Ko
2023 Race to CME Globe Points List	17
2023 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2023 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1
2023 Season Earnings	\$47,079
Career LPGA Tour Wins	13
Career Ladies European Tour Wins	0
Career Epson Tour Wins	0
Career KLPGA Wins	12
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s (excludes wins)	34
Career Money	\$10,410,535

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 5, Jin Young Ko (1, 72-65-65)

- She hit 11 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens with 28 putts
- This is her first time holding a 54-hole lead/co-lead since the 2021 CME Group Tour Championship; Ko went on to win that week by one stroke over **Nasa Hataoka**
- Ko won the 2022 HSBC Women’s World Championship

- She defeated **Minjee Lee** and **In Gee Chun** by two shots with a four-day total of 271 (-17)
- This is Ko's fifth appearance at the HSBC Women's World Championship; in addition to her win, Ko has two other top-10 finishes, a T6 that came in 2018 and a T3 that came in 2019
- This is Ko's second start of the 2023 season; she finished T6 at last week's Honda LPGA Thailand
- This is Ko's sixth season on the LPGA Tour; she has 13 wins including two major championships (2019 Chevron Championship and 2019 Amundi Evian Championship)
- Ko represented Korea at the 2020 Olympics, finishing T4
- She earned LPGA Tour Membership for the 2018 season with her win at the 2017 LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship
- Ko has 12 KLPGA Tour wins
- She won the 2021 Rolex LPGA Player of the Year and Official Money Title
- Ko was the 2019 Rolex LPGA Player of the Year, Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner, Vare Trophy winner and Official Money Title winner
- She was the 2018 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
- Has a dog named Dae Bak, which means Awesome in Korean

THINGS TO KNOW

- There was one weather delay on Saturday at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - The suspension was from 11:31am local time to 1:40pm local time, a 2 hour and 9-minute delay
- This is the second time this season that **Nelly Korda** has been within five of the lead entering the final round
 - Korda last did so at the season-opening Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions; she ultimately finished solo fourth
- **Allisen Corpuz** will be within five of the lead entering the final round for only the fourth time in her young career
 - She last did so at the 2022 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican and ultimately finished third
 - Korda won that event by one over **Lexi Thompson**
- Corpuz's three-day total of 205 ties her second-lowest career 54-hole score; she last shot 205 through three rounds at the 2022 CP Women's Open
- This is just the fourth time in her career that **Elizabeth Szokol** has been within five of the lead entering the final round
 - She was last within five of the lead entering the final round of the 2021 Cognizant Founders Cup, which **Jin Young Ko** won
- **Danielle Kang**'s second-round 63 tied her career-low on the LPGA Tour, which she's shot four other times; she last shot 63 at the 2021 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- This is Kang's first time being with five of the lead entering the final round since the 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship; she ultimately lost in a playoff to **Atthaya Thitikul**
- There were two weather delays on Friday at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - The first was from 7:32am local time to 8:47am local time, a 1 hour and 15-minute delay
 - The second was from 11:20am local time to 2:53pm local time, a 3 hour and 33-minute delay

QUOTABLE

Nelly Korda on playing in the final group: “Playing in the final group on Sunday is so much fun, to feel the adrenaline and different emotions is all so much fun. Last time I think I was in the final group was in 2018 here. The fans are amazing, and yeah, just excited for tomorrow. See how it goes.”

Danielle Kang on staying positive: “Not necessarily. I think a lot of stuffs been happening that it actually put me in a really positive place, and there's nothing I can do to control it. It's always going to keep happening. There's always going to be something. There's always going to be a pin that I don't like or someone that bugs me or something that doesn't go anyway. But it's just exhausting to keep dwelling on something that's going to forever happen. So I just really try not to care about it and I actually don't because there's another shot that I care about that's coming up. So on 13, it was a wedge shot but I just couldn't attack that pin because I didn't want it to spin all the way down. It's like that, I'm doing the best -- I don't know what it looks like from the outside but I really kept myself in it today so I was happy.”

Celine Boutier on liking challenging conditions: “Tomorrow will depend on the weather, too. So I feel like I'm just going to take it one hole at a time just like today. I definitely feel like when the weather conditions are challenging, it just makes me focus a little bit more and I'm able to stay more present. I feel like I do always enjoy a bit of a challenge. I don't like when it's too easy and it's scoring too low. I feel like hopefully tomorrow, a little bit of wind, not too much rain, but a little bit of wind would be good.”

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[Danielle Kang Conquers Sentosa Golf Club After Day of Delays](#)

[Caddy of the Year David Eller with the coveted white bib](#)

[Hollis' Strong Finish Gives Her Two Stroke Lead After Round One of FNCC](#)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 62 (-10), Sei Young Kim (fourth round), 2018

36 holes: 131 (-13), Lorena Ochoa, 2008

54 holes: 200 (-16), Lorena Ochoa, 2008

72 holes: 268 (-20), Lorena Ochoa, 2008