



Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown  
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Finals Notes  
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**Course Setup:** 37-35—72, 6,339 yards

**Weather:** Mostly sunny skies with temperatures reaching the 60s; light, westerly winds in the morning increasing to 10-20 mph in the afternoon

**Purse:** \$2 million; winning team's portion is \$500,000 (\$125,000 per player)

**Competition Format:** [The Format](#)

**Scoring:** Win – 1 point, Tie – ½ point, Lose – 0 points

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Sunday Final Results	
<i>Final Teams</i>	<i>Eliminated</i>
Thailand – 5-1-0	Rep. of Korea
Australia – 3-3-0	Japan
United States – 3-2-0	England
Sweden – 1-5-0	Ppls. Rep. of China

**FINALS MATCH RESULTS**

*Australia vs. Thailand*

Atthaya Thitikul (THA) d. Steph Kyriacou (AUS), 4&2

Patty Tavatanakit (THA) d. Hannah Green (AUS), 4&3

Moriya Jutanugarn/Ariya Jutanugarn (THA) d. Minjee Lee/Sarah Kemp (AUS), 4&3

**THAILAND TEAM TAKES TITLE AT HANWHA LIFEPLUS INTERNATIONAL CROWN**

It was an impressive performance from the Thailand Team on Sunday afternoon at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown as they charged to a dominant victory over Australian, sweeping all three finals matches to emerge victorious for the first time in the history of the competition. Winning just 10 total matches in their first three appearances at the International Crown, Thailand went 11-for-12 in the 2023 edition of the event, led by MVP award winner **Ariya Jutanugarn**, who chipped in on the final hole to solidify the victory for her country.

“Actually on that hole, we just talk about do we have to keep playing. We don't know what's going on. We know they already won, so I don't know if I have to keep playing or not because I felt like I pushed to the right; Mo hit bunker in the rough. I feel like if I keep doing this we might have to play to 18, so I'm like, okay, what we have to do. So that shot, I just really want to make it because I want to finish,” said Jutanugarn of the chip-in. “I'm always believing in my team, and I still feel that way. To me, it can't be only me doing hard work, doing a good job. It has to be all of us. I think this week, we put ourselves in a really good position all the time. I think the vibe between us, can't ask for better.”

A pair of 2022 LPGA Tour rookies went head-to-head in the first singles match of the finals with two-time LPGA Tour winner **Atthaya Thitikul** facing off against **Stephanie Kyriacou**, ultimately winning 4 and 2. Thitikul jumped ahead immediately, going 1 up after opening with a birdie on the par-5, 1st hole, but a Kyriacou birdie on No. 4 evened the score. The Aussie then pulled one ahead, moving to 1 up after grabbing another birdie on hole 6, and Kyriacou held that lead until Thitikul nearly holed out her approach on No. 8, tying the match after the birdie tap-in was conceded. They tied the next three holes and Thitikul finally flipped the match with a birdie on 12, taking a 1 up advantage to the 13th tee. A par on No. 14 was enough to move Thitikul 2 up and she won the next hole to go 3 up with three to play. It was ultimately a birdie on the par-4, 16th that gave Thitikul the 4-and-2 victory and Thailand a much-needed point.

“I not really expect that we're going to going for win that much coming into the week,” said Thitikul of her first Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown experience. “But I think when I come into this event, when we had a practice round with my team, I feel like I had more confidence, we had more good vibes, and I think we just had fun. We really had fun out there, especially in the practice round or tournament round. Like we had so fun. I think it's good memories for us forever.”

**Patty Tavatanakit** continued her tear of excellent play at TPC Harding Park, defeating Australia's **Hannah Green** in resounding 4-and-3 fashion, just hours after dropping the only match of Thailand's run to fellow UCLA alumna **Lilia Vu** during the [Sunday morning semifinals](#). The UCLA alum, who won an NCAA regional at TPC Harding Park as a freshman, took the lead early, winning the 2nd hole with a par to go 1 up. She grabbed a birdie at the next to go 2 up on Green and won her third consecutive hole on No. 4 to move to 3 up. Green battled back to 1 down with wins on holes 5 and 6, but Tavatanakit held off that charge, winning No. 7 to get back to 2 up. After tying the next three holes, a Tavatanakit birdie on 11 extended the lead to 3 up and she won the 14th hole to get to 4 up with five to play. Two tied holes later and Tavatanakit claimed the 4-and-3 victory on No. 15, her fourth win of the week.

“I'm just really happy that we pulled it off, all of us. And to be able to kind of get a head start to go up on Hannah early I think kind of gives them a little bit of a sense of security that we already kind of is ahead in one match, we just need one more,” said Tavatanakit. “Us winning this event is huge for golf in Thailand. It is already growing, and I think this is going to inspire a lot of people, even more than what we feel inspired 10 years ago. I'm really excited to see the future of Thai golf.”

The sister act of Ariya and **Moriya Jutanugarn** just couldn't be stopped throughout the week at TPC Harding Park and the dynamic duo again proved to be a deadly combo on Sunday afternoon, pummeling Sarah Kemp and Minjee Lee in a resounding 4-and-3 victory. The Australian

Team started off strong, winning the first two holes to go 2 up through two, but Thailand took holes 3 and 5 to tie the match with 13 holes to play. The Jutanugarns caught fire on No. 7, making birdie to take their first lead of the match, and continued that streak, winning the next three holes to hold a 4-up lead. The teams tied the next four holes and it was ultimately a walk-off chip-in from Ariya that sealed the deal, giving Thailand one last 4-and-3 victory and its first Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown title.

“Of course, it's so much fun this week. Very, very enjoyed it,” said Moriya Jutanugarn. “We take a lot of good things and confidence and learned a lot. Everything more than I could ask for, and I'm very, very proud of all of the girls.”

#### THAILAND TEAM NOTES

- Thailand is the fourth different winner of the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- Thailand has made three previous appearances in International Crown
  - This is the team's first victory at the event
  - Before today's victory, the team's highest finish in International Crown is a fourth-place result, which they earned in 2018
  - The country's total record is 21-14-5 (13-9-4 Four-Ball, 11-4-4 Singles, 2-0-0 foursomes)
- Thailand has advanced from the four-ball stage in three of four appearances in International Crown
- Thailand went 6-0-0 in pool play, the first team in International Crown history to do so
- The team only dropped one match in the entirety of the tournament to go 11-1-0
- The country's overall singles record is now 6-5-1, tied for the best in International Crown history alongside the Republic of Korea
- **Ariya Jutanugarn** was named MVP of the Thailand Team
  - This is her fourth appearance in the International Crown
  - Her overall record is 9-5-2 (6-4-2 Four-Ball, 1-1-0 Singles, 2-0-0 foursomes)
- This is **Moriya Jutanugarn's** fourth appearance in the International Crown
  - Her overall record is 9-4-3 (6-3-3 Four-Ball, 1-1-0 Singles, 2-0-0 foursomes)
- This was **Patty Tavatanakit's** and **Atthaya Thitikul's** first appearance in the International Crown
  - Tavatanakit's record is now 4-1-0
  - Thitikul's record is 5-0-0
- The Jutanugarns and Thitikul join **In Gee Chun** as the only players to go undefeated through every round of a single International Crown

#### KPMG Performance Insights:

- Thailand won 10 matches in the first three International Crowns contested, combined; they won 11 matches this week

Thailand at International Crown		
All-Time		
	1st three appearances	This week
Total matches won	10	11
Four-ball (W-L-T)	7-9-4	6-0-0
Jutanugarn sisters*	2-2-1	5-0-0

\*when paired together

- Overall, Thailand won 53 of 201 holes played and spent more than 54% of the time leading in their matches

Team Thailand	
Overall Performance This Week	
Match record	11-1-0
Holes played	201
Holes won	53
Pct. of holes won	26.4%
Pct. of holes leading	54.2%

#### CONSULATION MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

*Sweden vs. United States*

##### **Madelene Sagstrom (SWE) d. Lilia Vu (USA), 5&4**

It was Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown veteran Madelene Sagstrom versus Crown rookie Lilia Vu in the first consolation singles match of the afternoon at TPC Harding Park, with Sagstrom ultimately winning 5 and 4. The Swede won the first hole to go 1 up through one, but Vu quickly tied things back up with a birdie on the par-3, 2nd hole. After tying the next two holes, Sagstrom made a run, winning holes 5, 6 and 7 to grab a 3-up lead with 11 to play. She extended the lead to 4 up after a birdie on the par-4, 10th hole and grabbed another birdie on No. 12 to move to 5 up over Vu. After Vu's tee shot on the 14th hole found the fairway bunker and she was unable to match Sagstrom's par, the young American conceded the match, handing the Swede a 5-and-4 victory.

“I gave myself chances, and this morning me and Maja didn't give ourselves any chances. We were fighting for par all day,” Sagstrom said. “(Lilia) made a couple mistakes and I managed to just kind of stay just one ahead of her on those few holes, and then I made a few birdies when I needed to, but I think I just kept giving myself chances.”

##### **Lexi Thompson (USA) d. Maja Stark (SWE), 3&2**

Major champion Lexi Thompson found a point in the consolation match for the United States Team on Sunday at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown, capturing a 3-and-2 victory over Sweden's Maja Stark. Stark threw the first punch with a birdie on the first to go 1 up, but Thompson leveled the match with a par on No. 4. The American made birdie on hole 5 to go 1 up and the Swede answered with a birdie of her own on the par-4, 6th to tie things back up with 12 holes to play. Thompson then made back-to-back birdies on 7 and 8 to grab a 2-up lead which she held until No. 11, dropping a shot when Stark won the hole with a par. Thompson moved back to 2 up with a par on hole 14 after Stark made bogey from the fairway bunker and hung on to the lead with tie on 15, slamming the door shut with a closing birdie on the No. 16 to win 3 and 2.

“Just coming into the week I was struggling a little bit because the week at home I was in a lot of pain with my hand. I couldn't get the practice that I really could be beneficial for me, but I was trying,” said Thompson, whose victory was her first win in a singles match at the International Crown. “I came here and I kind of just found something the day before, and I kind of just stuck with it, and sure enough, that's golf. But I've just enjoyed every bit of playing alongside these girls and being part of the team.”

##### **Danielle Kang/Nelly Korda (USA) d. Anna Nordqvist/Caroline Hedwall (SWE), 1 UP**

Sweden's Anna Nordvist and Caroline Hedwall faced off against Danielle Kang and Nelly Korda in the foursomes portion of the consolation match at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown, with the American duo defeating the Swedes 1 up. The United States Team struck first, making birdie on the par-5, 3rd hole, but the Swedes tied it back up with a birdie on No. 6. A par on the 7th hole gave the advantage back to the United States Team and they never lost it, tying the Sweden Team on the next 11 holes to win the match 1 up and help the United States to a third-place finish at TPC Harding Park.

"Playing for our country is probably the greatest honor," said Korda. "And we didn't have the morning that we probably envisioned, but to come out and place third and to beat Sweden in the afternoon after kind of losing to them on Saturday. It felt really good, as well."

Thompson agreed, expressing gratitude for the International Crown's return to the schedule. "We're all just so grateful for this opportunity to be able to represent our country. I think it's a great idea. Solheim is just U.S. against Europe, but International Crown came in and now eight different countries can represent their country and teams. It's a great opportunity for these girls to be able to wear their country's colors and come out and represent because golf is such an individual sport that a lot of these girls don't get the opportunity very often."

#### THINGS TO KNOW

- In the team's past two appearances at International Crown, Australia has never advanced from the four-ball stage
  - The team's runner up result is their best finish in International Crown
  - The team's previous best finish is sixth place, which they earned in 2018
  - Australia's overall record is now 13-17-4
- Sweden has advanced from the four-ball stage in three of four International Crown appearances
  - The team finished second in the inaugural International Crown in 2014
  - The country's overall record is 15-15-4
- The United States has advanced from the four-ball stage in three of four appearances in the International Crown
  - The U.S. won the event in 2016
  - The country's overall record is 21-16-3
- Sunday's finals, consolation and semifinal matches consisted of two singles matches and one foursomes match
  - This is the first time in International Crown history that foursomes has been played
  - This is the first time that traditional semifinal and finals matches have been played at International Crown
  - The addition of foursomes (aka alternate shot) matches and bracket play is part of [the new Sunday format](#) introduced at this year's event