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2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*When looking at the rosters for each team, the United States has the best strokes gained total per round average of any of the teams since the beginning of the 2022 season. A look at how the teams stack up in that regard:

Strokes Gained Total Per Round – Team Roster Since Beginning of 2022

United States	1.65	Sweden	0.73
Korea	1.48	China	0.68
Japan	0.92	Thailand	0.51
Australia	0.74	England	0.11*

*Counting 2 of 4 players (Law, Shadoff) on LPGA Tour

United States

*Nelly Korda anchors the United States team – Korda leads the Tour in several key statistics so far in the 2023 season. She’s finished in the top-ten in six of her seven starts so far:

Nelly Korda

On LPGA Tour This Season

		LPGA Rank
Strokes gained total	2.33	1st
Top 10s	6	1st
Rounds under par	25	1st
Rounds in the 60s	18	1st
Birdies or better per round	4.93	1st
Par 5 scoring	4.40	1st

*The duo of Lexi Thompson and Cristie Kerr have combined to win seven four-ball matches, three more than any pair in this event’s history. Will Lexi find the same success with a new playing partner?

Most Four-Ball Matches Won

All-Time at International Crown

	Country	Wins
Lexi Thompson & Cristie Kerr	United States	7
Caroline Hedwall & Anna Nordqvist	Sweden	4
In Gee Chun & So Yeon Ryu	Korea	3



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*Lilia Vu is coming off her first major championship win in what has become a breakout season. A snapshot of her strokes gained ranks last season compared to 2023:

Lilia Vu

Strokes Gained Ranks – Last 2 Seasons

	2022	2023
Total	T-16	3rd
Tee-to-Green	25th	19th
Putting	T-20	T-5

*The U.S. roster has combined for 27 wins and 203 top-10s on the LPGA Tour, most of any team.

Team USA on the LPGA Tour

Ranks Among International Crown Teams

		Rank
Combined wins	27	1st
Combined top-10s	203	1st

Korea

*Korea won this event in 2018, the last time it was contested. It was their first victory in this event. Despite that fact, they have won more overall matches, four-ball matches and singles matches than any other country in the three times this event has been held:

Korea – Matches Won

International Crown All-Time Ranks

		Team rank
Total matches won	20	1st
Four-ball matches won	14	1st
Singles matches won	6	1st

*Jin Young Ko is off to a great start this season, with nearly as many top-10s already as she had in all of 2022. Healthy again, she's fourth on tour in greens in regulation this year.

Jin Young Ko

2022 vs 2023 on LPGA Tour

	2022	2023
Starts	16	6
Top 10s	5	4
Scoring average	70.67	69.17
SG: Tee-to-Green	0.55	1.61
GIR rank	40th	4th



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China

*Ruoning Yin has three top-15 finishes in her first four starts of the season. She's averaging more than a quarter of a stroke better on par 5s this season than in the last four tournaments of 2022.

Ruoning Yin

Last 8 Starts on LPGA Tour

	Last 4 of '22	1st 4 of '23
Top 15 finishes	0	3
Scoring average	70.0	69.4
Par 5 scoring	4.80	4.52
Putts per round	28.9	28.3

*Among players with 10 or more rounds, no player has averaged more strokes gained approach this season than Ruoning Yin.

Most SG: Approach Per Round

LPGA Tour This Season (Min. 10 Rounds)

Ruoning Yin	1.94
Azahara Munoz	1.29
Hyo Joo Kim	1.24
Jin Young Ko	1.22

Japan

*Japan finished seventh the last time this event was held, in 2018.

Team Japan

Results in International Crown

	Result	Match record (W-L-H)
2014	T-3	4-4-2
2016	5th	3-5-2
2018	7th	2-3-1

*Hinako Shibuno has been one of the best putters on the LPGA Tour so far this season:

Hinako Shibuno

Putting Ranks This Season on LPGA Tour

		Rank
Strokes Gained: Putting	+1.36	3rd
Putting 10 to 15 feet	45.6%	6th
1-putts per round	7.82	11th



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*Since the beginning of last season, only Atthaya Thitikul has made more birdies-or-better than Nasa Hataoka has:

Most Birdies or Better LPGA Tour – Since Beginning of 2022 Season

Atthaya Thitikul	531
Nasa Hataoka	521
Hye-Jin Choi	495
A Lim Kim	487
Xiyu Lin	467

Thailand

*For the second consecutive season, Atthaya Thitikul is ranked inside the top-five on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained total per round.

Atthaya Thitikul Strokes Gained Total – Last 2 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	1.93	3rd
2023	2.14	4th

*Thitikul is gaining more than half-a-stroke per round off the tee, on approach shots, and putting. She's the only player with that distinction on Tour in 2023.

Atthaya Thitikul Strokes Gained Per Round This Season

	Average
Off the Tee	+0.60
Approach Green	+0.61
Putting	+1.04

*Only player gaining 0.50 per round or more in each category



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Australia

*Hannah Green played the last 26 holes of last week's LA Open (including the two in the playoff) bogey-free. She missed only three greens in regulation in that span and hit nine approach shots inside 15 feet.

Hannah Green at JM Eagle LA Championship Last 26 Holes Including Playoff

Score to par	-8
Bogeys or worse	0
Greens in regulation	23-for-26
Approaches inside 15 feet	9

*With the win, Green became the seventh woman from Australia to win three or more times on the LPGA Tour.

Most Career Wins – Players from Australia LPGA History

Karrie Webb	41
Jan Stephenson	16
Minjee Lee	8
Rachel Hetherington	8
Hannah Green	3
Katherine Kirk	3
Wendy Doolan	3

Sweden

*Anna Nordqvist leads the LPGA Tour this season in greens in regulation. She's narrowly ahead of several of her fellow competitors this week, including Atthaya Thitikul of Thailand and Jin Young Ko of Korea.

Greens in Regulation Leaders LPGA Tour This Season (Min. 10 Rounds)

Anna Nordqvist*	78.2%
Atthaya Thitikul*	75.7%
A Lim Kim	75.6%
Jin Young Ko*	75.5%
Hyo Joo Kim*	75.2%

*In field this week at International Crown