



ShopRite LPGA Classic Presented by Acer
Seaview, Bay Course | Galloway, NJ | June 9-11, 2023

Second-Round Notes
June 10, 2023

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Course Setup: 37-34-71; 6,197 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.540; R2: 71.524

Weather: A few clouds with W/SW winds ranging between 12-14mph and up to 20mph; Temperatures in between the upper-70s/low-80s

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$1.75 million (winner's portion is \$262,500)

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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
1	Dani Holmqvist	-11	64, 67 = 131
2	Hyo Joo Kim	-10	67, 65 = 132
3	Ashleigh Buhai	-8	69, 65 = 134
T4	Six players	-7	135

HOLMQVIST HOLDS ON HEADING INTO CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY AT SEAVIEW

First-round leader **Dani Holmqvist** didn't slow down on Saturday at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer, following her first-round 64 with a second-round 67 at the Bay Course at Seaview, a Dolce Hotel. The 35-year-old, who holds the solo lead at -11 overall, is looking to play her way into the winner's circle for the first time in her nine seasons on the LPGA Tour and join **Annika Sorenstam** and **Anna Nordqvist** as the third Swede to win the ShopRite LPGA Classic.

"You know, it's always some nerves and stuff, but it was nerves in a good way, because it's a position you really want to be in, we work hard to be in," said Holmqvist on holding the lead with one round left

to play. Speaking on her gameplay for Sunday, she added, “Just try and stay in my own bubble and picture the flights and just fall in love with those and just try and execute as good as I can.”

After shooting the lowest 18-hole score of her career on Friday, Holmqvist came out with confidence on Saturday and sank two birdies on Nos. 3 and 5 before making her first bogey in 23 holes on the par-4 6th. She went out in 35 with another birdie on 9, but went birdie, bogey, birdie, bogey on holes 10-13. Holmqvist finished the last five holes with three pars and two more birdies, including one on the final par-5, No. 18, to secure the solo spot at the top. This is the second time in her LPGA Tour career that Holmqvist is sleeping on a 36-hole lead, but she has only one more day of play to earn a win at this 54-hole event.

“Well, I hope it turns out better than it did that time,” laughed Holmqvist of her run at the 2020 AIG Women’s Open, where she ultimately finished T29. “You know, I think there are so many good and talented players in this field, and it’s going to be low scores (tomorrow). Only thing I can do is try to do the best that I possibly can, and hopefully that’s enough.”

Korean golfer **Hyo Joo Kim** sits in solo second after posting rounds of 67 and 65. The five-time LPGA Tour champion has found more birdies than any other player in the field (13) thanks to her skill with the flatstick. She needed just 50 putts to get through two rounds, and just 23 on Saturday, tied for least in the field. But for Kim, it is her approach shots that have been most important for setting her putter up for success.

“Compared to other courses, there’s a lot of bounce on the green. There’re some bumpy parts too. So when I hit my second shots, I’m giving extra thoughts on getting the distance right and also the landing area,” she explained.

Last season’s AIG Women’s Open champion **Ashleigh Buhai** also shot a second-round 65 to take the solo third position. The major champion had just one bogey on Saturday and seven birdies, launching her up the leaderboard from T25. The biggest leap of the day, however, came from Tour veteran **Brianna Do**, who tied the low-round of the week with a 7-under 64. She jumped from T53 on the leaderboard to T4 alongside five other players. Also at T4 are sponsor invite **Chiara Noja**, who is making her LPGA Tour debut, 2022 Rookie of the Year **Atthaya Thitikul** and 2023 rookie **Yan Liu**, as well as **Jenny Shin** and **Matilda Castren**.

Seventy-three players made the cut at +1, including defending champion **Brooke Henderson**, past ShopRite LPGA Classic winner and major champion **Angela Stanford**, Solheim Cup captain **Stacy Lewis**. Notables to miss the cut are **Hae Ran Ryu**, who is leading the Rookie of the Year standings and has not missed a cut this season, local teaching professional **Meghan Francella** and sponsor invite **Maisie Filler**.

WITH A WIN

Dani Holmqvist

- She would be the third player from Sweden to win the ShopRite LPGA Classic behind three-time champion **Annika Sorenstam** and two-time winner **Anna Nordqvist**
- She would earn her best finish on Tour since a T7 finish at the Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic in 2018
- She would become the oldest winner of the 2023 LPGA Tour season, in front of **Celine Boutier**
- Holmqvist would become the fifth Rolex First-Time Winner of the 2023 LPGA Tour season, alongside **Lilia Vu** (Honda LPGA Thailand, The Chevron Championship), **Ruoning Yin** (DIO Implant)

LA Open), **Grace Kim** (LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei) and **Rose Zhang** (Mizuho Americas Open)

Hyo Joo Kim

- The ShopRite LPGA Classic would be her first victory since 2022, when she won the LOTTE Championship presented by Koakalei
- She would be the fourth player from the Republic of Korea to win the ShopRite LPGA Classic, joining the group of **In Kyung Kim**, **Seon Hwa Lee** and **Se Ri Pak**
- Shin would be the second winner from the Republic of Korea this year along with two-time winner this season, **Jin Young Ko**
- With the \$262,500 winner's check, she would surpass \$7 million dollars in earnings over her LPGA Tour career

Ashleigh Buhai

- Buhai would earn her first win since becoming a Rolex First Time winner and major champion at the 2022 AIG Women's Open
- She would become just the second South African with multiple LPGA Tour wins, following Sally Little (15)
- She would become the oldest winner of the 2023 LPGA Tour season, in front of **Celine Boutier**
- She would receive her 19th career top-10 finish
- Buhai would become the first South African to win the ShopRite LPGA Classic

Chiara Noja

- Noja would be the second non-member to win on the LPGA Tour this season, immediately following **Rose Zhang**, who won last week's Mizuho Americas Open
- Noja would be the second consecutive sponsor invite to win on Tour, following Zhang
- She would be the first player to win in their LPGA Tour debut since **Hinako Shibuno** at the 2019 AIG Women's Open
- She will earn an exemption into this year's remaining major championships
- Noja will **NOT** be granted automatic LPGA Tour membership as she is only 17 years old
 - She will need to petition the LPGA Commissioner for membership

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Dani Holmqvist
2023 Rolex Rankings	453
2023 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2023 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0
2023 Season Earnings	\$0
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career ALPG Tour Wins	1
Career Epson Tour Wins	1
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	1
Career Money	\$475, 874

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 453 Dani Holmqvist

- Holmqvist made seven birdies and three bogeys during the second round

- She went bogey-free with 5 birdies and an eagle during round one
- She hit 11 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens with 29 putts during the second round
- Holmquist ranks T2 in birdies this week with 12
- Her first-round 64 is the lowest 18-hole score of her LPGA Tour career, besting her previous low of 65, which she shot twice
- This is the second time Holmquist has held a 36-hole lead
 - She held the 36-hole lead at the 2020 AIG Women's Open and ultimately finished T29
- Friday's 18-hole lead was the first of her LPGA Tour career and just the second post-round lead or co-lead she had ever held on the LPGA Tour
- This is her sixth event of the 2023 Tour season
 - She has missed the cut in her five previous starts
- This is her eighth appearance at the ShopRite LPGA Classic
 - Her best finish at the event is a T36 result in 2018
 - She has missed the cut in five of her seven previous appearances
- This is her ninth season on the LPGA Tour
 - Her career-best result on Tour is a T7 result at the 2018 Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic
 - Finished T44 at the 2013 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn membership for the 2014 LPGA Tour season

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Hyo Joo Kim** sits in second place and just one shot behind Holmquist after day two
 - Kim has made more birdies than any other player in the field with 13
- South African **Ashleigh Buhai** sits in third and is three shots behind going into her final round
 - Buhai and Holmquist are T2 in the field in birdies with 12
- Six players are T4 at -7 including **Brianna Do, Atthaya Thitikul, Chiara Noja, Matilda Castren, Yan Liu** and **Jenny Shin**
 - Do tied the low-round of the week with her 7-under 64 on Saturday
 - She and New Jersey native **Marina Alex** are the only players on Saturday to go bogey-free
 - LET winner Noja is making her LPGA Tour debut as a sponsor invite this week
 - Two-time champion Thitikul is looking for her first win of the season after six top-10 results in her last eight starts
 - Rookie Liu is coming off her best finish of the season, a T21 finish at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Castren and Shin are both looking for their second LPGA Tour victory
- All seven past champions in the field this week made the cut
 - **Anna Nordqvist**, the only player to win the event in back-to-back years (2015, 2016), followed her first-round 66 with a 70 and is within five shots of the leader headed into the final round
 - Defending champion **Brooke Henderson** sits in a tie for 27th after a two-day total of 139
 - **In Kyung Kim** made four birdies and four bogeys in her second-round to land in a tie for 36th at -2
 - **Mel Reid**, the 2020 champion, shot a second round 69 with six birdies and four bogeys, and sits in a tie for 43rd along with 2003 champion **Angela Stanford**
 - New York native **Annie Park** is T56 (E) after shooting a pair of 71s
 - Solheim Cup Captain **Stacy Lewis** just made the cut at +1 with rounds of 73 and 70
- Notables to miss the cut are LPGA Tour rookie **Hae Ran Ryu**, New Jersey native **Meaghan Francella**, upcoming U.S. Women's Open competitor **Amy Olson** and sponsor invite **Maisie Filler**

- **Mariah Stackhouse** made a hole-in-one on the par-3 No. 7 during the first round
 - She hit her 3-hybrid 185 yards to make the ace
 - It is her first ace on the LPGA Tour
 - This is the fifth hole-in-one of the 2023 season; the four others were made by **Gina Kim** (LPGA Drive On Championship), **Bailey Tardy** (DIO Implant LA Open), **In Gee Chun** (The Chevron Championship) and **In Kyung Kim** (JM Eagle LA Championship)
 - With every hole-in-one made this season, CME Group will donate \$20,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as part of the CME Group Cares Challenge – Score 1 for St. Jude; the 2023 donation total is now at \$100,000
- Hole 2, a par-4, played the hardest for the second consecutive day
 - No. 2 had a first-round scoring average of 4.368 and a second-round scoring average of 4.340
- This is the 35th playing of the ShopRite LPGA Classic
 - The tournament was not played in 2007, 2008 or 2009
 - In the history of the event, the ShopRite LPGA Classic field has only played 72 holes twice, in 1990 and 2020
- **Luna Sobron Galmes** withdrew from the ShopRite LPGA Classic before her second round due to injury
- **Isi Gabsa** withdrew during her second round due to injury
- **Hyo Joon Jang** withdrew during her second round due to a back injury

QUOTABLE

Matilda Castren on the evolution of women's golf and play at Baltusrol: "Yeah, it's amazing. I can't wait to play at Baltusrol. I'm still trying to qualify my way into the U.S. Open, but it's amazing where women's golf is heading, these bigger purses and that's historic venues. I think I can speak for all the players that we're really excited and really proud to be at those big venues."

Chiara Noja on playing her first LPGA Tour event as a sponsor's invite: "Really cool. I think, you know, the first tee is probably the only place you don't enjoy it as much because you're a little nervous. Then coming up 9, 18, those are really cool moments. Really grateful to be here, and I'm glad I could make use of it."

Dana Fall on making two birdies on her last two holes to make the cut: "Yeah, I kind of knew all day what I needed to do, and I gave myself a lot of the birdie chances all day and they just weren't falling. So I just stayed patient and they finally fell the last two holes, so I'm excited to play tomorrow."

Brianna Do on her bogey-free 64 to bring herself from a tie in 53^d to a tie for fourth: "Yeah, I mean, I came into today at even, so I knew I had to shoot something in the 60s to make the cut and play. I haven't got very many starts this season with my status, so just taking advantage of this start. I think I was just pretty comfortable out there, working with my caddie. She read some great putts out there and we just got things rolling early and kept it going."

NOTABLE

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[Brianna Do with a nice approach shot on No. 8](#)

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[Chiara Noja's birdie putt to end her round near the top of the leaderboard](#)

[Long birdie putt from two-time ShopRite LPGA Classic champion Anna Nordqvist](#)

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Tournament Scoring Records:

18 holes: 61, Sei Young Kim (R2, 2018) and Sakura Yokomine (R3, 2018)

36 holes: 130, Amy Benz (1996), Denise Killeen (2004), Stacy Lewis (2012, 2014), Karine Icher (2016) and Sei Young Kim (2018)

54 holes: 196, Annika Sorenstam (1998, 2005) and Anna Nordqvist (2016)