



U.S. Women's Open

Pebble Beach Golf Links | Pebble Beach, Calif. | July 6-9, 2023

First-Round Notes

July 6, 2023

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Course Setup: 36-36—72; 6,487 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.52

Weather: Mostly overcast skies with potential for sun in the afternoon, winds increasing through the late morning into the afternoon with peak gusts in the lower 20s; temperatures reaching a high of 60F in the afternoon

Race to CME Globe Points: 650 (winner)

Purse: \$11 million (\$2 million winner's check)

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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Xiyu Lin	-4	68
T1	Hyo Joo Kim	-4	68
T2	Aine Donegan	-3	69
T2	Han Ran Ryu	-3	69
T2	Nasa Hataoka	-3	69
T2	Bailey Tardy	-3	69
T2	Allisen Corpuz	-3	69
T2	Leona Maguire	-3	69

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Xiyu Lin
2023 Race to CME Globe Points List	12
2023 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2023 LPGA Tour Top 10s	3
2023 Season Earnings	\$939,921
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career Ladies European Tour Wins	2
Career Epson Tour Wins	0
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	21
Career Money	\$4,165,436

Rolex Rankings No. 9 Xiyu Lin (T1, 68)

- Lin hit 12 of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens with 25 putts
 - Heading into this week, she was one of 36 players to make the cut in each of the season's first two majors, and was fourth in strokes gained total per round at those majors (+2.68)
- Lin's 68 is her lowest first-round score in any start at the U.S. Women's Open
 - It's the first time she's shot in the 60s in the opening round of the major
 - It's only the fourth time in 26 rounds played at the U.S. Women's Open that she's shot any round in the 60s
 - This is the third-straight event in which she's opened with a round in the 60s
 - Her lowest 18-hole score at the U.S. Women's Open is a 67, recorded in the third round of 2022 and the final round of 2021
- This is the fifth time Lin has held the 18-hole lead/co-lead at an LPGA Tour event
 - This is her first time holding the 18-hole lead/co-lead at any major in her career
 - When holding the 18-hole lead/co-lead, her best performance was solo second at the 2022 Kroger Queen City Championship
- This is Lin's ninth appearance at the U.S. Women's Open
 - She's made three cuts at the major in her career, with a career-best tie for seventh in 2021
- This is Lin's 10th official event of the 2023 season
 - She's recorded three top-three finishes this year, including a season-best tie for second at the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - She is coming off a tie for third at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship at Baltusrol, her career-best finish at any major championship
- This is Lin's 10th season on Tour
 - She's recorded four runner-up performances in the past two seasons but has yet to earn a victory on Tour
 - This week is her 204th career start on Tour
- Lin has earned eight professional victories in her career
- Lin represented the People's Republic of China at the 2016 and 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- Lin played in the 2016 Rio Olympics, finishing 38th, and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, finishing tied for ninth

CATEGORY	Hyo Joo Kim
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2023 Race to CME Globe Points List	10
2023 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2023 LPGA Tour Top 10s	5
2023 Season Earnings	\$687,718
Career LPGA Tour Wins	5
Career Ladies European Tour Wins	1
Career Epon Tour Wins	0
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	49
Career Money	\$7,290,617

Rolex Rankings No. 8 Hyo Joo Kim (T1, 68)

- Kim hit 11 of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens, with 25 putts
- Kim is a combined 69-under-par in the majors since the beginning of 2019, best of any player in that span
- Kim's first-round 68 is her best opening round at the major
 - This is the first time she's opened with a round in the 60s at the U.S. Women's Open; her previous best opening 18-hole score was a 70, recorded in 2015 and 2018
- This is the fifth time Kim has held the first-round lead/co-lead in her Tour career
 - She's gone on to win in one of those previous instances at the 2014 Amundi Evian Championship
- This is Kim's eighth appearance in the U.S. Women's Open
 - She's made three cuts in her previous starts, earning a career-best solo second in the championship in 2018 after losing in a playoff to Ariya Jutanugarn
- This is Kim's 10th official event of the 2023 season
 - She's coming off a tie for 20th at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - She has earned five top-10 finishes, including a season-best second-place finish at the ShopRite LPGA Classic
- This is Kim's ninth season on the LPGA Tour
 - She's won five times on Tour, most recently at the 2022 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
- Since a missed cut at the 2022 Kroger Queen City Championship, Kim has earned seven top-10 finishes in 12 starts
- Kim represented the Republic of Korea at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- Kim finished T15 at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

THINGS TO KNOW

- 68 is the highest 18-hole score to lead the U.S. Women's Open since 2012 at Blackwolf Run, when **Cristie Kerr**, **Brittany Lincicome** and **Lizette Salas** recorded a 69 to hold the first-round co-lead
- **Aine Donegan** is one of six players in a tie for third at -3, and the leading amateur after the first round
 - Donegan led the field in Strokes Gained Approach in the first round at 4.36
 - She is one of two players in the field with an eagle on the card through 18 holes, along with Bailey Tardy
 - This is Donegan's first-ever appearance in a major championship and any LPGA Tour event
 - The Irish native shot 72-73 at Peninsula Golf and Country Club in San Mateo, Calif., to qualify for the 2023 U.S. Women's Open
 - The amateur is a rising junior at Louisiana State University after transferring from Indiana University in fall 2022
- **Hae Ran Ryu** is tied for third after a 3-under 69, her best position after the first round of the U.S. Women's Open
 - Ryu is one of 12 LPGA Tour rookies in this week's field
 - Her 69 is her first round in the 60s at the U.S. Women's Open in nine completed rounds at the major
 - This is Ryu's fourth appearance at the U.S. Women's Open
 - Her best finish is a tie for 13th in 2020 at Champions Golf Club, and she missed the cut in 2016 (playing at age 15) and 2022
 - Ryu currently leads the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year standings with 381 points, 57 points ahead of Grace Kim
 - She has four top-10 finishes in 2023, including solo third at the Mizuho Americas Open and solo fourth at the Cognizant Founders Cup
- Epon Tour alum **Bailey Tardy's** 69 (T3) is her lowest 18-hole score since the final two rounds of the ShopRite LPGA Classic
 - She is one of two players in the field with an eagle on the card through 18 holes, along with Aine Donegan
 - Tardy is one of 12 LPGA Tour rookies in this week's field
 - This is Tardy's fourth appearance at the U.S. Women's Open and first as a professional
 - Tardy sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole at Somerset Country Club in Mendota Heights, Minn., to qualify for the 2023 U.S. Women's Open
 - She missed the cut in 2014, 2016 and 2017
 - Her first-round 69 is her first round in the 60s at the U.S. Women's Open; her previous best was a first-round 70 in 2017
 - She played on the Epon Tour from 2019 to 2022, earning a victory at the 2021 Copper Rock Championship
- **Leona Maguire's** first-round 69 (T3) is the lowest first round in her five U.S. Women's Open appearances
 - Maguire tied for eighth in 2022 at Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club, but missed the U.S. Women's Open cut in 2016, 2017 and 2019
 - Thursday was Maguire's fifth round in the 60s this season in the majors, the most of any player
- **Allisen Corpuz's** first-round 69 (T3) ties the lowest round of her five U.S. Women's Open appearances
 - Corpuz opened the 2022 U.S. Women's Open with a 69 en route to finishing tied for 24th at +4
 - She missed the cut in 2016, 2018 and 2020
- **Nasa Hataoka's** first-round 69 (T3) is the best opening round of her six U.S. Women's Open appearances
 - Hataoka has made the cut in four of her five previous appearances in the major championship, with a best finish of T10 at Shoal Creek in 2018
 - She has only shot in the 60s once previously, a second-round 69 at The Olympic Club in 2021
- **Benedetta Moresco** and **Amari Avery** (T9, -2) join Donegan as the only amateurs in the top 20 after 18 holes
 - This is the seventh consecutive year that at least one amateur is T6 or better after round one of the U.S. Women's Open
 - Moresco shot Thursday's only bogey-free round, carding two birdies and 16 pars
 - This is Moresco's second appearance at the U.S. Women's Open, and third-ever start in a major championship and LPGA Tour event
 - She missed the cut at the 2020 U.S. Women's Open and 2022 Amundi Evian Championship
 - She shot 69-69 at Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta, Ga., to qualify for the 2023 U.S. Women's Open
 - Moresco attends the University of Alabama, and was named a second-team All-American in 2022

- She represented the International Team in the 2022 Palmer Cup and was a member of the European Junior Solheim Cup Team in 2019
 - Moresco's sister, Angelica, is a 2023 Epson Tour rookie
 - Angelica has competed in nine Epson Tour events this season, earning a season-best T17 finish at the Casino Del Sol Golf Classic
 - Avery is making her fourth career start on Tour, and her third start in any major championship
 - She missed the cut in her previous U.S. Women's Open appearance and finished T45 at the 2023 Chevron Championship
- **Jiyai Shin**, playing in her first event on U.S. soil since the 2019 U.S. Women's Open, opened with a 1-under 71 and is tied for 13th
 - Shin, a former Rolex Rankings No. 1, is competing in her ninth U.S. Women's Open
 - She has 11 LPGA Tour victories, including major titles at the 2008 and 2012 AIG Women's Open
- Defending champion **Minjee Lee** opened with an even-par 72 on Thursday
- **Amy Olson**, playing at seven months pregnant, shot a 7-over 79 and ended the first round tied for 124th
 - Others in a tie for 124th are Rolex Rankings No. 1 **Jin Young Ko**, 2023 Chevron Championship winner **Lilia Vu** and 2014 U.S. Women's Open champion **Michelle Wie West**
 - Ko has only shot a 79 or worse on two other occasions; both were recorded before she withdrew from the 2022 BMW Ladies Championship (R1, 80; R2, 79)
 - This is Wie West's first event since she missed the cut at the 2022 U.S. Women's Open, and she has announced that she plans to retire following this week's competition
- **Natthakritta Vongtaveelap** was disqualified from the championship after five holes when it was discovered that her caddie had used a distance-measuring device on multiple occasions.
 - The first breach is a general penalty (two strokes), and the second breach resulted in disqualification
 - While DMDs are allowed in USGA amateur competitions, they are not permitted in USGA Open championships

QUOTABLE

Kelly Xu (T101, +5) on hitting the first tee shot of the U.S. Women's Open at Pebble Beach:

"Pebble is just such a historic venue. I honestly – it was just the combination of that fact and the fact – coupled with the fact that it was my first pro event. I almost started crying on the first tee. It was just amazing. I don't even have words to describe it."

Xiyu Lin (T1, 68) on how it feels to be playing well at Pebble Beach:

"I remember before I came out here I went to see my club fitter and I said, I need tape for Pebble and he just like told me, just whatever holes you're at, just take 30 second to look up at the view and you will be very grateful where you are. I think it's absolutely right. I feel like, you know, it's been amazing this couple of days to play here, walk in the town, I love this town. I love Monterey, the valley. Everything is so nice here, so chill. Just think of we're part of the history. It's really cool. So I think I kind of told myself no matter what, it's -- this is going to be a memorable week. It's going to be enjoyable week. So I will try to get the best out of myself but no matter what happened I always enjoyed it."

Hyo Joo Kim (T1, 68) on how special the opportunity to play Pebble Beach is:

"I think I can brag about this, my opportunity to play at Pebble Beach, and definitely to my friends, my family members, my acquaintances and good players. It's something to brag about for sure."

Low amateur of the day Aine Donegan (T2, 69) on the interesting journey to the U.S. Women's Open:

"I had a team event last week in Scotland for Great Britain and Ireland, so I flew from Scotland on Sunday morning at about 4:00 a.m. from Scotland to Dublin and Dublin to Newark, and then Newark to San Francisco. When I arrived in San Francisco the clubs hadn't arrived. We were traveling at least 30 hours by then. So they told us at the airport they're going to come the next day and they didn't end up coming, so I send a tweet out and made a few headlines. Eventually they have arrived, but I played my first practice round with PING clubs. Scott from PING helped me out. So full PING set. I play PING irons, and so that helped anyway. That particular practice round I started to hit the driver really well and I said it to my caddie, who's also my coach, Gary, I said, I might change to this driver for the week. He said, you know, we're going to have a bit of a dilemma when your clubs do arrive. Anyway, the clubs arrive the next day, I think on Tuesday, and my driver is smashed, completely smashed. At least it stopped us thinking oh, which driver we'll use. We had only one choice then. So I put that in. Honestly I am delighted I did. It's like everything happens for a reason, that the clubs were late and then the driver came and it was broken and all of a sudden I have no choice but to put this PING driver in."

NOTABLE

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[Xiyu Lin Picking Up Right Where She Left Off at U.S. Women's Open](#)

[Amateur Aine Donegan Debuts with 69 After Drive Dilemma](#)

[Rose Bowl: Zhang Draws Astonishing Crowd](#)

[Bailey Tardy "Bulldogs" Way to First-Round 69 at Pebble Beach](#)

["The Shot: Celebrating the 25-year Anniversary of Se Ri Pak's U.S. Women's Open Victory](#)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 Holes: 63, Helen Alfredsson (1994, first round)

36 Holes: 132, Helen Alfredsson (1994)

54 Holes: 200, Minjee Lee (2022)

72 Holes: 271, Minjee Lee (2022)