



## Performance Insights

### 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship

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#### KPMG Insight of the Week

\*For top-ten finishers at this event a year ago, approach play accounted for more than 54 percent of strokes gained total. Another whopping 40.8% came from putting:

#### Percentage of Strokes Gained Total

##### Top-10 Finishers Last Year – Walmart NW Arkansas

Off the Tee	3.2%
Approach Green	54.5%
Around Green	1.5%
Putting	40.8%

#### Atthaya Thitikul

\*Atthaya Thitikul shot a second round 61 here last year in her win, the lowest round shot on the LPGA Tour all season. Only two other winners in 2022 shot scores of 62 or lower at any point during the week.

#### Lowest Rounds by Tournament Winner

##### Last Season on LPGA Tour

	Round	Score	Tournament
Atthaya Thitikul	2	61	Walmart NW Arkansas
Paula Reto	1	62	CP Women's Open
Ayaka Furue	4	62	Trust Scottish Open

\*Thitikul has racked up a remarkable 25 top-ten finishes on the LPGA Tour the last two seasons, seven more than any other player in that span.

#### Most Top-10 Finishes

##### LPGA Tour – Last 2 Seasons

Atthaya Thitikul	25
Celine Boutier	18
Hyo Joo Kim	16
Lydia Ko	15
Nelly Korda	15



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\*Thitikul got off to a scorching-hot start to begin the year but has cooled off a bit of late. She did, however, finish in a tie for seventh in her last start, the Portland Classic.

### Atthaya Thitikul

#### Performance on LPGA Tour This Season

	First 9 Starts	Last 6 Starts
Top-10 finishes	7	2
Missed cuts	0	2
Scoring average	69.34	71.88
Birdie or better Pct	24.9%	21.2%
Bogey avoidance	11.4%	20.9%

\*Thitikul ranked in the top-ten for the week here last year in both strokes gained tee-to-green and strokes gained putting.

### Atthaya Thitikul

#### Strokes Gained – 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas

	Total	Field Rank
SG: Tee-to-Green	+6.44	9th
SG: Putting	+5.77	9th

### Lydia Ko

\*Lydia Ko was the best putter on the LPGA Tour last season, leading the circuit in strokes gained per round on the greens. She's outside the top-90 in that metric this season.

### Lydia Ko

#### Strokes Gained Putting – Last 2 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
Last season	+1.42	1st
This season	-0.24	96th

\*A look at Ko's strokes gained ranks across the board compared to last season:

### Lydia Ko

#### Strokes Gained Ranks – Last 2 Seasons

	2022	2023
Total	1st	71st
Tee to Green	10th	61st
Approach	4th	27th
Putting	1st	96th



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### Hyo Joo Kim

\*Hyo Joo Kim continues to lead the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained total per round:

#### **Most SG: Total Per Round LPGA Tour This Season**

Hyo Joo Kim	2.24
Ruoning Yin	2.10
Jin Young Ko	2.08
Xiyu Lin	1.88

\*Among qualified players

\*Kim has ranked in the top-five in strokes gained tee-to-green per round each of the last two seasons.

### **Hyo Joo Kim**

#### **Strokes Gained Tee-to-Green – Last 2 Years**

	2022	2023
Per Round	1.42	1.69
LPGA Rank	5th	4th

\*Hyo Joo Kim is the only player currently in the top-10 on the LPGA Tour in fairways hit, greens in regulation and scrambling percentage.

### **Hyo Joo Kim**

#### **LPGA Tour Ranks This Season**

	Percentage	Rank
Fairways hit	82.9%	3rd
Greens in regulation	73.9%	3rd
Scrambling	64.3%	4th

\*Only player ranked top-10 in all 3 statistics

### Georgia Hall

\*Georgia Hall is one of just two players on the LPGA Tour this season gaining at least three-quarters of a stroke per round both tee-to-green and putting.

#### **0.75 or More SG Per Round**

##### **Tee to Green and Putting – This Season**

	Tee to Green	Putting
Atthaya Thitikul	0.77	0.87
Georgia Hall	0.76	0.77



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### Danielle Kang

\*Danielle Kang lost to Atthaya Thitikul in a playoff here last season. She relied heavily on her approach play, gaining more than ten strokes – a season high.

#### Danielle Kang

##### Most SG: Approach in Event – 2022 Season

	Total	Tournament Finish
Walmart NW Arkansas	10.10	2nd
Tournament of Champions	8.76	Won
Honda LPGA Thailand	8.45	T-8
CP Women's Open	8.03	T-17

\*Kang has been excellent on and around the greens this season but has struggled a bit with her ball striking. She is coming off a 2-2-0 week at the Solheim Cup last week in Spain:

#### Danielle Kang

##### Ball Striking vs Short Game This Season

SG: Ball Striking -0.35  
*Off the tee + Approach*

SG: Short Game +0.95  
*Around green + Putting*

### Lexi Thompson

\*Lexi Thompson has built some momentum in recent weeks, something reflected in her strong performance last week at Finca Cortesin:

#### Lexi Thompson

##### Stroke Play on LPGA Tour This Season

	First 9 Starts	Kroger Queen City
Score to par	+35	-7
Rounds in 60s	3	2
SG: Total	-1.60	+1.57
Greens in regulation	61.4%	81.9%
Bogey avoidance	23.2%	15.3%



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### Leona Maguire

\*Leona Maguire's remarkable short game has become even better in 2023.

#### Leona Maguire

##### Around the Greens – Ranks Last 2 Seasons

	2022	2023
SG: Around the Green	9th	4th
Scrambling	15th	9th
Sand save percentage	T-39th	29th

\*Maguire authored her second tremendous Solheim Cup appearance last week in Spain.

#### Leona Maguire

##### Career at Solheim Cup

	2021	2023
Match record	4-0-1	3-2-0
Singles result	W, 5&4	W, 4&3
Team result	Won, 15-13	Ret., 14-14

### In Gee Chun

\*This is the third consecutive season that In Gee Chun has ranked in the top-ten on the LPGA Tour in par three scoring average.

#### In Gee Chun

##### Par 3 Scoring – Last 4 LPGA Seasons

	Average	LPGA Rank
2020	3.04	T-43
2021	2.96	T-8
2022	2.96	T-11
2023	2.98	T-5