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2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Putting will be at a premium this week, as players who finished in the top 10 here last season gained just over 50% of their total strokes on the field on the greens alone.

Strokes Gained by Category

Top 10 Finishers – 2023 Buick LPGA Shanghai

Off the Tee	18.6%
Approach	21.5%
Around the Green	9.2%
Putting	50.7%

*Angel Yin: led field in strokes gained putting in victory

Jeeno Thitikul

*Jeeno Thitikul enters this week on a roll, recording 3 consecutive finishes of T-7 or higher. Over her last 11 rounds, she has a scoring average below 68 and is gaining well over 3 strokes per round:

Jeeno Thitikul Scoring

Last 11 Rounds

Score to Par	-43
Scoring Average	67.8
Rounds in 60s	9
Birdie or Better Pct.	31.8%
SG Total	+3.22

*Thitikul is one of only two players, along with world number one Nelly Korda, to rank inside the top 10 in strokes gained total on the LPGA Tour in each of the last 3 seasons.

Top 10 in SG Total

LPGA Tour- Last 3 Seasons

	Korda	Thitikul
2022	4th	3rd
2023	7th	2nd
2024	1st	3rd



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*One of the keys to Thitikul's success over her last 3 starts has been avoiding mistakes, as she has cut her bogey avoidance rate by over 5% from earlier in the season:

Jeeno Thitikul Bogey Avoidance LPGA Tour – This Season

	Bogey Avoidance
First 9 Starts	15.2%
Last 3 Starts	10.1%

*Thitikul leads the LPGA Tour in greens in regulation this season at over 75%. A large part of her success has been due to her success from the fairway, where she has found the putting surface in regulation close to 84% of the time after placing her drive in the short grass:

GIR From the Fairway LPGA Tour – This Season

Jeeno Thitikul	83.9%
Laura Wearn	83.6%
Haeran Ryu	82.8%
Nelly Korda	82.7%
Hannah Green	82.4%

*Min. 20 rounds

Hannah Green

*Hannah Green has significantly improved her play around the greens over the past few seasons, jumping 60 spots in strokes gained in that category since 2022:

Hannah Green SG Around the Green LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	Rank
2022	-0.14	92nd
2023	-0.06	77th
2024	+0.17	32nd

*Hannah Green has been exceptional on long distance approach shots this season, ranking well above the LPGA average in terms of proximity from a few distances:

Hannah Green Proximity LPGA Tour – This Season

	LPGA Tour Average	Hannah Green
150-175 yards	32' 2"	25' 0"
175-200 yards	38' 10"	32' 10"



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Xiyu Lin

*Xiyu Lin was excellent on the greens at this event last season, ranking 4th among all players in strokes gained putting. It was her tee to green play, however, that cost her a chance at a higher finish, ranking well outside the top 60 in strokes gained in that category:

Xiyu Lin Strokes Gained 2023 Buick LPGA Shanghai

	Per Round	Rank
Tee to Green	-1.02	67th
Putting	+1.52	4th

*After a fast start to the season, Xiyu Lin has not been able to carry the momentum over as the season has progressed.

Xiyu Lin Performance LPGA Tour – Stroke Play This Season

	First 9 Starts	Last 8 Starts
Top 25 Finishes	5	1
Missed Cuts	0	3
Score to Par	-49	+6
Rounds in 60s	14	4
SG Total	+1.38	+0.95

*Xiyu Lin has still been above average with her approach play this season, but has not quite been up to the standard she set in 2022 and 2023:

Xiyu Lin Approach Play LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	SG Approach	Rank
2022	+0.86	11th
2023	+0.74	17th
2024	+0.36	41st



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Celine Boutier

*After a 4-win 2023, Celine Boutier has not quite had the same success so far in 2024, recording just a single top 10 finish so far this season. One of the biggest culprits is her putting, where she ranks well outside the top 100 in strokes gained so far this season:

Celine Boutier SG Putting LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	SG Putting	Rank
2022	+0.70	14th
2023	+0.63	20th
2024	-0.28	111th

*Overall, she has holed putts a rate well below the LPGA Tour average from a few key distances:

Celine Boutier Putting LPGA Tour – This Season

	LPGA Average	Celine Boutier
5-10 Feet	56.2%	54.8%
10-15 Feet	28.8%	24.0%
15-20 Feet	17.1%	12.8%

Rose Zhang

*Rose Zhang has been extremely reliant on her approach play this season, ranking 5th on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained in that area while ranking outside the top 60 in each of the other 3 main strokes gained categories:

Rose Zhang Strokes Gained Ranks LPGA Tour – Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
Off the Tee	28th	63rd
Approach	11th	5th
Around the Green	27th	77th
Putting	71st	65th



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Ruoning Yin

*Ruoning Yin has been among the best ball-strikers on the LPGA Tour this season, ranking 4th on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained in that area (off the tee + approach). Her short game has not been as cooperative, however, as she ranks well outside the top 100:

Ruoning Yin Strokes Gained LPGA Tour – This Season

	Per Round	Rank
Ball Striking	+1.56	4th
Short Game	-0.36	121st

*Min. 20 rounds

Patty Tavatanakit

*Patty Tavatanakit has been among the LPGA's best from tee to green this season, ranking 5th among all qualified players in strokes gained in that category. It's a massive improvement from two seasons ago, when she ranked all the way down in 120th.

Patty Tavatanakit SG Tee to Green LPGA Tour - Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	Rank
2022	-0.79	120th
2023	-0.43	100th
2024	+1.38	5th

Mao Saigo

*She has really excelled after missing the fairway, ranking 3rd on the LPGA Tour in greens in regulation from off the fairway (min. 20 rounds).

Highest GIR Pct From Other than Fairway Par 4s and 5s This Season

	GIR
Charley Hull	60.8%
Nelly Korda	60.0%
Mao Saigo	59.6%
Nataliya Guseva	57.9%
Polly Mack	57.9%



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*Saigo has 28 rounds in the 60s this season, fourth most on the LPGA Tour this season and trailing only a trio of the LPGA's biggest stars:

Most Rounds in the 60s LPGA Tour – This Season

Ayaka Furue	31
Lauren Coughlin	29
Nelly Korda	29
Mao Saigo	28
Haeran Ryu	27

Nasa Hataoka

*It has been a consistent season for Nasa Hataoka, who has recorded 10 top 25 finishes so far in 2024. If she hopes to breakthrough for her first win of 2024, however, she will need the putter to cooperate, as she has plummeted to well outside the top 100 in strokes gained putting this season.

Nasa Hataoka SG Putting LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	Rank
2022	+0.48	33rd
2023	+0.34	43rd
2024	-0.53	135th

*Short range putts have been perhaps the biggest issue for Hataoka this season, as she is sinking less than 50% of her putts from 5-10 feet, well below the LPGA Tour average.

Putting from 5-10 Feet LPGA Tour – This Season

	Make Percentage
LPGA Tour Average	56.2%
Nasa Hataoka	47.8%

*One cause for optimism, however: Nasa Hataoka recorded her second-best putting performance of the season two weeks ago in Arkansas on her way to a T-7 finish.

Nasa Hataoka Best SG Putting Weeks LPGA Tour – This Season

	Per Round	Finish
Mizuho Americas Open	+1.21	T-14
Walmart NW Arkansas	+1.07	T-7
HSBC Women's World Champ.	+0.70	T-3