



Performance Insights

2024 CME Group Tour Championship

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTELLIGENCE PACK

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*In 2022, the players who finished in the top-ten at the CME Group Tour Championship gained more than 40 percent of their strokes against the field with their approach play. Last year, that number vaulted to nearly 57 percent:

Percentage of Strokes Gained Total

Top-10 Finishers – CME Group Tour Championship

	2022	2023
Off the Tee	11.5%	17.8%
Approach	41.9%	56.8%
Around the Green	10.4%	11.4%
Putting	36.3%	14.0%

1. Nelly Korda

*Last week, Nelly Korda picked up her seventh win of the season. She is the first American player in 34 years to win seven or more LPGA titles in a single year – the last to do it was Beth Daniel in 1990. Over the last 50 years, only Nancy Lopez, Daniel and Korda have done it among Americans:

Most Wins by American Player in Season

LPGA Tour Last 50 Years

	Wins
1978 Nancy Lopez	9
1979 Nancy Lopez	8
1990 Beth Daniel	7
2024 Nelly Korda	7

*Korda rattled off five consecutive birdies Sunday in her win. She is the only player this season on the LPGA Tour to have a streak of 5+ birdies or better in the final round of a win. It was also Nelly's longest streak of birdies or better in any round this season:

Most Consecutive Birdies/Eagles

In Final Round of Win – Last 2 LPGA Seasons

	Tournament	Streak
2023 Lilia Vu	Honda LPGA Thailand	5
2023 Chanettee Wannasaen	Portland Classic	5
2024 Nelly Korda	THE ANNIKA	5*

*Also Korda's season-long streak



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*Korda has four wins this season when trailing entering the final round, most of anyone since 1987.

4+ Wins When Trailing Entering Final Round Same LPGA Season – Last 2 Instances

		Comeback wins
1987	Jane Geddes	5
2024	Nelly Korda	4

*Last Sunday, Nelly Korda walked to the 10th tee with a less than 8% chance of winning the tournament. Her five consecutive birdies vaulted her from contender to champion:

Nelly Korda Final Round Win Probability – The ANNIKA

On 10th tee	7.6%
Birdie at 11	16.1%
Birdie at 12	35.8%
Birdie at 13	61.8%
Birdie at 14	69.8%
Birdie at 15	89.9%

*One of the lesser acclaimed facets of Korda's game this season has been her putting. She ranks among the leaders on the LPGA Tour in make percentage from both 10 to 15 and 10 to 20 feet:

Nelly Korda Putt Make Percentage – This Season

		LPGA Rank
10 to 15 feet	41.5%	5th
10 to 20 feet	31.1%	6th

*Korda is the only player on the LPGA Tour this season gaining at least half-a-stroke on the field on shots off the tee, approach and on the green.

Nelly Korda Strokes Gained Per Round – This Season

		LPGA Rank
Off the Tee	+0.88	2nd
Approach	+0.54	28th
Putting	+0.57	19th

*Only player gaining 0.5 strokes in each statistic



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2. Haeran Ryu

*Haeran Ryu leads the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained tee-to-green per round. She is ranked third in scoring average and fourth in strokes gained total.

Haeran Ryu

LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

		LPGA Rank
Scoring average	69.98	3rd
Strokes gained total	+1.92	4th
Strokes gained tee-to-green	+1.97	1st
Birdies or better per round	4.31	3rd

*Ryu's approach play has been excellent all season. She ranks either first or second in average proximity to the hole in several proximity categories:

Haeran Ryu

Approach Shot Proximity to the Hole

	Average	LPGA Rank
100-125 yards	18'0"	2nd
125-150 yards	21'6"	1st
150-175 yards	26'6"	2nd

*Ryu has gained at least three strokes with her ball striking in 27 rounds this season – eight more than any other player on the LPGA Tour.

Most Rounds Gaining 3+ Strokes Ball Striking LPGA Tour This Season

Haeran Ryu	27
Mao Saigo	19
Minjee Lee	16
Peiyun Chien	15

*Only Jin Young Ko has a better overall average proximity to the hole than Ryu this year:

Proximity to the Hole Leaders LPGA Tour This Season

Jin Young Ko	23'0"
Haeran Ryu	23'1"
Minjee Lee	23'3"
Ashleigh Buhai	23'3"



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3. Lydia Ko

*Lydia Ko is ranked in the top-20 this season in strokes gained approach, around the green and putting. She is the only qualified player in the top-20 in each of those statistics:

Lydia Ko

Strokes Gained Ranks This Season

	Rank*
Approach	18th
Around the Green	9th
Putting	16th

*Only player ranked in top-20 in each category

*Ko has returned to her elite putting ways in 2024, vaulting up 56 spots in strokes gained:

Lydia Ko

Strokes Gained Putting – Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
Per Round	+0.01	+0.67
LPGA Rank	72nd	16th

4. Ayaka Furue

*Ayaka Furue has made the lowest percentage of bogeys or worse of any player on the LPGA Tour this season (11.1%). Correspondingly, Furue has made more putts of 10+ feet than anyone and has the best scrambling rate on Tour:

Ayaka Furue

LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

		LPGA Rank
Bogey or worse Pct	11.1%	1st
Scrambling	66.5%	1st
Putts made 10+ feet	165	1st

*Furue is the only player ranked in the top-15 on the LPGA Tour this season in both strokes gained approach and strokes gained putting per round.

Ayaka Furue

Strokes Gained Ranks This Season

		Rank*
Approach	+0.90	9th
Putting	+0.80	11th

*Only player in top-15 in both statistics



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5. Ruoning Yin

*Since August 1, Ruoning Yin ranks in the top-5 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained total, tee to green and approach per round.

Ruoning Yin

LPGA Ranks Since August 1

	Per Round	LPGA Rank*
SG Total	+2.54	2nd
SG Approach	+1.27	T-5th
SG Tee to Green	+1.85	2nd

*Among players with 16+ rounds in span

*Yin has rattled off five consecutive top-20 finishes on the LPGA Tour. That's as many top-20 results as she had in her first 13 stroke play starts of the season:

Ruoning Yin

In Stroke Play Events This Season

	1st 13 Starts	Last 5 Starts
Top-3 finishes	0	3
Top-20 finishes	5	5
Scoring average	71.12	68.10
SG Total per round	+1.30	+2.54

6. Hannah Green

*Hannah Green's numbers this season have climbed across the board in 2024 compared to '23:

Hannah Green

LPGA Tour Ranks – 2023 vs 2024

	2023	2024
Birdie or better average	24th	6th
Strokes gained total	35th	10th
Greens in regulation	36th	11th
Strokes gained putting	55th	17th

*Green is averaging almost 4-and-a-half feet closer than the Tour average from 125-150 yards:

Proximity from 125-150 Yards

LPGA Tour This Season

LPGA Tour average	27'0"
Hannah Green	23'7"



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7. Jeeno Thitikul

*Jeeno Thitikul has gained at least one stroke putting in more than 55% of her rounds this season, the third-highest rate of any player on the LPGA Tour.

Rounds With 1+ SG Putting Highest Percentage This Season

Dottie Ardina	76.9%
Sandra Gal	60.7%
Jeeno Thitikul	55.2%
Anna Nordqvist	53.5%

*Minimum 20 rounds played

*Thitikul leads the LPGA Tour in scoring average, narrowly ahead of Nelly Korda.

Jeeno Thitikul LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

		Rank
Scoring average	69.54	1st
Birdie or better average	4.52	1st
Strokes gained putting	+1.05	2nd
Par 5 scoring	4.50	1st

8. Lauren Coughlin

*Coughlin went from well-below-average putting a season ago to one of the best on the LPGA Tour this season.

Lauren Coughlin Strokes Gained Putting – Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
Per Round	-0.58	+0.68
LPGA Rank	123rd	15th

*Coughlin bounced back from a rough opening round on the greens last week, playing the last three rounds in nine-under-par.

Lauren Coughlin Putting Last Week – The ANNIKA

	Round 1	Rounds 2-4
SG Putting per round	-0.56	+1.69
Score to par	+2	-9



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11. Lilia Vu

*For as good as Lilia Vu has been on the greens the last three seasons, she's ranked even better each year when the final round rolls around:

Lilia Vu

Strokes Gained Putting – LPGA Tour Ranks

	Overall	Final Round
2022	20th	16th
2023	10th	1st
2024	14th	13th

13. Ally Ewing

*Two of the last three seasons, Ally Ewing has ranked in the top-20 in both strokes gained tee-to-green and strokes gained approach per round.

Ally Ewing

Strokes Gained Ranks – Last 3 Seasons

	Tee to Green	Approach
2022	8th	8th
2023	16th	30th
2024	12th	14th

21. Rose Zhang

*LPGA players gain 2 or more strokes ball striking 15.8 percent of the time this season. Rose Zhang has gained at least two strokes ball striking in 26.6% of her rounds:

Rounds Gaining 2+ Strokes Ball Striking

LPGA Tour This Season

LPGA average	15.8%
Rose Zhang	26.6%

50. Lexi Thompson

*Lexi Thompson has been one of the best short-to-mid-range putters on Tour in 2024.

Lexi Thompson

Putting by Distance – This Season

		Rank
5 to 10 feet	73.6%	1st
10 to 15 feet	45.3%	2nd