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Final-Round Notes
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Course Setup: 36-36 – 72; 6,534 yards
Scoring Average: R1: 69.97; R2: 71.74; R3: 70.202; R4: 68.733
Weather: Temperatures starting off in the low 50s, warming up to mid-70s in the afternoon. Sunny skies and dry conditions, winds predominantly northerly (4-10 mph).
Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner): Points will be allocated at the CME Group Tour Championship for the purpose of determining Priority List status and tournament eligibility for the 2025 LPGA Tour season
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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
1	Jeeno Thitikul	-22	71-67-63-65 – 266
2	Angel Yin	-21	65-69-67-66 – 267
3	Lydia Ko	-17	67-74-67-63 – 271
4	Ruoning Yin	-16	70-68-66-68 – 272
T5	Nelly Korda	-15	72-66-69-66 – 273
T5	Narin An	-15	64-72-69-68 – 273

JEENO THITIKUL WINS CME GROUP TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP AND \$4 MILLION FIRST-PLACE PRIZE

After a gritty back-and-forth battle on Sunday afternoon at Tiburón Golf Club, it was **Jeeno Thitikul** who emerged victorious at the CME Group Tour Championship, earning her fourth career LPGA Tour victory and a historic \$4 million winner’s check, the largest first-place prize in women’s golf.

Thitikul began the day tied for the lead with **Angel Yin** at 15-under, and she quickly took a one-shot lead over the American after picking up a birdie on the par-5 1st hole to move to 16-under. She extended her advantage to two by making another birdie on the par-4 3rd hole to climb to 17-under, but she gave that shot right back after bogeying the fourth to drop back to 16-under.

Yin tied Thitikul at 16-under with a birdie on the par-4 4th hole, and that’s where things stayed until the Thailand native birdied the par-4 7th hole to once again lead Yin by one stroke at 17-under. Yin evened the score with a birdie of her own on eight to move to 17-under, and she then took the lead with a birdie on the par-4 10th hole to get to 18-under and one ahead of Thitikul.

Yin got to 19-under and two ahead of Thitikul with a birdie on the 12th hole, but Thitikul answered with a birdie on 13 to once again sit within one stroke of Yin’s lead. Both players made birdies on the par-5 14th hole, putting Thitikul one back of Yin at 19-under with the American leading the way at 20-under.

After Yin birdied the par-3 16th hole to get to 21-under and sit two shots ahead with two holes to play, it felt like Thitikul might be out of the conversation. But the 21-year-old dug deep, determined to at least get into a playoff with Yin at the end of the final round.

Thitikul found the green in two on the par-5 17th hole and buried her resulting eagle try to move to 21-under, now tied alongside Yin who missed a birdie putt inside five feet on 17 to remain at 21-under. With just the 18th hole left to decide a champion in regulation at Tiburón Golf Club, both players found the fairway off the tee, and Thitikul played first, knocking her approach shot to within five feet and putting some pressure on the veteran to match her gutsy approach.

Yin found the green with her second shot, putting it approximately 25 feet away from the hole to give herself a chance to roll in another lengthy birdie putt and challenge Thitikul. Yin’s birdie effort just grazed the edge of the hole, and she tapped in for par to post at 21-under, leaving Thitikul with a short birdie try to get to 22-under and win the tournament.

Not showing even the slightest bit of obvious nerves, Thitikul lined up her putt, stepped over it and confidently stroked it, putting her hand to her mouth and looking to the sky in disbelief when the ball hit the bottom of the cup, completely shocked that she had just won the CME Group Tour Championship.

“I don't know what happened to me on 17 and 18. I really make a birdie on 17, which is giving me a good chance. But having eagle, it's more than I can ask for,” said Thitikul. “And then hitting really, really good second shot on 18 and hole the putt, it’s just like, all the hard work that I've been, it's just like pay off.”

As part of the victory, Thitikul will be taking home a \$4 million check courtesy of CME Group, one of the largest single prizes in all of women’s sports. But that isn’t the only seven-figure amount of money that the 21-year-old has earned this week at the CME Group Tour Championship.

It was officially announced on Tuesday that, after the conclusion of The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican, Thitikul had won the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge, a season-long award that comes with its own \$1 million prize. And after her win on Sunday at Tiburón Golf Club, Thitikul’s single-week earnings at the season’s last event now totals \$5 million, which is more than some players will ever make in their careers.

“Like I said, my million is good enough, at Aon. I think I'm at the point that I'm not really thinking about the prize money that much,” said Thitikul. “Like Lydia Ko said at Grant Thornton, we're not here for the prize money. We here for growing the game of golf more.”

While Yin was disappointed to not earn her second career LPGA Tour victory after such an incredible week of golf in Naples, Fla., the 26-year-old’s runner-up result is still her best of the 2024 season and will see her earn a \$1 million second-place prize, the only other seven-figure runner-up check given out on the LPGA Tour besides the U.S. Women’s Open presented by Ally. But for Yin, Sunday’s final result and the entire week at the CME Group Tour Championship was about more than just the money.

“That I'm pretty awesome,” said Yin when asked what she learned about herself this year. “That I cannot walk and finish second. I've learned that I just need to believe my myself, and that's what I did. That's why I had my friend on the bag. And then that's it. Just need to keep doing that, believe in myself.”

Two-time CME Group Tour Championship winner **Lydia Ko** fired a 9-under 63 to finish in solo third at 17-under overall, while three-time 2024 winner Ruoning Yin came fourth after firing a 4-under 68 in the final round. Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda tied for fifth at 15-under alongside **Narin An** of the Republic of Korea, and defending champion **Amy Yang** finished in a tie for eighth with a 72-hole score of 13-under.

Japan’s **Ayaka Furue** claimed Vare Trophy honors, becoming the first Japanese player to win the award, and **Mao Saigo** took home the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award. Thitikul has also earned the Money Title with \$6,059,309 in season earnings, breaking Lorena Ochoa’s single-season earnings record by over \$1.6 million, and is the 2024 Race to the CME Globe champion after her win at Tiburón Golf Club.

A LOOK AT THE CHAMPION

CATEGORY	Jeeno Thitikul
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	4
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	2
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	12
2024 Season Earnings	\$6,059,309
Career LPGA Tour Wins	4
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	41
Career Money (LPGA)	\$9,791,070
Career LET Wins	4

ABOUT THE CHAMPION
Rolex Rankings No. 7 Jeeno Thitikul

- Thitikul shot a final-round 65 to win the CME Group Tour Championship by one stroke
 - She made six birdies and an eagle in her final round
 - Her eagle on the 17th hole put her in a tie for the lead, and her birdie on 18 gave her the win
 - She is one of just two players who made an eagle on Sunday at the CME Group Tour Championship, along with Jennifer Kupcho
 - Thitikul had 23 birdies throughout the week, third-most in the field
 - Thitikul needed just 106 putts all week, the least in the field
- Her four-day score of 266 ties her lowest in her career on the LPGA Tour
 - She shot 266 at the 2024 Maybank Championship, where she finished solo second
- Her Saturday 63 to tie the lead was her lowest 18-hole score of the 2024 season and her lowest since the 2022 season
- Thitikul is the fourth-straight winner at the CME Group Tour Championship who started the final-round tied for the lead and won
 - In 2023, **Amy Yang** and **Nasa Hataoka** were tied heading into Sunday with Yang winning
 - In 2022, **Lydia Ko** and **Leona Maguire** were tied heading into the final round with L. Ko winning
 - In 2021, **Jin Young Ko**, **Celine Boutier** and Hataoka were tied heading into Sunday with J.Y. Ko winning
- This was Thitikul’s third start at the CME Group Tour Championship
 - She has finished inside the top-10 in all of her previous starts; First in 2024, T10 in 2022 and fifth in 2023
- This was the fifth time she had led or co-led going into the final round of a tournament. The last times include:
 - 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G, where she won
 - 2022 BMW Ladies Championship, she finished sixth
 - 2024 Kroger Queen City Championship, she finished runner-up
 - 2024 Maybank Championship, she finished runner-up
- This is the seventh time in her career that she recorded four rounds in the 60s in a single event
- Thitikul becomes the second-most winningest player from Thailand following only **Ariya Jutanugarn** (12 wins)
- She earns the sixth win this season by a Thai player, the second most behind United States (12)
 - The other Thai players to win this season are **Moriya Jutanugarn** (Portland Classic), **Jasmine Suwannapura** (Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G), **Patty Tavatanakit** (Honda LPGA Thailand) and **Chanettee Wannasaen** (Dana Open)
- Thitikul is the first player from Thailand to win the CME Group Tour Championship since A. Jutanugarn won in 2017
- This is the second time she has won twice in the same season and first since 2022
- She crosses the \$6 million mark in official earnings with the \$4 million winner’s prize, and breaks the record for highest single-season earnings
 - She breaks **Lorena Ochoa**’s single-season earnings record by \$1,694,315
 - Ochoa earned \$4,364,994 on the LPGA Tour in 2007
 - **Nelly Korda** also broke Ochoa’s record with her T5 finish at the CME Group Tour Championship, with \$4,391,930 in 2024 earnings
- She crosses the \$9 million mark in official career earnings with the \$4 million winner’s prize (\$9,791,070)
 - She becomes the 32rd player in Tour history to earn at least \$9 million in career earnings
 - She is now the second-highest player from Thailand on the all-time money list, passing M. Jutanugarn and sitting behind A. Jutanugarn
- On Tuesday she was named the 2024 winner of the [Aon Risk Reward Challenge](#) winning the Aon Trophy and the \$1 million prize
 - She joined **Carlota Ciganda** (2020), **Hannah Green** (2021), **Minjee Lee** (2022) and **Angel Yin** (2023)
- Thitikul made her 17th start of the 2024 season at the CME Group Tour Championship
 - Her first start was The Chevron Championship, after she missed the early part of the season due to a wrist injury
 - She has 12 top-10 finishes this season, including her two wins
- This is her third season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has four career victories (2022 JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol, 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship, 2024 Dow Championship, 2024 CME Group Tour Championship)
 - She was the Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year in 2022
 - She won the 2023 Vare Trophy for the lowest scoring average across the season
 - She was a member of Team Thailand in the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - She finished third at 2021 LPGA Q-Series to earn Membership

THINGS TO KNOW

- Thirty-four athletes made over \$1M this season, up from 28 in 2023
 - One hundred athletes made over \$200K in 2024
 - Average earnings of the top 100 athletes in the LPGA Tour this season surpasses \$1M for the first time ever
- Three LPGA Tour players finished their final full-season on the LPGA Tour in Naples
 - **Lexi Thompson** finished T49
 - Thompson has competed on the LPGA Tour since 2012
 - She is an 11-time winner including one major championship at the 2014 Chevron Championship
 - She has made 218 cuts in 257 starts throughout her career with 80 additional top-10 finishes
 - She has appeared in seven Solheim Cups on the United States Team (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024)
 - She has represented the United States at four Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crowns (2014, 2016, 2018, 2023)
 - She has appeared in two Olympic Games representing the U.S. (2016 Rio, T19 and 2020 Tokyo, 33)
 - **Ally Ewing** finished T16
 - Ewing has been a Member since 2016
 - She has three wins and 22 additional top-10 finishes
 - She has made 133 cuts in 171 career starts
 - She has represented the United States in four Solheim Cups (2019, 2021, 2023 and 2024)
 - **Marina Alex** finished T12
 - Alex first joined the LPGA Tour in 2013
 - She is a two-time winner and has 33 additional top-10 finishes
 - Alex has made 179 cuts in 247 starts in her career
 - She has appeared on one U.S. Solheim Cup Team in 2019
- **Angel Yin** earned her second runner-up result of the season at the CME Group Tour Championship
 - Yin shot a bogey-free 66 on Sunday, on stroke behind Thitikul
 - Yin held the 54-hole lead along with Thitikul heading into the final round
 - Yin shot four consecutive rounds in the 60s at Tiburon Golf Club
 - She has shot four rounds in the 60s just once this year, at the Portland Classic where she also finished runner-up
 - Yin made 13 cuts in 20 starts in 2024
 - She made her season debut at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards after recovering from an off-season injury
 - She has seven top-10 finishes including four in her last six starts
 - Yin has one win on the LPGA Tour, at the 2023 Buick LPGA Shanghai
- Two-time CME Group Tour Championship winner **Lydia Ko** finished solo third after shooting a final-round 63
 - Ko won the event in 2014 and 2022
 - Her 63 ties the low-round of the week, also shot by Thitikul during the third round
 - Ko went bogey-free with nine birdies on Sunday
 - She hit all but one fairway (55 of 56) during the week, tied for first in the field with two other players
- **Ruoning Yin** finished solo fourth
 - She made five birdies and a bogey in her final round
 - She made just two bogey during the entire week, the least in the field
 - R. Yin had three wins this season and three additional top-10 finishes
 - In her last seven starts on Tour, R. Yin did not finish outside of the top-20
- **Nelly Korda** finished T5
 - With her finish, Korda earns \$227,500, enough to pass **Lorena Ochao**’s single-season earnings record along with Thitikul
 - She earned \$4,391,930 this season
 - Korda had seven wins and three additional top-10 finishes in the 2024 season
 - She was named the Rolex Player of the Year and won the Rolex Annika Major Award in 2024
 - Korda shot a bogey-free 66 on Sunday to earn her finishing result
- **Narin An** also finished T5
 - This is An’s fourth top-10 finish of the season
 - This is An’s best finish at the CME Group Tour Championship, better than her T33 result in 2022
 - An shot a final-round 68 to finish T5 alongside Korda
- **Ayaka Furue** earned the 2024 Vare Trophy after shooting a final-round 68
 - She finished with a scoring average of 69.988
 - Her closest competitor that met the minimum round requirement was Haeran Ryu, who finished with a scoring average of 70.000
- Mao Saigo won the 2024 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award
 - She finished with a total of 959 points
 - Her closest competitor was Jin Hee Im, who needed to finish fourth or better for a chance to win and ultimately finished T42

QUOTABLE

Angel Yin (2nd, -21) on taking on shot at a time today

“One shot at a time. First time playing the morning since my Thursday round and it's quite different. Greens were a lot slower. In the replay or whatever, if anyone is watching, you can see that I left every single putt like an each short of the hole dead in the cup. And so I really had to address to that and then try and score from there, because I knew my opponents were going to go low.”

Lydia Ko (3rd, -17) on this week at the CME Group Tour Championship

“I played solid all week. Yesterday was kind of the first day where I had a lot of mid-range putts go in. I think I lost a bit of confidence after the second day. It was actually one of the worst putting rounds I've had in a really long time. I think yesterday was kind of a reboot, especially on the back nine, to say, hey, you know what? Don't make a big deal out of it. I wanted to shoot a final low score. Didn't know if I was going to be able to win, but to be able to finish this tournament on a high and this tournament because of CME and Terry, it's a very special place for me in my whole career. It's always nice to come back to a place where I have a lot of good memories and I've made some even better memories today with that final round.”

Nelly Korda (T5, -15) on how she is walking away from the 2024 CME Group Tour Championship

“Motivated definitely, and just excited and proud of how this year went. Never in a million years would I have thought last year, 365 days ago, I would be here with seven wins in one season and another major championship. But proud of the way I played this year. Proud of the way I bounced back after the middle of the year to win in Tampa. And, yeah, just motivated and eager to get next year going again.”

Marina Alex (T12, -12) on what she is most proud of from her career as she enters retirement

“I'm proud of sticking it out probably maybe a little bit longer than I mentally wanted to if I'm being honest. I was really down in the dumps at the end of last year and I almost contemplated not coming back. I wanted to come back because it's really odd, I have -- there is one really like triggering moment. It's not triggering in a bad way. Just a moment when Suzann retired at Solheim. I was on the opposite side of that. I thought that was one of the most incredible things I've seen from a player. I was like, wow, that's really cool. Way to go out on top. When you know you know, and that's that. I always wanted in some fashion that for myself. You never are going to get that fairytale experience, you know, win, walk away. Japan was pretty close. Had that been a different circumstance, I don't know what that would've led to. But I'm so happy for the last month of golf. It's truly -- golf doesn't owe you anything. To be able to at least get a little bit of feeling like it's the best golf I've ever played and I'm leaving with that, I'm really thankful for it.”

Ally Ewing (T16, -11) on what it was like to see her family on the 18th green as she finished her final round of competitive golf

“I've got so many people who have loved and supported me for a really long time. I got four grandparents at home who have watched way more golf than people know. I've just -- I'm just overwhelmed with how much love and support I've had. Even though this chapter is closing, they are so excited to have me around a little bit more and I'm excited to do that as well.”

Lexi Thompson (T49, -2) on finishing her final round of the CME Group Tour Championship as she retires from the LPGA Tour full-time

“it was very emotional. Really wasn't until I got to No. 9 for some reason. Kind of all hit me. Yeah, it's just always a special week regardless if it was my last tournament as a full time schedule or not. I always have so much family and friends and the fans are unbelievable here. It's kind of a home town event being from Florida so always held a special place in my heart. Yeah, it's a memory that I'll always cherish forever, always coming here. It's not the game that I wanted to play, but there is more important things.”

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TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes: 62, Lydia Ko (R2, 2016)

36 holes: 130, Celine Boutier (2021), Alison Lee and Nasa Hataoka (2023)

54 holes: 195, Amy Yang and Nasa Hataoka (2023)

72 holes: 261, Amy Yang (2023)