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2024 Dana Open

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Last season, top-10 finishers at the Dana Open gained nearly 50% of their strokes with their approach play. That was a drastic change from 2022, when top-10 finishers gained just over 25% of their strokes via their approach play at Highland Meadows.

Strokes Gained by Category

Dana Open Top-10 Finishers – Last 2 Seasons

	2022	2023
Off the Tee	7.2%	13.4%
Approach	25.8%	48.1%
Around the Green	23.2%	9.9%
Putting	43.8%	28.6%

*A look at how the strokes gained approach leaders at last season’s Dana Open fared on the leaderboard:

SG Approach Leaders

2023 Dana Open

	SG Approach	Finish
Xiyu Lin	2.85	T-4
Brittany Altomare	2.38	T-41
Linnea Strom	2.25	T-16
Minjee Lee	2.23	T-7
Linn Grant	2.18	Won
Allisen Corpuz	2.18	2nd

*Last season at the Dana Open, players who finished inside the top-10 hit nearly 80% of their greens in regulation, 12% higher than the field average:

Greens in Regulation

2023 Dana Open

Field Average	67.7%
Top-10 Finishers	79.7%



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Linn Grant

*Linn Grant averaged more than 2 strokes gained per round with her approach play during her victory here last season, her most in any event over the past 3 seasons:

Linn Grant Best SG Approach Weeks LPGA Tour- Last 3 Seasons

	SG Approach	Finish
2023 Dana Open	+2.18	Won
2022 ISPS Handa World Invitational	+1.75	T-4
2024 KPMG Women's PGA	+1.66	T-9
2023 Women's Scottish Open	+1.24	T-20

*Linn Grant ranked 7th or higher in strokes gained off the tee, approach, and around the green at this event last season:

Linn Grant SG Ranks 2023 Dana Open

	Per Round	Rank
Off the Tee	+1.27	2nd
Approach	+2.18	T-5th
Around the Green	+0.77	7th
Putting	+0.55	35th

Lexi Thompson

*Lexi Thompson enters this week off the back of 3 consecutive top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour. She now has recorded 25 top-10 finishes since the beginning of the 2020 season, 5 more than any other player without a victory over that stretch.

Top-10 Finishes Without a Win LPGA Tour – Since 2020

Lexi Thompson	25
Xiyu Lin	20
Carlota Ciganda	17
Hye-Jin Choi	15
Jeongeun Lee6	15



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*Lexi Thompson ranks 14th on the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained putting, her 3rd consecutive season ranking inside the top-25 in that category.

Lexi Thompson SG Putting LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	SG Putting	Rank
2022	+0.74	10th
2023	+0.57	23rd
2024	+0.69	14th

*One of 5 players to rank inside the top-25 in each season

*She has done so by making putts at a rate well above the LPGA Tour average from a few key ranges:

Lexi Thompson Putting by Distance LPGA Tour – This Season

	LPGA Tour Average	Lexi Thompson
5-10 feet	56.3%	67.7%
10-15 feet	28.3%	36.0%
15-20 feet	17.0%	26.7%

*Ranks 14th or better from each range (min. 10 rounds)

Haeran Ryu

*No one has hit a higher percentage of greens in regulation on the LPGA Tour this season than Haeran Ryu:

Greens in Regulation Leaders LPGA Tour – This Season

Haeran Ryu	74.4%
Nelly Korda	73.7%
Mao Saigo	73.0%
Atthaya Thitikul	72.8%
Lilia Vu	72.5%
Brooke Henderson	72.5%



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*In fact, she has improved her approach play in a few key areas this season, turning her into one of the preeminent iron players on the LPGA Tour (min. 30% rounds played):

Haeran Ryu Approach Play Ranks LPGA Tour – Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
SG Approach	10th	4th
Greens in Regulation	4th	1st
Proximity	55th	14th

*She also ranks 7th or better on the LPGA Tour in proximity from a number of distances (min. 10 rounds played):

Haeran Ryu Proximity LPGA Tour – This Season

	Proximity	Rank
125-150 yards	19' 2"	7th
150-175 yards	25' 0"	T-6th
175-200 yards	29' 2"	6th

*Min. 10 rounds played

Xiyu Lin

*Each of the four players to have the most top-10 finishes without a win in 2023 have gone on to win at least one event so far in 2024. The next player on that list, Xiyu Lin, will be hoping to follow suit this week.

Most Top-10s Without a Win 2023 LPGA Tour Season

	Top-10s	Won in 2024?
Atthaya Thitikul	13	Yes
Nelly Korda	9	Yes
Ayaka Furue	8	Yes
Yuka Saso	8	Yes
Xiyu Lin	7	No
Nasa Hataoka	7	No



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*Xiyu Lin has transformed into one of the LPGA's best around the green over the past 3 seasons:

Xiyu Lin Around the Green LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	SG Around the Green	Scrambling
2022	41st	24th
2023	9th	12th
2024	7th	7th

Maja Stark

*Maja Stark has 7 bogey-free rounds on the LPGA Tour this season, second to only last week's winner Ayaka Furue.

Most Bogey-Free Rounds LPGA Tour – This Season

Ayaka Furue	10
Maja Stark	7
Lydia Ko	6
Brooke Henderson	5
Hae Ran Ryu	5

*Maja Stark's approach play has not been quite as sharp since her rookie season in 2022:

Maja Stark SG Approach LPGA Tour- Last 3 Seasons

	SG Approach
2022	+1.16
2023	+0.62
2024	-0.11*

*Ranks 83rd on LPGA Tour this season



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Sarah Schmelzel

*Sarah Schmelzel is a combined -31 at this event over the past 3 seasons, the lowest score to par of any player in the field this week.

Lowest Score to Par Dana Open – Last 3 Seasons

Nasa Hataoka*	-33
Sarah Schmelzel	-31
Gaby Lopez	-30
Carlota Ciganda	-29
Xiyu Lin	-28

*Not in field this week

Stephanie Kyriacou

*Stephanie Kyriacou enters this week with a boost in confidence, coming off a career best finish at the Evian Championship. She gained over 18 strokes on the field last week in France, her most in a single event over the past 3 seasons (her second most came at this event a season ago):

Stephanie Kyriacou Highest SG Totals LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	SG Total
2024 Amundi Evian Championship	+18.4
2023 Dana Open	+12.4
2023 ANNIKA Driven by Gainbridge	+11.5
2022 AIG Women's Open	+10.8

Cheyenne Knight

*After a fantastic 2023 where she notched a win and made the US Solheim Cup team, Cheyenne Knight has struggled to get it going in 2024. The biggest culprit has been her approach play, which has been well below the standard she set in 2022 and 2023.

Cheyenne Knight Approach Play LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	SG Approach	Rank
2022	+0.61	19th
2023	+0.65	18th
2024	-0.30	99th