

# **LPGA Drive On Championship**

Bradenton Country Club | Bradenton, Fla. | Jan. 25-28, 2024

# In the Winner's Circle with Nelly Korda Jan. 28, 2024

Hometown/Resides: Bradenton, Fla.

Birthdate: July 28, 1998; currently 25 years and six months

Qualified for LPGA Tour: Finished ninth in the Epson Tour's 2016 Race for the Card to first earn LPGA

Tour status

**Turned Professional/Rookie Year: 2016/2017** 

Caddie: Jason McDede

#### **VICTORIES**

LPGA: Ninth career victory

**PREVIOUS WINS:** 2018 Swinging Skirts LPGA Taiwan Championship presented by CTBC, 2019 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open, 2019 Taiwan Swinging Skirts LPGA presented by CTBC, 2021 Gainbridge LPGA, 2021 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, **2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship**, 2021 Pelican

Women's Championship, 2022 Pelican Women's Championship

**LET:** Three victories

## RACE TO THE CME GLOBE

With her win, Korda earns 500 CME Points and will jump into the top-five in the Race to CME Globe Points List

#### **MONEY**

With her win, Korda earns \$262,500; she has earned \$286,716 this season and \$9,223,989 in official career earnings

# PREVIOUS LPGA DRIVE ON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

2020 (Inverness) – T40, 2021 – T28, 2022 – T15, 2023 – T57

## **2024 LPGA TOUR PERFORMANCE**

Two events played, two cuts made; \$286,716 earned with one win

# **OF NOTE**

 Korda earns her ninth win on the LPGA Tour and first since the 2022 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

- She becomes the fourth American to earn nine wins on the LPGA Tour
- It is her sixth win in the United States
- This is her first wire-to-wire win on the LPGA Tour
  - She becomes the first wire-to-wire winner with ties on Tour since Lydia Ko at the 2022
    CME Group Tour Championship
  - Hyo Joo Kim won the 2023 Ascendant LPGA benefiting Volunteers of America wire-towire with no ties
- She wins the LPGA Drive On Championship in her fifth start at this event
  - Previously, she had not finished inside the top-10 in her last four starts
    - Last week, she finished tied for 16th
- She joins Ko as the first two winners of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
- She is the first player of the year to win in a playoff
  - Korda's record is now 3-2 in playoffs on the LPGA, with her most recent win from a playoff being at the 2021 ANNIKA by Gainbridge at Pelican against Ko, **Sei Young Kim** and **Lexi Thompson**
- She is the second player this season on Tour to win where they reside
  - Ko is a resident of Lake Nona, Fla. where the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions was held last week
- She becomes the first American to win on Tour this year
- She crosses the \$9 million mark in official career earnings and amass \$9,223,989
  - O She becomes the ninth American to earn at least \$9 million in official career earnings
- In 2023, Korda made 18 starts and missed only one cut with nine top-10 finishes
  - Her best finish came at the HSBC Women's World Championship where she finished second
    - Of her nine top-10 finishes, three were in the top five
  - She finished fifth among the Tour in scoring average at 69.85
  - She represented the United States for the third time at the 2023 Solheim Cup
    - She went 2-2 to improve her Solheim Cup record to 7-4-1 overall
  - She also represented the United States at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown, where the team placed third
- This is her eighth season on the LPGA Tour
  - She has made 112 cuts in 128 starts and has earned nine wins and 47 additional top-10 finishes over her career
  - She is the defending gold medalist after the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo
  - She is a three-time member of the United States Solheim Cup Team (2019, 2021, 2023)
  - She also represented the United States at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- She has won on the Ladies European Tour three times
  - Most recently, she claimed the individual title at the Aramco Team Series-London in 2023