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2024 LPGA Drive On Championship

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Lydia Ko was brilliant with her irons last week, leading the field in strokes gained approach per round. She gained a whopping 3 full shots on the field with her approaches in the second round, propelling herself to her 20th LPGA Tour win.

Lydia Ko

Strokes Gained Approach – 2023 vs Last Week

	2023	Hilton TOC
Per Round	+0.54	+1.42
Rank	25th	1st
Rounds gaining 1+ SG App	41%	50%*

*Gained 3.00 in round 2, 1.39 in round 4

Lilia Vu

*Lilia Vu had a difficult week ball striking in Orlando, losing more than a full stroke to the field on approach shots per round. Last season, she averaged almost half-a-stroke gained with her approach play every time she teed it up.

Lilia Vu

2023 Averages vs Performance Last Week

	2023	Last Week
SG Approach	+0.47	-1.71
Greens in regulation	74.5%	70.8%
SG Tee-to-green	+0.67	-0.05

*Lilia had a balanced attack last season, ranking in the top-40 in strokes gained tee-to-green, off the tee, approach the green and putting.

Lilia Vu

LPGA Strokes Gained Ranks – 2023 Season

	Rank
Total	5th
Tee to Green	29th
Off the Tee	36th
Approach Green	32nd
Putting	10th

*1 of 3 players ranked in top-40 in each statistic (Thitikul, Hall)



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Lydia Ko

*Last week, Lydia Ko became the 7th player ever to reach 20 LPGA wins before age 27:

Youngest to Reach 20 LPGA Tour Wins All-Time

	Age (Y-M-D)
1980 Nancy Lopez	23-7-26
2000 Karrie Webb	25-3-5
2003 Se Ri Pak	25-6-30
1961 Mickey Wright	25-11-29
2008 Lorena Ochoa	26-4-22
1966 Kathy Whitworth	26-7-11
2023 Lydia Ko	26-8-28

*In addition to leading the field last week in strokes gained approach, Ko was second in proximity:

Lydia Ko Approach Play Ranks – In Win Last Week

	Per Round	Field Rank
SG Approach	+1.42	1st
Proximity to hole	22'10"	2nd

*In her last four LPGA starts, Ko has now averaged well over 2 full strokes gained against the field per round and is a combined 49-under-par.

Lydia Ko Since Beginning of 2023 on LPGA Tour

	Thru Shanghai	Last 4 Starts
Score to par	+9	-49
SG Total	+0.09	+2.14
SG Approach	+0.50	+0.92
Scoring average	71.83	68.43

*Lydia Ko had just four bogey-free rounds all last season on the LPGA Tour. She had two last week alone in her victory at Lake Nona:

Lydia Ko Bogey Avoidance – 2023 vs Last Week

	2023	Last Week
Bogey or worse Pct	16.7%	5.6%
Bogey-free rounds	4	2
Scrambling	57.9%	75.0%



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Hyo Joo Kim

*Hyo Joo Kim led the LPGA Tour in strokes gained total per round among qualified players in 2023. She was the only player to gain 2 or more strokes per round on average:

Strokes Gained Leaders LPGA Tour – 2023 Season

	Player	Per Round
Total	Hyo Joo Kim	2.00
Off the Tee	Karis Davidson	1.06
Approach Green	Minjee Lee	1.53
Around Green	Gabriella Then	0.56
Putting	Angel Yin	1.40

*Last season, Kim was the only player on the LPGA Tour to rank in the top-10 in strokes gained total, tee-to-green, around the green and approach.

Hyo Joo Kim Strokes Gained Ranks – 2023 LPGA Season

Total	1st
Tee to Green	4th
Around the Green	6th
Approach	9th

*Only player ranked in top-10 in all 4 statistics

*More into traditional numbers? Kim was also the only player to rank in the top-10 in driving accuracy, greens in regulation and scrambling percentage.

Hyo Joo Kim LPGA Tour Ranks Last Season

		Rank
Fairways hit	83.5%	4th
Greens in regulation	74.2%	10th
Scrambling	65.8%	4th

*Kim went up nearly 50 spots in driving accuracy rank in 2023, from 53rd to inside the top-five:

Hyo Joo Kim Performance Off the Tee – 2022 vs 2023

	2022	2023
SG Off the Tee	77th	29th
Driving Accuracy	53rd	4th



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Celine Boutier

*Celine Boutier was incredible at avoiding bogeys last season, leading the LPGA Tour in that statistic. It fueled her ranking in scoring average (11th) despite ranking outside the top-50 in birdie or better rate.

Celine Boutier Scoring LPGA Tour – 2023 Season

	Percentage	Rank
Bogey Avoidance	11.2%	1st
Birdie or Better Pct	20.1%	53rd
Scoring average	70.22	11th

*That bogey avoidance performance is mirrored in her remarkable improvement in around-the-green statistics. Boutier led the LPGA Tour in scrambling last season after ranking 40th in 2022.

Celine Boutier Around the Green Ranks – 2022 vs 2023

	2022	2023
SG Around the Green	75th	3rd
Scrambling	40th	1st

*In 2023, Boutier was one of just three players to average 0.60 strokes gained tee-to-green and putting per round. The other two were Lilia Vu and Atthaya Thitikul.

+0.6 Strokes Gained Per Round Tee to Green and Putting – Last Season on LPGA Tour

	Tee to Green	Putting
Atthaya Thitikul	+0.91	+0.79
Celine Boutier	+0.96	+0.63
Lilia Vu	+0.67	+0.86

*When Boutier has her putter going, she's difficult to keep up with. In fact, she won each of her four best strokes gained putting performances last season, including the LPGA Drive On Championship at Superstition Mountain.

Celine Boutier Best SG Putting Weeks of 2023 Season

	Week Total	Finish
Women's Scottish Open	+9.35	Won
LPGA Drive On Champ.	+8.86	Won
Amundi Evian Champ.	+5.64	Won
Maybank Championship	+4.62	Won



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Lexi Thompson

*Lexi Thompson did not have a top-20 finish in any of her first 10 starts of the 2023 LPGA Tour season. That totally changed down the stretch, as she was one of the best players on Tour over the last few months:

Lexi Thompson 2023 LPGA Tour Season

	1st 10 Starts	Last 4 Starts
Top 20s	0	4
Score to par	+33	-40
Scoring average	73.4	68.3
SG Ball Striking	-0.56	+1.08
SG Putting	+0.49	+1.23

*Thompson ranked 127th on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained ball striking per round entering her start at the Kroger Queen City Championship. In her four starts since, she ranked in the top-ten in that statistic among qualified players:

Lexi Thompson Strokes Gained Ball Striking – Last Season

	Through Portland	Since Queen City
Per Round Average	-0.56	+1.08
LPGA Tour Rank	127th	10th

*This is the first start of the 2024 LPGA Tour season for Thompson, who has started her year with a top-ten finish six of the previous seven seasons. She has a scoring average well below 70 in those events with a combined total to par of 65-under:

Lexi Thompson In First Tournament of LPGA Season – Since 2017

Starts	7
Top 10 finishes	6*
Scoring average	69.2
Score to par	-65
Rounds in 60s	14

*Missed cut last year at Drive On Championship



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Brooke Henderson

*Brooke Henderson was under par in all four rounds of her title defense last week at Lake Nona. Since the beginning of 2021, Henderson has 172 rounds under par on the LPGA Tour, most of any player in that span.

Most Rounds Under Par On LPGA Tour – Since Beginning of 2021

Brooke Henderson	172
Lydia Ko	158
Nasa Hataoka	157
Celine Boutier	152

*Over the last two seasons, Brooke Henderson has played some of her best golf in the state of Florida. Henderson has finished in the top-20 in all four of her Florida starts in that span, gaining well over two strokes on the field per round.

Brooke Henderson – Last 2 Seasons Performance in Florida vs Everywhere Else

	In Florida	All other starts
SG Total	+2.10	+1.20
Greens in regulation	79.9%	69.2%
Scoring average	68.3	70.7
SG Ball Striking	+1.44	+0.67

Ally Ewing

*Since the middle of last season, Ally Ewing has been one of the most consistently good players on the LPGA Tour. Ewing has had positive strokes gained total in more than 77% of her rounds played in that span, the fifth-highest rate of anyone in that stretch:

Highest Percentage of Rounds With Positive Strokes Gained – Since 2023 Meijer Classic

Minjee Lee	82.5%
Brooke Henderson	80.8%
Ruoning Yin	77.8%
Xiyu Lin	77.4%
Ally Ewing	77.1%*

*Gained strokes in 3 of 4 rounds last week



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Georgia Hall

*Georgia Hall is one of four players to rank in the top-20 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained total and strokes gained putting each of the last two seasons (Atthaya Thitikul, Celine Boutier, Lilia Vu).

Georgia Hall

Strokes Gained Ranks – Last 2 LPGA Seasons

	2022	2023
Total	12th	15th
Putting	12th	17th

*1 of 4 players ranked in top-20 in both statistics each of last 2 seasons

*Hall played her best golf of 2023 early in the year, rattling off six straight top-15 finishes to begin the 2024 season. She will look to recapture that early-season magic this week:

Georgia Hall

Performance Last Season on LPGA Tour

	First 6 Starts	Last 16 Starts
Top 15 finishes	6	3
Scoring average	68.88	70.96
SG Total	+2.45	+0.94
SG Putting	+1.29	+0.44
SG Ball Striking	+1.16	+0.67

Cheyenne Knight

*In 6 starts since playing in the Solheim Cup, Cheyenne Knight has been excellent, posting four top-20 finishes and hitting more than 75 percent of her greens in regulation.

Cheyenne Knight

Since Playing in Solheim Cup

Starts	6
Top-20 finishes	4
Scoring average	69.29
Strokes gained total	+1.28
Greens in regulation	75.9%



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Xiyu Lin

*Xiyu Lin jumped up 15 spots in strokes gained putting last season from 2022. One of the biggest improvements she made was in three-putt avoidance, as she jumped up 52 spots in that ranking:

Xiyu Lin

LPGA Putting Ranks – 2022 vs 2023

	2022	2023
Strokes gained putting	50th	35th
One-putts per round	T-37th	14th
Three-putts per round	62nd	10th

*Lin ranked in the top-20 for the second year in a row last season in strokes gained approach. She ranked inside the top-25 on Tour among qualified players in average approach proximity from 125-150, 150-175 and 175-200 yards away.

Xiyu Lin

Proximity to the Hole – 2023 LPGA Tour Season

	Average	LPGA Rank
125-150 yards	24'0"	T-8th
150-175 yards	31'7"	T-24th
175-200 yards	37'0"	T-16th

Ruoning Yin

*Ruoning Yin has become one of the best approach players in the world – she ranked second on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach per round in 2023.

Ruoning Yin

Approach Play Ranks – 2023 LPGA Season

		Rank
SG Approach	+1.18	2nd
Proximity – 150-175 yards	27'11"	3rd
Proximity – Outside 50 yards	23'6"	7th

*Yin ranked second on the LPGA Tour last season in strokes gained ball striking per round:

Most Strokes Gained Ball Striking Per Round LPGA Tour Last Season

Minjee Lee	2.18
Ruoning Yin	1.85*
Megan Khang	1.46

*Gained strokes with ball striking in 84% of rounds played in 2023



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Megan Khang

*Since late last summer, Megan Khang has been inarguably one of the best players in the world. During that span, she ranks 8th in both scoring average and strokes gained total per round on the LPGA Tour, 4th in strokes gained approach and 3rd in strokes gained tee to green.

Megan Khang

LPGA Tour Ranks – Since August 1

	Per Round	Rank
SG Tee-to-Green	1.83	3rd
SG Approach	1.14	4th
Greens in regulation	77.1%	5th
Scoring average	69.61	8th
SG Total	1.68	8th

*Only two players on the LPGA Tour last season averaged at least one-quarter of a stroke gained per round off the tee, on approach shots and on shots around the green: Hyo Joo Kim and Khang.

0.25 Strokes Gained Per Round

Off the Tee, Approach and Around the Green – Last Season

	Hyo Joo Kim	Megan Khang
Off the Tee	+0.36	+0.36
Approach	+0.91	+1.10
Around Green	+0.38	+0.33

Nelly Korda

*Nelly Korda put on a show with the driver last week, ranking second in the field in strokes gained off the tee. Since the beginning of last season, Korda ranks fourth in SG off the tee per round on the LPGA Tour:

Most SG Off the Tee Per Round Since Beginning of 2023

Linn Grant	1.03
Daniela Darquea	0.88
Nelly Korda	0.87*
Polly Mack	0.86
Maria Fassi	0.85

*Ranked 2nd in the field last week (+0.82 per round)