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Round 1 Recap: LPGA Drive On Championship

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Top Notes to Know From Round 1:

- *Lydia Ko: 3rd bogey-free round in 2024 (had 4 all last season on LPGA Tour)
- *Lydia Ko: seeking to become first since 2010 to win first 2 events of LPGA season (Miyazato)
- *Nelly Korda: made 127 feet of putts today (made 36' of putts in final round last week)
- *Nelly Korda: 4-for-6 putting from 10-15 feet today (made 23.2% from that range in 2023)
- *Nanna Koerstz Madsen: 15'5" average proximity today from 100-125 (last week: 31'6")

*Nelly Korda had a difficult final round last week at the Tournament of Champions, missing seven greens in regulation and making less than 40 feet of putts. Today was a totally different story, as she only missed one green and holed 127 feet of putts:

Nelly Korda

Last 2 Rounds on LPGA Tour

	Last Week Round 4	Thursday
Score	74 (+2)	65 (-6)
Greens in regulation	11	17
Feet of putts made	36'	127'
Putts made of 7+ feet	0	6

*Last season, Nelly made just 23.2% of her putts from 10 to 15 feet away, significantly below the LPGA Tour average of 28.9%. On Thursday, she was 4-for-6 from that distance:

Nelly Korda

Putting From 10-15 Feet

LPGA Tour average – last season	28.9%
Nelly Korda – last season	23.2%
Nelly Korda – Thursday	66.7% (4-for-6)

*Last season, Nelly Korda was better than the LPGA Tour average in proximity to the hole from 100 to 125 yards away. She was even better Thursday, beating last season's LPGA average by 6 feet:

Nelly Korda

Approaches from 100-125 Yards

LPGA Average – Last Season	23'6"
Nelly Korda – Last Season	22'0"
Nelly Korda – Thursday	17'6"



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*Thursday was the 40th bogey-free round for Lydia Ko since 2020, most of any player in that span:

Most Bogey-Free Rounds LPGA Tour Since Beginning of 2020

Lydia Ko	40
Xiyu Lin	33
Danielle Kang	32
Nasa Hataoka	31

*In just five rounds of competition, Lydia Ko has nearly equaled her total of four bogey-free rounds she had all lase season on the LPGA Tour.

Lydia Ko Bogey Avoidance – 2023 vs 2024

	2023	2024
Bogey-free rounds	4	3
Bogey or worse Pct	16.7%	4.4%
Scrambling	57.9%	76.5%
SG Total	+0.39	+

*Lydia Ko will try to become the first player in 14 years – and just the second since 1970 – to win each of the first two tournaments of the LPGA season. Ai Miyazato in 2010 was the last to do it.

Won First Two Official Events of Season LPGA Tour History

1951 Babe Zaharias	1966 Marilynn Smith
1952 Louise Suggs	2010 Ai Miyazato
1963 Mickey Wright	

*Lucy Li opened with 67, tying her second-lowest first round score on the LPGA Tour. Each of the three previous times she opened with 67 or lower, it resulted in a top-20 finish.

Lucy Li Lowest Opening Rounds on LPGA Tour

	Score	Finish
2022 CP Women’s Open	66	T-9
2024 LPGA Drive On	67	?
2023 DIO Implant Open	67	T-18
2022 Honda LPGA Thailand	67	T-12



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*Ruoning Yin hit 11 fairways and 16 greens on her way to an opening round 67. It's the 12th time she has reached those numbers since the beginning of last season, tied for fourth-most among all players.

Most Rounds With 11+ Fairways & 16+ GIR LPGA Tour – Since Beginning of Last Season

Ayaka Furue	20
Andrea Lee	13
Hae Ran Ryu	13
Ruoning Yin	12*
Celine Boutier	12
Sarah Schmelzel	12

*Includes Thursday

*Like Korda, Nanna Koerstz Madsen was exceptional on approach shots from 100 to 125 yards away on Thursday. Her average proximity of 15 feet, 5 inches was more than 11 feet better than her average from that range in 2023, and about 16 feet better than her average last week:

Nanna Koerstz Madsen Approaches from 100-125 Yards

2023 Season Average	26'11"
Last week	31'6"
Thursday	15'5"