



## Performance Insights

### Round 3 Recap: LPGA Drive On Championship

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#### Top Notes to Know From Round 3:

- \*Nelly Korda: led or co-led entering final round in 7 of 8 career LPGA Tour wins
- \*Nelly Korda: 4 rounds with 16+ GIR this season (had 5 in all of 2023 season)
- \*Nelly Korda: 9 top-10s since beginning of last LPGA season (T-2<sup>nd</sup> most among those without win)
- \*Lydia Ko: seeking to become first since 2010 to win first 2 events of LPGA season (Miyazato)
- \*Megan Khang: 8'3" average proximity from 125-150 yards today (Tour average: 28'0")

\*Nelly Korda has hit at least 16 GIR in four of her six rounds played so far on the LPGA Tour in 2024, including each of the first three rounds this week. She only did that five times in the entire 2023 campaign.

#### Nelly Korda

##### Rounds With 16+ Greens in Regulation

	2023	2024
Rounds with 16+ GIR	5	4*
Percentage of rounds	7.4%	57.1%

\*Includes all 3 rounds this week

\*Korda has been remarkable all week on approach shots from 100-125 yards away, averaging 14'2" from that range. In the third round, she averaged an astonishing 6'4" on her 3 approaches from that distance.

#### Nelly Korda

##### Approach Proximity – 100-125 Yards

Last season	22'0"
This week	14'2"
Round 3	6'4" (on 3 approaches)

\*On four approach shots from 125 to 150 yards away on Saturday, Megan Khang hit it inside ten feet three times. Her average proximity was a staggering 8'3" for the round from that range:

#### Megan Khang

##### Approach Proximity – 125-150 Yards

Last season	24'11"
Last week	30'0"
Round 3	8'3"

\*LPGA Tour average: 28'0"



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\*Nelly Korda and Ayaka Furue are both trying to get off this list: most top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour since the beginning of 2023 without a win:

### Most Top-10 Finishes Without Win LPGA Tour – Since Beginning of 2023

Atthaya Thitikul	13
Nelly Korda	9
Ayaka Furue	9
Yuka Saso	8

\*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	

\*Ayaka Furue shot a bogey-free 69 – her 29<sup>th</sup> bogey-free round since the beginning of the 2022 season. That's five more than any other player in that span:

### Most Bogey-Free Rounds LPGA Tour Since Beginning of 2023

Ayaka Furue	29
Hye Jin Choi	24
Lydia Ko	24
Xiyu Lin	21

\*Auston Kim made 129 feet of putts in round three – more than double her sum on Friday:

### Auston Kim Round 2 vs Round 3 Putting

	Round 2	Round 3
Feet of putts made	60'	129'
Made of 10+ feet	1	5
Total putts	32	28



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\*Lydia Ko continues to play exceptional golf to start the year, gaining well over three full strokes on the field per round. She's a combined 23-under-par:

### Lydia Ko In First 7 Rounds of Season

SG Total per round	+3.31
Scoring average	68.29
Birdie or better Pct	24.6%
Bogey or worse Pct	7.1%

\*Lexi Thompson's remarkable turnaround continues this week. In her first 10 starts of 2023, she shot in the 60s just twice in 22 official rounds. She's done it 10 times now since:

### Lexi Thompson LPGA Tour – Since Beginning of Last Season

	Through Portland	Since
Starts	10	5
Score to par	+33	-47
Rounds in 60s	9%	56%
Scoring average	73.4	68.4
SG Total	-0.49	+2.42

\*Robyn Choi matched Megan Khang with a 66 in round three, the second-lowest round of the day behind Auston Kim. She made 145 feet of putts to do it:

### Robyn Choi Putting By Round This Week

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
Score	71	68	66
Feet of putts made	85'	106'	145'