



The Amundi Evian Championship
Evian Resort Golf Club | Evian-les-baines, France | July 11-14, 2024

Final-Round Notes
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Course Setup: 35-36 – 71; 6,288 yards
Scoring Average: R1: 71.153; R2: 71.763; R3: 70.776; R4: 70.763
Weather: Sunny morning to partly cloudy by noon and high-level clouds through the rest of the afternoon; high of 73F with low variable winds
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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
1	Ayaka Furue	-19	65-65-70-65 – 265
2	Stephanie Kyriacou	-18	66-66-67-67 – 266
3	Patty Tavatanakit	-17	64-68-72-63 – 267
4	Lauren Coughlin	-15	65-70-65-69 – 269
5	Haeran Ryu	-13	66-71-69-65 – 271

AYAKA FURUE BECOMES FIRST-TIME MAJOR WINNER AT THE AMUNDI EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

It was a battle for the ages on Bastille Day in France as a slew of players threw punch after punch at each other, trying their best to join one of the most elite companies in professional golf as a major champion.

And after so many close calls since becoming an LPGA Tour member in 2022, it was finally **Ayaka Furue's** turn to step into the major championship limelight and claim just the fourth major title for Japan in LPGA Tour history at the 30th anniversary of The Amundi Evian Championship.

"I didn't believe that I can get the major win," said Furue, who had earned four top-10 finishes in major championships before her victory on Sunday, most recently doing so at the 2024 U.S. Women's Open. "I'm so happy right now."

Furue began the day one shot behind **Stephanie Kyriacou** in a tie for second with **Lauren Coughlin** at 13-under, and both made birdie on the par-3 2nd hole to quickly level the score with the Australian.

Coughlin, Furue and Kyriacou then all birdied the third hole to move to 15-under, but Furue erased her effort with a bogey on the fourth hole to slip back to 14-under, one shot back of the lead. A Coughlin birdie on the par-4 6th hole moved her to 16-under and saw Kyriacou fall one behind and Furue fall two behind. Kyriacou then birdied the par-5 7th hole to share the lead with Coughlin at 16-under, leaving Furue still two shots back at 14-under with 11 holes to play.

Furue made up some ground with a birdie on the par-5 9th hole to get back to 15-under, but Coughlin birdied the ninth as well to climb to 17-under, once again putting Furue two shots behind.

Things were quiet for Coughlin, Furue and Kyriacou on 10 and 11, and when Furue dropped a shot on the par-4 12th hole to sit three shots back of Coughlin and two shots back of Kyriacou at 14-under, it looked like that elusive second LPGA Tour victory was once again going to be just out of reach for the Japan native.

But Furue refused to go down without a fight.

She birdied the par-3 14th hole to get back to 15-under and sit two off Coughlin's pace, and Furue then matched birdies with Kyriacou on 15, moving to 16-under and one back of the co-lead now held by both Coughlin and Kyriacou at 17-under.

Coughlin stumbled with a bogey on 16, while Kyriacou and Furue both made birdies to get to 18-under and 17-under, respectively, with two holes to play. A Coughlin bogey on 17 ultimately spelled the end to her major championship chances, and when Kyriacou did the same on the par 4, it was Furue and Kyriacou who came to the last hole with a chance to win their first major title, sitting in a three-way tie for first with Patty Tavatanakit, who had posted the clubhouse lead at 17-under after firing an 8-under 63 in the final round.

Kyriacou's tee shot on the par-5 18th sailed left, forcing the Aussie to lay up on her second shot and cracking the door for Furue, whose tee shot easily found the short grass. The LPGA Tour winner then elected to go for the green in two, just barely clearing the water and setting up an eagle try that would ultimately give her the outright victory.

After punching out from the thick left rough, Kyriacou knocked her third shot close to give herself a look at birdie, one that would force a playoff if Furue was unable to convert her eagle opportunity.

But Furue seized the major moment, confidently draining her eagle putt to post a 72-hole total of 19-under and become just the fourth Japanese major champion in LPGA Tour history.

“I became a Star Wars fan like a month ago, and then I love the sentence, ‘May the force be with you,’” said Furue of her mindset coming down the stretch. “Then I believe that sentence on the 15th hole. The sentence came up in my mind, and I was just keep going on with that quote. Obviously, I had fear, and I was really nervous toward getting 18. I was getting nervous and nervous when I walk through the 17th, 18th.”

The victory was Furue’s first since she became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2022 Women’s Scottish Open, a victory that saw her shoot a 10-under 62 on Sunday to triumph for the first time on Tour. She is the second Japanese player to win a major this season, joining **Yuka Saso**, who captured the U.S. Women’s Open presented by Ally at Lancaster Country Club, and Furue is the sixth player in The Amundi Evian Championship’s major history to make this event their first major victory.

“I didn’t imagine at all because I didn’t get any major titles in Japan, JLPGA, and I didn’t really think about doing this on the LPGA,” said Furue. “I feel so honored to be the winner of a major championship, but I feel like I put every effort to win every tournament. I feel very comfortable with this win, but just take one win on the Tour was really good for me.

“I feel this tournament, this course, I feel I could win this tournament because I love this course, and I love all of here. So I feel very happy to win here.”

Kyriacou ultimately finished solo second after her final-round 67, her career-best finish in a major championship. Thailand’s Tavatanakit matched the low round of the week on Sunday with her 63 and finished in a tie for third, two shots ahead of Coughlin, who finished alone in fourth at 15-under. Republic of Korea native Hae Ran Ryu came fifth with a four-day total of 13-under at Evian Resort Golf Club.

Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings No. 1 **Nelly Korda** tied for 26th at 5-under overall, while defending champion and Frenchwoman Celine Boutier finished in a tie for 39th at 3-under. Wake Forest University alum Rachel Kuehn finished as the low amateur in a tie for 58th in her second Amundi Evian Championship.

ABOUT THE CHAMPION

CATEGORY	Ayaka Furue
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	3
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	1
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	9
2024 Season Earnings	\$2,444,717
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	21
Career Money (LPGA)	\$5,039,882
Career LET Wins	1
Career JLPGA Tour Wins	8

Rolex Rankings No. 21, Ayaka Furue

- Furue finished at 19-under par (265)
 - This is her lowest 72-hole score, besting her previous 72-hole score of 267 from the 2022 Women’s Scottish Open
 - This is the second lowest 72-hole score recorded at The Amundi Evian Championship since its major elevation; In Gee Chun shot 263 in her 2016 win
- Furue made four bogeys in her last 36 holes
 - She was bogey free through the opening 46 holes
 - She had the second least number of bogeys (4) throughout the week; Patty Tavatanakit was first with only 2 bogeys in 72 holes
- This was the ninth time in 2024 that Furue was within five shots of the lead heading into the final round
- This was 16th time that Furue was within five shots of the lead heading into the final round
- She earns her second career victory on Tour, and first since the 2022 Women’s Scottish Open
 - It is her second co-sanctioned Ladies European Tour win; she did not claim LET status following her Women’s Scottish Open title
- She becomes the season’s 13th different Tour winner and second from Japan, joining **Yuka Saso** (U.S. Women’s Open)
 - She is the first Japanese winner of the Amundi Evian Championship since the event’s major elevation
 - Before the event was a major, there were two prior Japanese winners: Hiromi Kobayashi (1997) and Ai Mizuyazato (2009, 2011)
- She is the sixth player to make The Amundi Evian Championship her maiden major victory, joining Hyo Joo Kim (2014), Lydia Ko (2015), Angela Stanford (2018), Minjee Lee (2021) and Celine Boutier (2023)
- She is the 11th different winner of the major championship
- She is the fourth different golfer from Japan to win any women’s major championship, joining **Chako Higuchi** (1977 KPMG Women’s PGA Championship), **Hinako Shibuno** (2019 AIG Women’s Open) and **Yuka Saso** (2024 U.S. Women’s Open)
 - Saso won the 2021 U.S. Women’s Open while representing the Philippines
- She is the ninth player from Japan to earn at least two victories in her Tour career
 - Yuka Saso won her first Tour victory representing the Philippines
- She crosses the \$5 million mark in official career earnings with the \$1.2 million winner’s prize (\$5,039,882)
 - She is projected to be only the third player this season with at least \$2 million in official season earnings (\$2,444,717)
- This is her third season on the LPGA Tour
 - In 2023, she played in 25 events with eight top-10 finishes and missed only two cuts
 - She was a Member of Team Japan in the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- She has eight wins on the JLPGA
 - She was the 2020-2021 JLPGA Player of the Year
 - As an amateur, she won the 2019 Fujitsu Ladies and turned pro shortly after

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Stephanie Kyriacou** finished solo second and one shot behind Furue at 18-under par
 - This was her best finish in an LPGA Tour event since a T4 finish at the 2023 Dana Open
 - This was her best finish in a major championship since a T7 finish at the 2022 AIG Women’s British Open
 - She was tied with Jenny Shin for the most birdies through four rounds (21)
 - She tied her 72-hole scoring record (266), shot last at the 2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
 - It is the first-time she carded four straight rounds in the 60s on Tour
 - It was her first time holding the 54-hole lead/co-lead

- **Patty Tavatanakit** finished in solo third place
 - She held the lead/co-lead following her opening round of 64
 - This was her third time in 2024 being within five shots of the lead entering the final round including the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro (finished T25) and the Honda LPGA Thailand (1st)
 - She tied her 72-hole scoring record (267) this week; shot last at the 2024 Honda LPGA Thailand and the 2021 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
 - This is her best finish in a major championship since her T4 at the 2022 Chevron Championship
 - She shot a 63 in the final round, her second-best final round score behind a 61 in the 2019 Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic
 - She was the second player this week to record a 63 or lower including LPGA Tour rookie **Yu Jin Sung**
 - She is the third player to record a score of 63 or lower in the final round of The Amundi Evian Championship since its major elevation
 - Leona Maguire shot 61 in 2021 and Lydia Ko shot 63 in 2015
- **Lauren Coughlin** finished in solo fourth place
 - Her pair of 65s in her first and third rounds this week were her lowest recorded rounds in a major championship
 - This was the second-best finish of her LPGA Tour career following only her T3 finish at the 2024 Chevron Championship
 - This is her fourth top-10 finish of 2024
 - She shot 269 over four rounds this week, besting her previous record by two shots
 - In her three previous appearances, she had never made a cut or shot lower than 72 at The Amundi Evian Championship
- **Haeran Ryu** finished solo fifth place
 - Her fifth-place ties as her best finish in a major championship; she also finished fifth place at 2024 Chevron Championship
 - This is her lowest 72-hole score (271) in a major championship; her previous best was 279 at the 2024 Chevron Championship
 - This is her sixth top-10 finish of 2024
 - This was her third top-10 finish out of four major championships this season – The Chevron Championship, 5th; U.S. Women’s Open presented by Ally, T51; KPMG Women’s PGA Championship, T9
- There were three holes-in-one this week at The Amundi Evian Championship
 - This is second time since its major elevation that there were three or more holes-in-one were made including 2023
 - Peiyun Chien made a hole-in-one on No. 16 in her final round
 - Amateur Chun-Wei Wsu and Jodi Ewart Shadoff made holes-in-one in round one

QUOTABLES

Stephanie Kyriacou (2, -18) on the positives after a new career-best finish on Tour:

“it was a good week. Lots of positives to take away. I played great all week. Yeah, I don't know, it was a good week. Sucks not to hold the trophy. If you told me I would come second at the start of the week I would've been happy.”

Lauren Coughlin (4, -16) on why her caddie this week, her husband John, was only a fill in:

“I don't like everything being all about my golf all the time, and there is no break sometimes. Even when it's good, you're obviously really great. But when it's bad it's just not fun, and I just don't want to put that stress on our personal relationship for my career gain. It's just not worth it to me. And so fill-ins here and there obviously can work really, really well and for a few weeks at a time, but I don't know if it'll ever be anything full time. You never know.”

Angela Stanford (T26, -5) on being surprised with flowers upon finishing her final major tournament:

“That was so nice. Like I didn't expect anything, and for him to be there, and I just -- and he's been very -- like this whole week he's been, you're part of the family. You're one of ours. It just means so much. I think when you win a major, you should be in that sorority of winners. But for that specific event, I've always said Evian treats their major winners better than anybody. So they're always happy to see me, and I said to them -- when I turned around and people were nice enough to clap, I said, they've made my part of their family. So it's really nice. I mean, I'm not from France and they've always cheered for me, they've always supported me. So this is a perfect place for me to end my major.”

Peiyun Chien (T7, -10) on celebrating her hole-in-one on Sunday:

“Everybody can go in Evian tent. We are going to go drink one beer and I'm going to play my game Zelda in Switch with Wei-Ling. She's waiting for me. We going to have some drink and play Zelda.”

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CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS (since major elevation in 2013):

18 holes – 61, Hyo Joo Kim (2014, R1), Jeongeun Lee6 (2021, R2), Leona Maguire (2021, R4)

36 holes – 127, Jeongeun Lee6 (2021)

54 holes – 194, In Gee Chun (2016)

72 holes – 263, In Gee Chun (2016)