The Amundi Evian Championship
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Third-Round Notes
July 13, 2024

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Course Setup: 35-36 – 71; 6,207 yards
Scoring Average: R1: 71.153; R2: 71.763; R3: 70.776
Weather: High-level clouds across the skies with weak west to northwesterly winds becoming variable in the afternoon; temperatures in the low 70s
Purse: $8 million ($1.2 million winner's prize)
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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
1	Stephanie Kyriacou	-14	66-66-67—199
T2	Lauren Coughlin	-13	65-70-65—200
T2	Ayaka Furue	-13	65-65-70—200
4	Pajaree Anannarukarn	-10	67-69-67—203

STEPHANIE KYRIACOU CLIMBS INTO FIRST 54-HOLE LEAD OF TOUR CAREER AT THE AMUNDI EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP
With 18 holes to play, it'll be a battle for the fourth major title of the LPGA Tour season at The Amundi Evian Championship. But leading the way is 23-year-old **Stephanie Kyriacou**, alone at the top of the leaderboard at -14 and leading after the third round for the first time in her young LPGA Tour career. The Australian, who burst onto the scene on the Ladies European Tour back in 2020 when she won the Australian Ladies Classic Bonville as an amateur and turned professional two days later, carded a 4-under 67 to earn a new career-low 54-hole score (199) en route to her first appearance in the final group of a major championship.

"I think this is a different kind of nerves," said Kyriacou on her nerves heading into the final round. "I think sometimes when you're near the cut line you really want to make the cut, there is like a few thoughts there. This is like a completely different, like physical -- things like your heart rate goes up. You get a little bit numb. At least I do. Yeah, so I think it's a different kind of nerves. It's a good thing. It's a good thing to experience."

After a hole and a half in the morning during the resumption of round two, Kyriacou made a three-putt on the first hole for a bogey, yet quickly responded with three-straight birdies afterwards. After another bogey on the sixth, she posted two more birdies after the turn on Nos. 10 and 11, and credited par saves on 13 and 14 to keeping her round intact.

"I think the one on 13, 14. 14 was kind of like I hit a really bad first putt; left it like five foot short from 20 feet, but then I holed the next one, a little downhill slider," said Kyriacou. "So being able to hole that, that kind of like kept it going. Missing that late on in the round, you know, I don't know what it would've done to me. Yeah, probably an important one."

A birdie on No. 15 put her tied for the lead at the time, and another on the 54th hole sealed the clubhouse lead as she looks to become the season's third Rolex First-Time winner and the fourth major champion from Australia in Tour history. Yet lurking one stroke back are two others fighting for their first major titles: American **Lauren Coughlin** and **Ayaka Furue**. Furue, who earned who first LPGA Tour victory at the 2022 Women's Scottish Open, has already posted eight top-10 finishes in 2024 through 16 starts. In 2021, she posted four-straight rounds in the 60s to finish solo fourth at the Amundi Evian Championship, her career-best finish in any major championship.

Coughlin carded her second 65 of the week in a round that included two eagles on Nos. 9 and 18. The 31-year-old and 2018 LPGA Tour rookie has her husband, John, on the bag again at a major for the first time since her T3 finish at The Chevron Championship in April. He'll also be by her side tomorrow in the final grouping, an accepted comfort as she too looks for her first LPGA Tour victory. "I think I had no expectations this week given that he hasn't caddied for me in quite a while since Terry [McNamara] has been caddieing for me," said Coughlin. But I think he's just my favorite person, so there is just a lot of -- it's just easy to be comfortable with him out there. He's really starting to get the gist of how to caddie. I know we did really well at Chevron, too.

Pajaree Anannarukarn is solo fourth after a third-round 67, while major champion **Patty Tavatanakit**, LPGA Tour winner **Ally Ewing** and **Hye-Jin Choi** are tied for fifth at -9. Ewing shot a 7-under 64, her new career-low 18-hole score at any major championship. The American is coming off of four straight top-five finishes dating back to a tie for third result at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally at Lancaster Country Club. "Good golf happens, but certainly bad shots are going to come. I'm not expecting to go play a perfect round," said Ewing. "So just enjoying myself, enjoying my walks. Kurt and I are really good course managers, so assessing when risk is worth it and just being really smart about that."

Four players are tied for eighth at -8 including **Ingrid Lindblad**, who shot an even-par 71 to keep in contention in her first LPGA Tour event as a professional. Defending champion **Celine Boutier** shot a 2-over 73 and is 3-under (T35) with Sunday to come.

WITH A WIN
Stephanie Kyriacou

- She would be the third Rolex First-Time Winner at The Amundi Evian Championship, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA) and **Linnea Strom** (ShopRite LPGA Classic)
- She would become the season's 13th different Tour winner and second from Australia, joining **Hannah Green** (HSBC Women's World Championship and JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro)
- She would be the 11th different winner of the major championship
- She would become the second Aussie to win The Amundi Evian Championship since its major elevation in 2013, joining **Minjee Lee** (2021)
    - Before the event was a major, there were three Australian winners: **Karrie Webb** (2006), **Wendy Doolan** (2004) and **Rachel Hetherington** (2001)
- She would be the sixth player to win their first major championship at The Amundi Evian Championship; joining **Hyo Joo Kim** (2014), **Lydia Ko** (2015), **Angela Stanford** (2018), **Minjee Lee** (2021) and **Celine Boutier** (2023)
- She would be the fifth different golfer from Australian to win a major championship, joining **Minjee Lee**, **Hannah Green**, **Karrie Webb** and **Jan Stephenson**
- She would be the 13th different player from Australia to earn at least one title on the LPGA Tour
- She would be the 46th player to earn their maiden LPGA Tour victory at a major championship and first since **Allisen Corpuz** at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
    - She would make it eight consecutive years of at least one first-time major winner on Tour

<u>Lauren Coughlin</u>

- She would be the third Rolex First-Time Winner this season, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA) and **Linnea Strom** (ShopRite LPGA Classic)
- She would be the 46th player to become a first-time winner at a major championship, and the first since **Allisen Corpuz** at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
    - She would be the sixth player to win their first major championship at The Amundi Evian Championship; joining **Hyo Joo Kim** (2014), **Lydia Ko** (2015), **Angela Stanford** (2018), **Minjee Lee** (2021) and **Celine Boutier** (2023)
    - She would make it eight consecutive years of at least one first-time major winner on Tour
- She would be the second American to win The Amundi Evian Championship since its major elevation in 2013, joining **Angela Stanford** (2018)
    - Before the championship became a major, there were three American winners: **Natalie Gulbis** (2007), **Paula Creamer** (2005) and **Juli Inkster** (2003)
- She would be the fifth different American to win on Tour this season, following **Nelly Korda** (6), **Bailey Tardy** (1), **Rose Zhang** (1) and **Lilia Vu** (1)
- She would be the 13th different winner this season on Tour
- She would cross the $2.8 million mark in official career earnings ($2,808,923)
    - A 2018 LPGA Tour rookie, she entered the week with $1,608,923 in official career earnings

<u>Ayaka Furue</u>

- She would earn her second career victory on Tour, and first since the 2022 Women's Scottish Open
    - It would be her second co-sanctioned Ladies European Tour win; she did not claim LET status following her Women's Scottish Open title
- She would become the season's 13th different Tour winner and second from Japan, joining **Yuka Saso** (U.S. Women's Open)
    - She would be 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 Mizyazato (2009, 2011)
- She would be 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 would be the 11th different winner of the major championship
- She would be the third different golfer from Japan to win any women's major championship, joining **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 would be 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 would cross the $5 million mark in official career earnings with the $1.2 million winner's prize ($5,039,882)
    - She would be projected to be only the third player this season with at least $2 million in official season earnings ($2,444,717)

<u>Pajaree Anannarukarn</u>

- She would earn her third career victory on Tour, and first of the 2024 Tour season
- She would be the first player from Thailand to win The Amundi Evian Championship, as a major and before its major elevation
- She would be the third Thai player to win on Tour in 2024 along with **Patty Tavatanakit** (Honda LPGA Thailand) and **Atthaya Thitikul** (Dow Championship)
- She would join **Atthaya Thitikul** (3) and **Ariya Jutanugarn** (12) as the only players from Thailand to earn at least three victories on the LPGA Tour
- She would be the 13th different winner on Tour this season
- She would be the 46th player to become a first-time winner at a major championship, and the first since Allisen Corpuz
    - She would be the sixth player to win their first major championship at The Amundi Evian Championship; joining **Hyo Joo Kim** (2014), **Lydia Ko** (2015), **Angela Stanford** (2018), **Minjee Lee** (2021) and **Celine Boutier** (2023)
    - She would make it eight consecutive years of at least one first-time major winner on Tour
- She would be the 11th different winner of the major championship
- She would be the third Thai player to ever earn a major championship title, joining **Ariya Jutanugarn** (2016 AIG Women's Open, 2018 U.S. Women's Open) and **Patty Tavatanakit** (2021 Chevron Championship)
- She would cross the $3.5 million mark in official career earnings with the $1.2 million winner's prize ($3,612,870)

<u>Ally Ewing</u>

- She would earn her fourth LPGA Tour victory and first since the 2022 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
- She would be the sixth player to win their first major championship at The Amundi Evian Championship; joining **Hyo Joo Kim** (2014), **Lydia Ko** (2015), **Angela Stanford** (2018), **Minjee Lee** (2021) and **Celine Boutier** (2023)
- She would be the 11th different winner of the major championship
- She would be the second American to win The Amundi Evian Championship since its major elevation in 2013, joining Angela Stanford (2018)

    - Before the championship became a major, there were three American winners: **Natalie Gulbis** (2007), **Paula Creamer** (2005) and **Juli Inkster** (2003)
- She would be the fifth different American to win on Tour this season, following **Nelly Korda** (6), **Bailey Tardy** (1), **Rose Zhang** (1) and **Lilia Vu** (1)
- She would be the second winner this season over the age of 30 (31 years, 8 months and 19 days), joining **Amy Yang** (2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, 34Y/10M/26D)

Hye-Jin Choi

- She would be the third Rolex First-Time Winner this season, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA) and **Linnea Strom** (ShopRite LPGA Classic)
- She would become the season's 13th different Tour winner and second from the Republic of Korea, joining **Amy Yang** (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
- She would be the 11th different winner of the major championship
- She would become the fourth player from the Republic of Korea to win The Amundi Evian Championship since its major elevation in 2013, joining **Hyo Joo Kim** (2014**), In Gee Chun** (2016) and **Jin Young Ko** (2019)
    - Before the event was a major, there were two winners from the Republic of Korea: **Inbee Park** (2012) and **Jiyai Shin** (2010)
- She would be the sixth player to win their first major championship at The Amundi Evian Championship; joining **Hyo Joo Kim** (2014), **Lydia Ko** (2015), **Angela Stanford (2018**), **Minjee Le**e (2021) and **Celine Boutier** (2023)
- She would be the 21st different golfer from the Republic of Korea to win a major championship
- She would be the 46th player to earn their maiden LPGA Tour victory at a major championship and first since **Allisen Corpuz** at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally

Patty Tavatanakit

- She would earn her third career victory on Tour, and second of 2024
    - She would join **Nelly Korda** (6) and **Hannah Green** (2) with multiple victories this season
- She would become a two-time major champion, after first winning the 2021 Chevron Championship
    - She would become the second player from Thailand with multiple major victories, joining **Ariya Jutanugarn** (2016 AIG Women's Open, 2018 U.S. Women's Open)
    - She would be the 54th different player to earn at least two major titles in her LPGA Tour career; two of the past three major champions earned their second major title this year (**Nelly Korda**, **Yuka Saso**)
    - She would be the third player to win The Amundi Evian Championship as a major AND The Chevron Championship
- She would be the first player from Thailand to win The Amundi Evian Championship, as a major and before its major elevation
- She would make it three wins by Thai players this season on Tour, along with her Honda LPGA Thailand victory and **Atthaya Thitikul's** win at the Dow Championship
- She would join **Atthaya Thitikul** (3) and **Ariya Jutanugarn** (12) as the only players from Thailand to earn at least three victories on the LPGA Tour
- She would cross the $4 million mark in official career earnings with the $1.2 million winner's prize ($4,159,933)
    - She would be projected to move from No. 147 into the top 112 on the All-Time Official Career Money List

ABOUT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Stephanie Kyriacou
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	85
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0
2024 Season Earnings	$174,610
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	5
Career Money (LPGA)	$1,196,435
Career LET Wins	2
Career JLPGA Tour Wins	0

Rolex Rankings No. 100, Stephanie Kyriacou

- Her 199 ties her career-low 54-hole score, last recorded at the 2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainrbridge at Pelican
    - Her previous best 54-hole score at a major was 208, recorded at the 2022 AIG Women's Open
- This is her first time holding a 54-hole lead on Tour
    - This is her first time in the final grouping in a major championship
- This is the first time she's carded three straight opening rounds in the 60s on Tour
    - She shot three rounds in the 60s at the 2023 Dana Open and the 2023 ANNIKA (both from R2-R4)
- This is her fourth appearance in the Amundi Evian Championship
    - Her career-best finish in the major is a tie for 16th (2023)
- This is her 14th event of the 2024 Tour season
    - She's made eight cuts, with a season-best T12 finish at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
- This is her third season on the LPGA Tour
    - Her career-best finish on Tour is a tie for fourth (2023 Dana Open)
    - She has earned five top-10 finishes on Tour in her career
        - Her most recent was a tie for fifth at the 2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
    - She finished in a tie for 16th at Final Qualifying in 2021 to first earn LPGA Tour status for 2022
    - In 2023, she was a member of the second-place Australian Team at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
    - She is a two-time winner on the Ladies European Tour, most recently at the 2021 Big Green Egg Open
        - She won the 2020 Australian Ladies Classic Bonville as an amateur, the 10th victory by an am in the history of the Ladies European Tour
        - She turned professional two days later

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Lauren Coughlin** recorded a third-round score of 65 and is tied for second
    - She shot the second-lowest round in on Saturday following **Ally Ewing's** 64
    - Her pair of 65s in the first and third rounds are her lowest recorded rounds in a major championship
    - She has hit the most greens in regulation (49/54) of any player in the field through three rounds

- She is the 10th player this season to record two eagles in one round and the first since **Brooke Henderson** at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
- This is the seventh time that Coughlin is within five shots of the lead heading into the final round and the first time since the 2024 Chevron Championship where she finished T3
- Her best finishes at major championships include The Chevron Championship (2024, T3) and KPMG Women's PGA Championship (2023, T15)
- Prior to this year, she had never made the cut or recorded a round lower than 72 at The Amundi Evian Championship

- **Ayaka Furue** is tied for second after shooting 70 in the third round
  - With her first and second round scores of 65, she tied her lowest 18-hole score of 2024 (65), shot three times and most recently in round three at the 2024 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
  - She tied her previous best 54-hole total of 200 today and most recently shot at the 2024 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
    - Prior to this year, her lowest 54-hole total was 202 from the 2023 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
  - Her first bogey of the event came on her 47th hole, No. 11
    - She was the first player to open bogey-free through the first 36 holes since So Yeon Ryu in 2016 who went bogey-free in her first 45 holes
    - Heading into this week, Furue had gone 21 holes without recording a bogey; her last bogey was on No. 15 during round three of the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - This is Furue's ninth time in 2024 that she will be within five shots of the lead heading into the final round
    - Of the eight previous times, she has finished in the top 10 five times
  - She has one victory on the LPGA Tour, the 2022 Women's Scottish Open where she entered the final day trailing Celine Boutier and Lydia Ko by four shots
- **Pajaree Anannarukarn** is in solo fourth after a third-round 67
  - She is looking for her second top-10 finish of 2024 in addition to her T7 at the Cognizant Founders Cup
  - Her sole top-10 finish in a major championship was at the 2021 Amundi Evian Championship
  - This is the first time since the 2024 Mizuho Americas Open that she will be within five shots of the lead entering the final round; last time, she finished T21
  - Her first and third rounds of 67 tie for her second-lowest rounds in a major championship; her lowest round in a major was at the 2021 Amundi Evian Championship (65, rounds one and two)
- There are three players tied for fifth place including **Ally Ewing**, **Hye Jin Choi** and **Patty Tavatanakit**
  - Ewing's 7-under 64 is her lowest career round in The Amundi Evian Championship
    - It also ties her second-lowest career round on the LPGA Tour; it just her sixth round of 64 or better on Tour
    - Ewing has finished in the top-10 in her last four starts on the LPGA Tour including the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally (T3) and the KPMG Women's PGA Championship (T5)
  - Choi was even in round three
    - She is looking to have her best finish in a major championship since the 2022 U.S. Women's Open (3rd)
    - This is her third time in 2024 that she is within five shots of the lead entering the final round and first since the 2024 Blue Bay LPGA where she finished ninth
    - There are two times she was within five shots of the lead entering the final round of a major championship; 2022 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, finishing T5 and the 2023 Chevron Championship, finishing 17th
  - Tavatanakit shot one-over during her third round to fall from second place
    - She held the lead/co-lead following her opening round of 64
    - She has been within five shots of the lead twice in 2024 including the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro (finished T25) and the Honda LPGA Thailand (1st)
- The second round was first suspended at 4:23 pm local time due to dangerous weather conditions, and concluded Saturday at 10:17 a.m.
  - At 6:09 pm local time, the second round was officially suspended for the remainder of the day
  - Sixty-six players had not completed their rounds after Friday
- Four players sit in a tie for eighth including **Chanette Wannasaen**, **Narin An**, **Yu Jin Sung** and **Ingrid Linblad**
  - Sung shot the lowest round of the week (63) in the second round
    - She became the third player in Amundi Evian Championship major history to shoot a 63 or lower in the second round
  - Lindblad is a sponsor invite this week and currently not an LPGA Tour Member
    - With a win, she would be eligible for LPGA Membership and/or Ladies European Tour Membership and could accept each immediately or defer to the following season
    - She would be the first non-Member to win on Tour since **Mone Inami** at the 2023 TOTO Japan Classic
    - She would be the 12th non-Member to win a major championship and the first since Yuka Saso at the 2021 U.S. Women's Open
- Defending champ **Celine Boutier** shot a third-round 73 and sits at T35
  - She and **Perrine Delacour** are the lone Frenchwomen to make the cut
  - Recap Boutier's historic major victory on LPGA.com
- **Akie Iwai** shot a record-tying 29 on the front nine in round two
  - Iwai is the fourth player to record a 29 at The Amundi Evian Championship since 2013, joining In Gee Chun (OUT, R1, 2016), Jeongeun Lee6 (OUT, R2, 2021) and Brooke Henderson (OUT, R3, 2023)
  - Iwai is also the 12th player to record a 29 in a major championship and first since Henderson at last year's Amundi Evian Championship
- Diksha Dagar withdrew on Friday morning prior to the second round due to illness; Ashleigh Buhai withdrew during the first round of play on Thursday due to injury

QUOTABLES

Ally Ewing (T5, -9) on how well she has been playing this season:

"It took me a long time to win on tour. Took me probably even a long time to just kind of feel comfortable and settle in. I would probably even say I was a late bloomer for college golf, be too. Yeah, I think it's just kind of trusting my game and knowing what that looks like. Not trying to be someone else. Not feel like I have to do more than I have. It's just kind of knowing what my game is capable of and then just let it happen. Don't try to force anything. And certainly, yeah, I've been playing great golf. I think that's just fact. I acknowledge that, so that doesn't guarantee a good score tomorrow. Each day is going to be completely different. Certainly carry a lot of confidence into tomorrow."

Pajaree Anannarukarn (4th, -10) on how this major championship course suits her game:

"I think when you're -- I think I just try to like give myself a lot of opportunities off the tee and as well as the second shots, approach shots. Try to keep myself in play. Just try not to go crazy with like -- I mean, with the swing or aggressive swing, because I mean, I do aggressive swing, but I think hilly course I try to keep it like very in play and steady. So I think that's been working well so far for me so I'll just try to do that again."

Lauren Coughlin (T2, -13) on having her husband on the bag for her this week:
"I think I had no expectations this week given that he hasn't caddied for me in quite a while since Terry has been caddieing for me. But I think he's just my favorite person, so there is just a lot of -- it's just easy to be comfortable with him out there. He's really starting to get the gist of how to caddie. I know we did really well at Chevron, too. He's been caddieing for another player which I think is really helping him as well. It's easy to talk to me. Being able to say those same things to someone you're not married to, is... So just fine tuning some things here and there. Yeah, no, he's been great. Obviously it's awesome having him on the bag."

Ingrid Lindblad (T8, -8) on her starting in her first major championship as a professional this week:
"I've just tried to not think too much about the scores and just one shot at a time and if you get out of position try to get back into the game."

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Climbing the leaderboard
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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)