



# CHAMPIONSHIP

## FM Championship

TPC Boston | Norton, MA | August 29-September 1, 2024

### Final-Round Notes

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**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72; 6,341 yards  
**Scoring Average:** R1: 74.198; R2: 72.166; R3: 71.962; R4: 69.987  
**Weather:** Light showers throughout the day with temperatures nearing 80F and southwesterly winds increasing to 10-15 mph and gusts between 16-20 mph  
**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 points (winner)  
**Purse:** \$3.8 million; winner's portion is \$570,000

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#### LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Haeran Ryu	-15	69-62-78-64 – 273
2	Jin Young Ko	-15	71-67-67-68 – 273
3	Ruixin Liu	-14	73-73-64-64 – 274
T4	Allisen Corpuz	-13	69-72-67-67 – 275
T4	Jeeno Thitikul	-13	69-70-69-67 – 275

#### HAERAN RYU WINS INAUGURAL FM CHAMPIONSHIP IN DRAMATIC FASHION

After recording eight top-10 finishes in her previous 18 LPGA Tour starts, Haeran Ryu broke through to earn her second victory on the LPGA Tour at the inaugural FM Championship. Ryu won in dramatic fashion at TPC Boston, outlasting Jin Young Ko in a playoff after making a par on the first hole to Ko's bogey.

Entering the third round, Ryu had a six-shot lead over her closest competitors. A 6-over 78 bumped Ryu down into a tie for sixth place, four shots back of third-round leader Ko.

"After the third round, I called my coach, and hey coach, my ball is going other ways except the pin, and my ball is not going right to left," said Ryu. "He said to me, your original ball is a fade, so tomorrow you just miss it to right and just keep right side is fine."

Ryu knew she needed a strong start on Sunday to have a chance of winning in Norton, Mass. Two groups ahead of the leaders, she started her final round on a hot streak, making four consecutive birdies in her first four holes. She picked up two more birdies on holes six and eight on the front nine to make the turn at 13-under overall. Two more birdies on holes 10 and 12 helped Ryu reach 15-under and take the solo lead. She extended her advantage with one additional birdie on the par-4 15<sup>th</sup> hole, but followed it up with a bogey on the par-3 16<sup>th</sup> hole to drop back to 15-under and once again share the lead with Ko.

Ryu ultimately posted the clubhouse lead at 15-under total and headed to the putting green as co-leader Ko wrapped up on No. 18. Ko had a birdie putt inside 15 feet that would have lifted her to her 16<sup>th</sup> Tour victory, but it slipped past the hole, sending the duo from the Republic of Korea into a playoff.

Starting on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole, both players laid up and hit their third shots toward the green. Ryu played first and landed her approach within 15 feet of the pin, while Ko hit her shot long and to the left of the green, a spot that has plagued players throughout the tournament. After Ko failed to get up and down for par, Ryu knocked her birdie putt just past the hole and tapped in to win her first playoff on the LPGA Tour.

"Second win is too hard for me because this year I got many chances before, but I miss it, a couple times before," said Ryu. "But today, I don't want to miss again. I was so nervous at the playoff, but maybe Jin Young Ko is same as me. I think just thank for God. I can't believe it here now. Just for thank for God."

This is Ryu's first win on the LPGA Tour since the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G. That win, in addition to five top-10 finishes, helped a then 22-year-old Ryu win the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award at the end of the 2023 season.

Ko notched her seventh top-10 finish of the 2024 season with her runner-up showing at TPC Boston, a result that is also the 59<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish of her career. After a disappointing missed cut in the previous event, the 15-time LPGA Tour winner was proud of her strong play at the FM Championship despite the final result.

"I was so disappointed from last week. I really, really wanted to play on the weekend with a great golf course, but I missed the cut, and I just watched the other players play," said Ko. "I thought this week -- I mean, I could miss the cut this week, as well. My confidence going really, really low after last week. But who knows? I missed the cut last week, I finished second, almost win. I will take a lot of good positive things from this week in Boston."

With a successful first year, the FM Championship looks forward to hosting fans once again at TPC Boston in 2025. The Tour takes a break from tournament play next week and coverage will pick up once again at the 2024 Solheim Cup in Gainesville, Va., held this year at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

#### A LOOK AT THE WINNER

CATEGORY	Haeran Ryu
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	5
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	1
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	9
2024 Season Earnings	\$2,181,809
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	15
Career Money (LPGA)	\$3,736,819
Career KLPGA Wins	5

#### ABOUT THE WINNER

Rolex Rankings No. 18 Haeran Ryu

- She recorded nine birdies and a bogey in the final round
  - She tied with **Ruixin Liu** for the most birdies across the field on Sunday
- She shot the highest third round score by a winner of an LPGA Tour event since **Betsy Rawls** shot a 79 in the third round of the 1969 LPGA Championship
- She earns her second win on the LPGA Tour, following her inaugural victory as a rookie at the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
- Ryu is the second player from the Republic of Korea to win this season, joining **Amy Yang** (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
  - She becomes the 30<sup>th</sup> different Korean player to earn at least two victories on the LPGA Tour
- She is the 17<sup>th</sup> different winner of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
- Ryu is the third player to win in a playoff this season alongside **Nelly Korda** (LPGA Drive On Championship, FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship) and **Lilia Vu** (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)
- This was Ryu's first playoff experience on the LPGA Tour
- She is the fourth LPGA Tour sophomore to win this season, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA), **Rose Zhang** (Cognizant Founders Cup) and **Chanettee Wannasaen** (Dana Open)
- She surpasses the \$2 million mark in season earnings with the \$570,000 winner's check
- She surpasses the \$3.5 million mark in career earnings with the \$570,000 winner's check
- She earns her 15<sup>th</sup> top-10 result of her LPGA Tour career, and ninth of the 2024 season in 19 starts
- This is Ryu's second season on the LPGA Tour
  - She won the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year honors in 2023
  - She has two wins and 11 additional top-10 finishes
- She earned LPGA Tour status for 2023 after taking medalist honors at Final Qualifying in 2022
  - She was the third player from the Republic of Korea to earn medalist honors since 2018, joining **Jeongeun Lee6** (2018) and **Narin An** (2021)
- Prior to becoming an LPGA Tour Member, she competed in six LPGA Tour events, with top-15 finishes at the 2020 U.S. Women's Open (T13) and the 2021 BMW Ladies Championship (T7)

- She has won five times on the KLPGA Tour
  - Ryu has had membership on the KLPGA since 2020
  - She was the 2020 Rookie of the Year

#### THINGS TO KNOW

- It was announced today that the FM Championship will return to TPC Boston in 2025
  - Read more here: [FM Championship to Return to TPC Boston in 2025](#)
- The final round was suspended at 3:40 p.m. due to inclement weather and resumed at 5:47 p.m., a delay of 2 hours and seven minutes
- Fifteen-time LPGA Tour winner **Jin Young Ko** finished runner up after losing in the playoff to Ryu
  - This is her sixth top 10 finish of the 2024 season and her second runner-up result
    - She finished T2 at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - She shot a final round 68 on Friday, missing a birdie putt on No. 18 that would have prevented a playoff with Ryu
  - Ko held the 54-hole lead going into the final round
    - Ko is now 9 for 13 (69.2%) in converting a lead entering into the final round into a win
  - Ko's playoff record on the LPGA Tour is now 2-2
  - Ko has won on the LPGA Tour every season since 2017, but has not won yet in 2024
- **Ruixin Liu** finished solo third, her best finish on the LPGA Tour
  - Her previous best finish on Tour is a solo seventh result at the 2024 Blue Bay LPGA
  - She shot a new career-low round of 64 on Saturday, and followed it up with another 64 on Sunday
  - She opened the final round with seven straight birdies
  - She made the cut on the number on Friday (+2), starting Saturday's round at T62 and ending the third round at T8
- Two players tied for fourth
  - **Allisen Corpuz** shot a pair of two 67s on the weekend
    - This is her best finish since her runner-up finish at the 2023 Dana Open
    - This is her third top-10 finish of the 2024 season
    - Both of her 67s were her lowest rounds since a 67 in the first round of the Ford Championship presented by KCC in March
    - Corpuz's next event is the Solheim Cup
      - It will be her second appearance in the event, and her first in the United States
      - [She clinched a spot on the team alongside Lauren Coughlin on August 20, 2024](#)
  - **Jeeno Thitikul** also shot a final-round 67
    - She was one of 10 players to go bogey free in the final round
    - This is her sixth top-10 finish of 2024 and her second top-5 finish
    - Her final-round 67 is her lowest score to par since the final round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer (65, -6)
- Four players finished T6
  - LPGA Tour sophomore **Celine Borge** shot the low round of the day with her 9-under 63
    - It ties her career-low round on the LPGA Tour, which she previously shot at the 2023 LPGA Drive On Championship at Superstition Mountain
    - Her T6 place finish at the FM Championship is her best on Tour this season and since the 2024 Dana Open, where she finished T7
  - **Ariya Jutanugarn** earned her second consecutive top-10 finish after her performance at the FM Championship
    - Last week, she finished 6th in the AIG Women's Open
    - It is her fourth top-10 finish of the season, and 78th of her career
    - Her final-round 65 is her third round of 65 or better this season including a pair of 65s in the second round of the Honda LPGA Thailand and the final round of the Portland Classic
  - **Jennifer Kupcho** earned her fifth top-10 finish of the 2024 season
    - It was her first top-10 finish since her solo 5th at the CPKC Women's Open
    - Her final-round 65 is her lowest round on Tour since her third-round 65 at the 2023 LPGA Drive On Championship
    - She was one of 10 players to have a bogey-free round on Sunday
    - She was the only player to eagle No. 18 on Sunday, and the only player to do so throughout the whole week
    - Kupcho's next event will be the 2024 Solheim Cup
      - [She was announced earlier this week as a captain's pick on the U.S. Solheim Cup team](#)
      - It will be her third Solheim Cup following her 2021 and 2023 performances
  - **Arpichaya Yubol** finished her final round with four birdies and an eagle to shoot 66 and finish T6
    - Her final-round 66 is her lowest round on Tour since her first-round 61 at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
    - This is her second top-10 finish of her career and of the 2024 season
      - She finished 5th at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
    - This is her 19th start of the 2024 season, making 12 cuts
- **Megan Khang** (Rockland) was the only of the four Massachusetts locals to make the cut at the FM Championship
  - She shot a final-round 73 and finished T35
  - Khang is an FM ambassador and grew up playing golf in Massachusetts
- Amateur sponsor invite **Elizabeth Rudisill** shot a total of +10 across four rounds
  - She is the only amateur in the field to make the cut
  - She is currently committed to play collegiate golf at Vanderbilt University
  - Rudisill won the AJGA Rolex Girls Junior Championship in June and is ranked eighth in the Rolex AJGA Rankings

#### QUOTABLES

*Runner-up Jin Young Ko on watching the leaderboard throughout the day*

"I didn't watch the leaderboard, but when we suspended I checked the leaderboard, and I saw the other players' scores. They shoot like 8- or 9-under today. I'm surprised. I made two eagles on the front nine. Through five holes, I was 4-under. I felt like, wow, what happened today. I just wanted to continue the good advice, but overall I played really solid."

*Ruixin Liu on shooting back-to-back 64s to earn her career-best finish on the LPGA Tour*

"This week has been very, like -- I can't believe it's true because starting with a 9 off the bat with the tournament, I don't really even think I can make the cut. So I'm very grateful to even have a tee time on Saturday, and to have the best score of my career two times in a row is just amazing. But starting off the gate today, me and Haeran just kept birdieing. It doesn't really feel like I'm playing very well because she's hitting a lot of birdies, as well."

*Allisen Corpuz on how she enjoyed playing TPC Boston for the first-time*

"Yeah, I loved it. Fairways got fast and greens are fast and firm. The guys used to play here, so it's obviously a premier track. Yeah, really enjoyed it. I feel like it set up well for my game, and looking forward to coming back."

*Jennifer Kupcho on her top-10 finish leading into the 2024 Solheim Cup*

"I think the biggest thing -- like scores aside, the biggest thing is seeing some putts fall, seeing some progress there. Obviously that's the most important part. I feel like clutch putts at Solheim especially during match play, it will help having that momentum."

*Megan Khang on seeing the crowds support her throughout the week*

"I loved it. You know, the crowd is incredible. Like I've always said Massachusetts is very much a sports town, Boston is a sports town. The way the crowd came out and showed up for the LPGA, it means the world to me. Not only because being from here, but to see like how big women's golf is here in New England and to see all these junior golfers and some girls that maybe -- I practice at Harmon, and they practice there now. To see like them coming up to me, oh, I practice where you used to practice, or even some members coming out, it's really cool. I mean, just putts a huge smile on my face because it just makes me so proud to be from here, which is also part of reason I don't want to move to Florida. I wear Massachusetts as like a huge badge of honor, and I'm very prideful of it."

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[The putt that gave Haeran Ryu her second LPGA victory](#)

[Megan Khang dancing away the rain delay blues](#)

[Haeran Ryu does it again. She's got her eye on the prize](#)

[Pins beware, Jeeno Thitikul is hunting today](#)

[Jin Young Ko has this putt to take the lead and win the inaugural FM Championship](#)

[Arpichaya Yubol holes out on 17](#)

#### \*TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS AT TPC BOSTON:

**18-hole:** 62 (-10), Haeran Ryu (R2, 2024)

**36-hole:** 131, Haeran Ryu (2024)

**54-hole:** 205, Jin Young Ko (2024)

**72-hole: 273, Haeran Ryu & Jin Young Ko (2024)**

*\*This is the inaugural playing of the FM Championship and the first time the LPGA Tour has played at TPC Boston*