



CHAMPIONSHIP

FM Championship

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Second-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36 – 72; 6,402 yards
Scoring Average: R1: 74.198; R2: 72.166
Weather: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy with dry conditions and temperatures reaching into the mid-60s
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	-13	69-62 – 131
T2	Bianca Pagdanganan	-7	71-66 – 137
T2	Robyn Choi	-7	69-68 – 137
T2	Yealimi Noh	-7	69-68 – 137
T5	Jin Young Ko	-6	71-67 – 138
T5	Lauren Coughlin	-6	69-69 – 138

HAERAN RYU DOMINATES TPC BOSTON, TAKES SIX STROKE LEAD AT FM CHAMPIONSHIP

After a difficult opening round at TPC Boston on Thursday, which saw a scoring average more than two strokes over par, few would have thought a -10 round was out there on the second day of the inaugural FM Championship. But that is exactly what LPGA Tour sophomore **Haeran Ryu** accomplished on Friday, shooting a career-low 62 to take the 36-hole lead.

“No,” Ryu laughed after her second round when asked if she thought shooting 10-under was possible on TPC Boston. “Because the green is so small and the course condition is really firm this week, but I love that condition because my shot is really accurate than another players, so I love this course. This green is so clear so I just trust my stroke and made so many birdies today.”

After shooting a 3-under 69 on Thursday and finishing the day T2 alongside seven other players, Ryu took a dominating six stroke lead with her bogey-free Friday round. Ryu started quietly with three pars before rattling off four consecutive birdies on holes four through seven to move to 7-under overall with 11 holes to play. She parred the eighth and ninth holes to turn in 32, grabbing another birdie on 10 to climb to 8-under for the tournament. A birdie on the par-5 12th hole got her to 9-under, and Ryu again carded a barrage of birdies on Nos. 14 through 17 to move to 13-under total, closing out her round with a par on the last to post her new career-low round on the LPGA Tour.

“(It was) just an amazing day because my shots, everything next to the hole and my putt, everything get in the hole,” said Ryu, who bested her previous career-low 18-hole score of 64 by two shots. She added later, “Because my best score on the LPGA Tour is 8-under, so I just want to make some new score. So I just said keep going, keep going, just one more. That’s it. Yeah, and make some birdie.”

Three players hold the T2 spot several shots behind Ryu, needing a big Moving Day tomorrow to close the gap. Australia’s **Robyn Choi** and American **Yealimi Noh** shot twin rounds of 68, 69 to land at -7 overall. Noh has a solid year in 2024, with two top-10 finishes including a T9 result in the major championship The Chevron Championship. But for Choi this is a new position on Tour, as she has never had top-10 finish.

“I think it will be a good experience,” said Choi on playing in contention on Saturday. “I think that’s kind of what I need right now, is more experience just trying to play against the top players in the world, just putting myself in that position I think will help me just -- you know, I think I just with have to play more in that position to get used to it.”

During the afternoon wave, Filipino golfer **Bianca Pagdanganan** made a charge with five birdies in her first seven holes and ultimately scored a 6-under 66 to share the T2 position with Choi and Noh. Even with a rouge tee shot on the 18th hole, which went left off the tee and landed in the crook of the spotter’s elbow, Pagdanganan went bogey-free on Friday to shoot her fourth 66 of the season.

Two-time 2024 Tour winner **Lauren Coughlin** is T5 after two-rounds, along with Korean superstar **Jin Young Ko** who has five top-10 finishes in 13 starts this season but no wins yet in 2024. **Jeeno Thitikul** and **Celine Borge** are T7 at -5 and, rounding out the top 10, the trio of **Sarah Schmelzel**, **Nasa Hataoka** and first-round leader **Marina Alex** sit T9 at -4.

Seventy-nine players made the cut at +2 on Friday. All players who missed the cut will receive a \$1,000 stipend to help cover travel costs this week, courtesy of FM.

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Haeran Ryu
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	6
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	8
2024 Season Earnings	\$1,611,809
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	14
Career Money (LPGA)	\$3,166,819
Career KLPGA Wins	5

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 18, Haeran Ryu

- She hit 12 of 14 fairways and 85 of 18 greens, with 26 putts
 - She is one of seven players to go bogey-free on Friday
 - Her sole bogey of the tournament was on No. 5 in round one
 - She is the only player to hit every green in regulation during Friday’s round
 - She has recorded the most birdies of any player in the field through 36 holes (14)
- Tune into her post-round interview here: [Haeran Ryu Second Round Interview](#)
- [Hope Barnett catching up with Haeran Ryu after her 10-under 62](#)
- Her second-round 62 is her lowest round on the LPGA Tour
 - Her previous best round was 64, shot three times since 2023
- This is the second time in her career she has led/co-led after the second round
 - The other time was following the second round of the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G, which she went on to win
- This is the third time that Ryu has held a post-round lead in her career
 - In addition to Walmart, she also held a third-round lead at the 2024 Chevron Championship and the 2024 CPKC Women’s Open
- This is her second lowest 36-hole score (131)
 - Her lowest 36-hole score is 128, shot at the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
- This is the 19th start of her 2024 LPGA Tour season
 - She has eight top-10 finishes this year, including five top-five finishes
 - She had three consecutive top-five finishes from The Amundi Evian Championship to the CPKC Women’s Open
 - She has only missed one cut, the Ford Championship presented by KCC, and withdrew at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - She made the cut at every major championship and had three top-10 finishes: The Chevron Championship (5th), KPMG Women’s PGA Championship (T9) and The Amundi Evian Championship (5th)
- This is her second year on the LPGA Tour
 - She has one victory, the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
 - She earned Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year honors in 2023
 - She was the medalist at 2023 LPGA Q-Series and earned LPGA Tour Membership

- She was the third player from the Republic of Korea to earn medalist honors at Q-Series
- Prior to her LPGA Tour Membership, she was on the KLPGA Tour since 2020
- She was the 2020 KLPGA Rookie of the Year and earned five KLPGA victories

2024 FM CHAMPIONSHIP: SATURDAY ESPN+ FEATURED GROUPS

ESPN+ continues to stream live featured group coverage of the LPGA Tour's inaugural FM Championship

Morning Groups:

Ryann O'Toole/Elizabeth Rudisill (a) | 7:31 a.m. ET

- [Ryann O'Toole](#) – No. 81 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 57 in the Race to the CME Globe, LPGA Tour winner (2021 ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open), European Solheim Cup team member (2011)
- [Elizabeth Rudisill \(a\)](#) – No. 8 in the Rolex AJGA Rankings, sponsor invite, Rolex Girl's Junior Championship winner, she is the only amateur to make the cut at the FM Championship, Vanderbilt University commit

Sandra Gal/Rose Zhang | 7:40 a.m. ET

- [Sandra Gal](#) – No. 741 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 163 in the Race to the CME Globe, LPGA Tour winner (2011 Kia Classic), two-time European Solheim Cup team member (2011, 2015), Olympian (2016)
- [Rose Zhang](#) – No. 10 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 15 in the Race to the CME Globe, two-time LPGA Tour winner, U.S. Solheim Cup team member (2023) and automatically qualified for the 2024 team, Olympian (2024)

Afternoon Groups:

Yuri Yoshida/Allisen Corpuz | 11:40 a.m. ET

- [Yuri Yoshida](#) – No. 133 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 127 in the Race to the CME Globe
- [Allisen Corpuz](#) – No. 28 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 50 in the Race to the CME Globe, LPGA Tour winner and major champion (2023 U.S. Women's Open), U.S. Solheim Cup team member (2023) and automatically qualified for the 2024 team

Lexi Thompson/Megan Khang | 11:50 a.m. ET

- [Lexi Thompson](#) – No. 46 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 39 in the Race to the CME Globe, 11-time LPGA Tour winner, major champion (2014 Chevron Championship), six-time U.S. Solheim Cup team member (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023) and was just [announced as a 2024 captain's pick](#), two-time Olympian (2016, 2020)
- [Megan Khang](#) – No. 21 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 16 in the Race to the CME Globe, LPGA Tour winner (2023 CPKC Women's Open), three-time U.S. Solheim Cup team member (2019, 2021, 2023) and automatically qualified for the 2024 team

THINGS TO KNOW

- Seventy-nine players made the cut and will play the weekend at the FM Championship
- There are three players tied for second at -7
 - **Robyn Choi** carded a four-under 68 to stay within the top three
 - She had six birdies and two bogeys
 - Listen to her post-round interview here: [Robyn Choi Second Round Interview](#)
 - This is Choi's 16th start of the 2024 season
 - She has missed nine cuts this season
 - This week, she will make her third consecutive cut since the CPKC Women's Open
 - Her best finish this year is at the LPGA Drive On Championship (T16)
 - She finished first at 2023 LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Tour Membership for the 2024 season
 - **Yealimi Noh** also recorded a 68 on Friday
 - She had six birdies, a bogey and a double bogey in round two
 - Like Choi, she maintains her position within the top three heading into the weekend
 - This is Noh's 18th LPGA Tour start this season
 - She has missed four cuts, including at last week's major championship
 - Her best finish came at the Dow Championship (T8)
- **Bianca Pagdanganan** shot a 66 on Friday
 - She moved from T17 to T2 with her second-round score
 - She was one of seven players to go bogey free in round two
 - Watch her second-round highlights here: [Bianca Pagdanganan Second Round Highlights](#)
 - Watch her drive on 18 land in someone's arm here: [Bianca Pagdanganan hammered this drive right into someone's arm](#)
 - This is her lowest round on Tour since her 66 in the third round of the 2024 Mizuho Americas Open
 - This is her lowest 36-hole score (137) since her 136 at the 2023 ANNKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
 - Her 66 is the second lowest round of the week, just behind Ryu's 62
 - This is her 15th start of the 2024 season
 - She missed the cut in her last two appearances, the Dow Championship and CPKC Women's Open
 - Her best finish and sole top-10 finish of the season was at the Mizuho Americas Open (T7)
 - She was a rookie on the LPGA Tour in 2020
 - She played collegiate golf at the University of Arizona and was a part of the 2018 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship team
- First-round leader **Marina Alex** shot even par in round two
 - She had two bogeys and two birdies
 - On Friday, she hit three less greens in regulation and two more fairways compared to Thursday
- There were four Massachusetts locals in the field this week at the FM Championship
 - **Megan Khang** (Rockland) shot -1 in round two and sits at T12
 - Khang is an FM ambassador and grew up playing golf in Massachusetts
 - She is the only local player to make the cut
 - **Alexa Pano** (Westborough) shot +3 with four bogeys and a birdie
 - Sponsor invite **Alison Walshe** (Westford) shot a two-day total of 155 in her first LPGA Tour start since the 2023 Cognizant Founders Cup
 - **Xiyu Lin** (Seaport) shot rounds of 72, 75
- Amateur sponsor invite **Elizabeth Rudisill** shot +2 in two rounds and will make the cut
 - 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
- **Olivia Cowan** withdrew prior to the second round and **Sei Young Kim** withdrew during the second round, both due to illness
- **Xiaowen Yin** withdrew during the second round due to injury

QUOTABLES

Robyn Choi on being near the top of the leaderboard headed into the weekend

"Honestly, I haven't looked at the leaderboard yet so I don't know. You know, I think it would be a good experience. I think that's kind of what I need right now, is more experience just trying to play against the top players in the world, just putting myself in that position I think will help me just -- you know, I think I just with have to play more in that position to get used to it. Yeah, be very competitive, but I think I am just stick to my game plan. I think the last two days, yesterday and today worked pretty well, just going to keep stick to go that and hopefully results will come."

Megan Khang on what she is looking forward to most about the weekend

"It's going to be a lot of fun. I have a lot of family that's coming out because I had some last-minute texts for tickets. I'm more than happy to help them out and show them how great these girls are, not only for myself but just on a tour level. And it's an amazing feeling when you make those long putts last two holes where you get the crowd kind of going. Kind of got a little flat because I couldn't make anything in the middle. It's really cool having the crowd behind you. I think they all saw that I was a little frustrated as well. Those pick-me-ups going to the next tee definitely helped me stay in a positive mindset."

Bianca Pagdanganan on her tee shot on 18 landing in someone's arms

"My caddie told me to hit it up the left side of the fairway and directly into her arms, so that's what I did. I said this earlier, but I just follow orders. It was funny because I couldn't see how far it was going or if I was going to hit them, so when it landed and she didn't flinch I was like, okay, she's fine. Then we walked off the tee and they were just telling us that apparently it landed in her arm. I was like, are you sure, because she didn't move at all? So my caddie and I just kept walking. Sure enough, we walk up and they were like, yeah, it landed on my arm and I just tossed it back. I was like, well, you could have tossed it back in the fairway."

Elizabeth Rudisill on what she has learned most playing in an LPGA Tour event

"I learned a lot, especially mentally. The LPGA players have a lot of confidence in themselves and in their games, which is something that I need to do. And also, like their decisions off the tee, around the greens, I need to improve on that after seeing these LPGA players do so well at it."

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

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

36-hole: 131, Haeran Ryu (2024)

54-hole: TBD

72-hole: TBD

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