



CHAMPIONSHIP

FM Championship

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

Third-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36 – 72; 6,387 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 74.198; R2: 72.166; R3: 71.962

Weather: Cloudy to partly sunny skies as dry conditions continue with temperatures reaching into the upper 70s and southerly winds increasing to 7-13 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	Jin Young Ko	-11	71-67-67 – 205
2	Lauren Coughlin	-9	69-69-69 – 207
T3	Carlota Ciganda	-8	74-67-67 – 208
T3	Allisen Corpuz	-8	69-72-67 – 208
T3	Jeeno Thitikul	-8	69-70-69 – 208

FIFTEEN-TIME TOUR WINNER JIN YOUNG KO LEADS FM CHAMPIONSHIP

Korean superstar and former Rolex Rankings No. 1 **Jin Young Ko** is back in the lead on the LPGA Tour, looking to take home the inaugural FM Championship trophy and her 16th LPGA Tour victory. Few have better conversion rates on Tour than Ko – she has won nine of the 12 times (75%) she has held the lead entering the final round – and she will have the opportunity to improve upon that record as she takes a two-stroke lead into the LPGA Tour's first Championship Sunday at TPC Boston.

"I'm trying to be very like competitive person; that's why if I like get in the leader, I think it's good motivate to me," said Ko when asked her secret to converting a final-round lead into a win. "This golf course is not easy, so, yeah, I think I need to focus myself and just repeat saying to myself, you can do it, you got this. So, yeah, looking forward for tomorrow."

Ko followed her second-round 67 with another on Saturday, shooting -5 for a 54-hole score of 205. Her front nine was flawless during the third round, with two birdies right off the bat on Nos. 1 and 2 and two more on Nos. 6 and 9. Turning in 32, she made five straight pars on the back before making her only mistake of the day, a bogey on the par-4 15th. She recovered quickly, however, with a birdie on 17 and then added another on 18 for good measure.

On Saturday, Ko said the secret to her success was her putting. The Korean golfer needed just 26 putts to get through the round, including 10 one-putts, and her final two birdies on 17 and 18 came from putts of 18 and 15 feet, respectively. Her approach shots and play around the green was also impressive during round three. Missing the greens on holes 3 and 4, she pitched to within a foot on both holes for easy par saves. Overall, Ko said she was impressed with herself on TPC Boston, a course she says "not easy" in nearly every other sentence.

"This golf course, I mean, the first round I felt like so easy but I hit it just 1-under. Yesterday and today I felt oh, it's not easy this golf course, but I made a lot of birdies," Ko said with a laugh. "So who knows. Golf is really, really hard. I saw Lydia's interview at AIG Women's Open. She said, sometimes I don't want to look at my golf clubs and sometimes she could kiss her putter. I feel same way."

Lurking behind Ko is two-time Tour winner **Lauren Coughlin**, who said Wednesday she was shocked her second win came so quick after her first. Now, the 2024 Solheim Cup rookie is in contention again after shooting her third 69 in a row, the only player in the field to shoot three rounds in the 60s, to sit -9 overall. Coughlin said after her Saturday round that she would be even more surprised should a third win come so quickly after the first two. Coughlin became a Rolex First Time Winner at the CPKC Women's Open in July and then won the ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open just three weeks later.

Three players are T3 at -8: major champion **Allisen Corpuz**, three-time Tour winner **Jeeno Thitikul** and Spain's **Carlota Ciganda**. Second-round leader **Haeran Ryu**, who shot a 10-under 62 on Friday, could not continue the magic on Saturday. Her 6-over 78 dropped her into a tie for sixth at -7. Massachusetts native **Megan Khang**, who played to huge crowds on Saturday along with fellow U.S. Solheim Cup Team member **Lexi Thompson**, will enter the final round in a tie for 13th at -4.

WITH A WIN

Jin Young Ko

- Would earn her 16th career victory on the LPGA Tour and first win since the 2023 Cognizant Founders Cup
 - Ko is the third-winningest Korean in the history of the LPGA Tour, behind Inbee Park (21 wins) and Seri Pak (25)
- Would make 2024 her eighth consecutive season with a win on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the 17th different winner of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
- Would be the second player from the Republic of Korea to win this season, joining Amy Yang (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
- Would earn her sixth top-10 finish of the LPGA Tour season
- Would win her first inaugural event on the LPGA Tour
- Is projected to move into the top 10 in the Race to the CME Globe standings

Lauren Coughlin

- Would earn her third LPGA Tour victory of her career and third in less than two months
- Would become the second most winningest player this season behind Nelly Korda (six)
 - Coughlin is one of four players to win multiple times this season, alongside Korda and Hannah Green (two)
- Would earn her eighth top-10 finish of the 2024 season and 11 of her career
 - It would be her eighth top-10 finish in 21 starts in 2024
- Would be her first win in the United States
 - Her CPKC Women's Open victory took place in Canada, and her ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open was in Scotland
- Would surpass the \$2 million mark in 2024 season earnings (\$2,446,282) and \$3 million in career earnings (\$3,313,479)

Carlota Ciganda

- Would earn her third career Tour victory and first since the 2016 Citibanamex Lorena Ochoa Invitational
- Would be her first win in 2,848 days (7 years, 9 months and 18 days)
- Would be the 17th different winner on Tour this season, and first from Spain
- Would be the first Spanish winner on Tour since her last victory in 2016
- Would join Beatriz Recari with the most wins of a player from Spain in Tour history (three)
 - Only four players from Spain have won on Tour (Ciganda, Recari, Marta Figueras-Dotti and Azahara Munoz)
- Would be the second oldest player to win on Tour this season (34 years, 3 months), behind Amy Yang

Allisen Corpuz

- Would earn her second Tour victory and first since her victory at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open
- Would be the 17th different winner on Tour this season, and the sixth winner from the United States
 - The other winners from the U.S. include Nelly Korda (six), Lauren Coughlin (two), Bailey Tardy (one), Lilia Vu (one) and Rose Zhang (one)
- Would claim the 12th win by an American this season
- Would have her second consecutive winning season on Tour (2023 U.S. Women's Open)
- Would surpass the \$1 million mark in season earnings (\$1,095,103), and nearly reach the \$5 million mark in career earnings (\$4,911,051)

Jeeno Thitikul

- Would earn her fourth Tour victory and first since the 2024 Dow Championship alongside partner Ruoning Yin
- Would have her second season on Tour with multiple victories
 - In 2022, she won the JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol and Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
- Would become the fifth player with multiple victories this season, joining Nelly Korda (six), Lauren Coughlin (two), Hannah Green (two) and Lydia Ko (two)
- Would claim the fourth victory by a Thai player in 2024, alongside Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand), Chanettee Wannasaen (Dana Open) and Moriya Jutanugarn (Portland Classic)
- Would earn her sixth top-10 finish in 11 starts this season
- Would earn her 35th top-10 finish of her career
- Would earn her second win in her last four starts
 - Since her win at the Dow Championship, she missed the cut at The Amundi Evian Championship and finished T17 at the AIG Women's Open
- Would surpass the \$5.5 million mark in career earnings (\$5,532,050) and the \$1.5 million mark in career earnings (\$1,800,289)

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Jin Young Ko
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	21
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	5
2024 Season Earnings	\$1,219,645
Career LPGA Tour Wins	15
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	57
Career Money (LPGA)	\$13,135,345
Career KLPGA Wins	12

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 6 Jin Young Ko

- She hit 10 of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens with 26 putts
 - She had one bogey on the par-4 15th
 - She has recorded four bogeys across 54 holes of the event
- In nine of 12 instances, Ko has held a lead heading into the final round and win the event
 - Her last lead heading into a final round was at the 2023 HSBC Women's World Championship, which she went on to win
- In her six previous wins, she has come from behind to claim the victory
- Based on KPMG Performance Insights, Ko has a 54.2% chance of winning the FM Championship
- This is her lowest 54-hole score (205) since the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
- This is her 14th start of her 2023 LPGA Tour season
 - She has five top-10 finishes this year, most recently at the ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open
 - She missed two cuts, including the AIG Women's Open and The Chevron Championship
 - Her best finish of the season was T2 at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- This is her seventh season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has won every season she has held LPGA Tour Membership
 - She has 15 career victories and two major championship wins (2019 Chevron Championship and 2019 Amundi Evian Championship)
 - She has won numerous LPGA Awards and most recently the 2021 Rolex Player of the Year
 - She is a two-time Olympian (2020 and 2024)
- Prior to becoming an LPGA Tour Member, she made 11 career starts on the LPGA Tour
- She won the 2017 LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship and picked up LPGA Tour Membership in 2018

2024 FM CHAMPIONSHIP: SUNDAY ESPN+ FEATURED GROUPS

ESPN+ continues to stream live featured group coverage of the LPGA Tour's inaugural FM Championship. *Coverage of the An. Lee/Metraux/So Mi Lee group will begin once the Guseva/Zhang/Ren group is finished.

Morning Group:

Nataliya Guseva/Rose Zhang/Yue Ren | 9:04 a.m. ET

- [Nataliya Guseva](#) – No. 99 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 47 in the Race to the CME Globe, 2024 LPGA Tour rookie
- [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)
- [Yue Ren](#) – No. 533 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 149 in the Race to the CME Globe, 2024 LPGA Tour rookie

Afternoon Groups:

Caroline Masson/Lexi Thompson/Megan Khang | 9:59 a.m. ET

- [Caroline Masson](#) – No. 345 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 116 in the Race to the CME Globe, LPGA Tour winner (2016 Manulife LPGA Classic), four-time European Solheim Cup Team member (2013, 2015, 2017, 2019), two-time Olympian (2016, 2020), LPGA Tour Mom
- [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

Andrea Lee/Morgane Metraux/So Mi Lee | 10:10 a.m. ET*

- [Andrea Lee](#) – No. 43 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 23 in the Race to the CME Globe, LPGA Tour winner (2022 Portland Classic), U.S. Solheim Cup Team member (2023) and automatically qualified for the 2024 team
- [Morgane Metraux](#) – No. 135 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 98 in the Race to the CME Globe, 2022 LPGA Tour rookie
- [So Mi Lee](#) – No. 80 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, No. 70 in the Race to the CME Globe, 2024 LPGA Tour rookie

THINGS TO KNOW

- Two-time 2024 Tour winner **Lauren Coughlin** recorded four birdies and a bogey in her third round
 - She has finished in the top-10 in four of her last five starts, including two wins
 - Coughlin was just announced to the U.S. Solheim Cup Team later this September
- **Carlota Ciganda** made six birdies and one bogey in her third-round 67
 - Ciganda has two career victories, the 2016 LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship and the 2016 Citibanamex Lorena Ochoa Invitational
 - Ciganda will represent Europe at the 2024 Solheim Cup, marking her seventh appearance on the European Team
- **Allisen Corpuz** recorded six birdies and one bogey in her third-round 67
 - Corpuz is looking for her second LPGA Tour victory, having become a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open
 - In two weeks, Corpuz will represent the United States at the Solheim Cup for the second time
- **Jeeno Thitikul** shot a third-round 69 with six birdies and three bogeys
 - Thitikul is making her 11th start of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
 - Her first tournament of the year was The Chevron Championship due to a lingering thumb injury
 - She has six top-10 finishes, including a win at the Dow Championship with partner **Ruoning Yin**
 - Four of those top-10 finishes were in consecutive starts from the Mizuho Americas Open to the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - She has three LPGA Tour victories, including the 2022 JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol and 2022 the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G in her rookie year on Tour
- **Ruixin Liu** made the biggest move on moving day, up from T62 to T8 after a third-round 64
 - It is the lowest round of her LPGA Tour career, besting her previous low of 65 which she shot during round one of the 2023 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G and round two of the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
 - She made the cut on the number on Friday, making two birdies on her final two holes to finish round two at +2
 - Liu looks to improve upon her best finish on the LPGA Tour, a solo-seventh result at the 2024 Blue Bay LPGA
- There were four Massachusetts locals in the field this week at the FM Championship
 - **Megan Khang** (Rockland) shot her second consecutive 1-under 71 on Saturday and heads into the final round in a tie for 13th
 - Khang is an FM ambassador and grew up playing golf in Massachusetts
 - She is the only local player to make the cut
- Amateur sponsor invite **Elizabeth Rudisill** shot +2 in the first two rounds to make the cut; she followed with a 77 on Saturday to head into the final round in 77th at +7
 - 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

- Seventy-nine players made the cut at +2 on Friday

QUOTABLES

Third-round leader Jin Young Ko on what a win at the inaugural FM Championship would mean to her

"It's going to be great. I mean, it's my first time visiting Boston and I really love to watch baseball game. I went baseball game like on Tuesday and then I felt this is good life, I mean, such a nice life. Because the sponsor, they took us to baseball stadium with VIP seat and playing great golf courses in the world. So I just practicing to be thankful I'm living in this world."

Megan Khang on being paired with Lexi Thompson for the third round

"You know, soon as the pairings came out I knew like the entire week there have been big crowds, and not only was it the weekend, but having myself playing with Lexi, I had a good feeling the crowds were going to show out today, especially for myself and Lex. Funny enough, we did not plan it. We are matching. I jokingly said it's a good thing I wore black shorts or it would be tough to tell who is who out there."

Lexi Thompson on playing alongside hometown favorite Megan Khang

"The matching wasn't planned. That's for sure. She saw me on the putting green and she was like, really? Yeah, we had a great time out there. The fans were incredible. You know, her being from here or living here, she definitely had the hometown crowd behind her cheering her on. It's just great to see when the fans get behind us every single tournament. This tournament being the first time here, just so well run. Fans have been great. Hopefully more tomorrow and great weather. Couldn't ask for much better."

Ruixin Liu on her lowest career round 64 today

"You know, I feel like I'm playing kind of crazy today because starting with two birdies, you know, off the gate. I don't have any expectation today because barely made the cut, especially with 18-yards putt on 17 and a four-yards putt on 18 to make the putt. I'm just very grateful I'm able to play today, so I think that's the most important reason why I'm able to shoot this low."

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SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

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[Ruixin Liu had herself a morning at TPC Boston, firing a 64](#)

*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: TBD

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