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2024 HSBC Women's World Championship

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*At last year's HSBC Women's World Championship, top-ten finishers gained a higher share of their strokes against the field with full swings – off the tee and on approach shots:

Percentage of Strokes Gained Total

Top-10 Finishers – 2023 HSBC Women's World Championship

	LPGA Average	HSBC
Off the Tee	15.3%	20.8%
Approach Green	37.5%	53.2%
Around Green	8.8%	7.4%
Putting	38.4%	18.7%

*In fact, top-ten finishers gained 73.9% of their strokes ball striking last year at this event – the second-highest share of any single event on the LPGA Tour in 2023.

Highest Percentage of Strokes Gained Total

From Ball Striking – Top-10 Finishers Last Season

CME Group Tour Championship	75.4%
HSBC Women's World Championship	73.9%
JM Eagle LA Championship	72.5%

Jin Young Ko

*Jin Young Ko is going for her third consecutive win in this event this week. Over the past two years, she is a combined 34-under-par in this event and gains well over three strokes per round on the field.

Jin Young Ko

Last 2 Years at HSBC Women's World Championship

Score to par	-34
SG Total per round	+3.34
Birdie or Better Pct	31.3%
Greens in regulation	86.1%



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*The last player to win any LPGA Tour event three consecutive years was Inbee Park at the KPMG Women's PGA in 2013, 2014 and 2015. There have been five different instances of it happening since 2000:

Won Same Tournament 3 or More Consecutive Years LPGA Tour Since 2000

	Event	Years
Annika Sorenstam	Mizuno Classic	5, '01-05
Karrie Webb	Australian Masters	3, '98-00*
Annika Sorenstam	KPMG Women's PGA	3, '03-05
Lorena Ochoa	Sybase Classic	3, '06-08
Inbee Park	KPMG Women's PGA	3, '13-15

*Also won in 2001 (no longer official LPGA event that year)

*Last season, Jin Young Ko was among the best on the LPGA Tour when it came to average proximity to the hole from 125-150 and 150-175 yards away. She was six feet better than the LPGA Tour average from 1325-150 last season:

Jin Young Ko Proximity to the Hole – 2023 LPGA Season

	Tour Average	Jin Young Ko
125-150 yards	28'0"	22'0"
150-175 yards	34'6"	29'4"

*A healthy Jin Young Ko leapt from 30th to 3rd on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach in 2023.

Jin Young Ko Strokes Gained Approach – Last 2 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+0.50	30th
2023	+1.13	3rd

*Unsurprisingly, Ko leads all players in score to par at this tournament the last three years:

Best Cumulative Score to Par HSBC Women's World Championship – Last 3 Years

Jin Young Ko	-38
Hannah Green	-36
Hyo Joo Kim	-34
In Gee Chun	-32



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Lydia Ko

*Lydia Ko is averaging nearly two strokes gained tee-to-green per round and 1.44 on the greens through two starts in 2024. They are both massive increases over her per round averages in 2023:

Lydia Ko

Strokes Gained Per Round – 2023 vs 2024

	2023	2024
Tee to Green	+0.23	+1.98
Putting	+0.01	+1.44

*Lydia Ko nearly picked up back-to-back wins to begin her 2024 season on the LPGA's early Florida swing. She ranked fourth or better in strokes gained putting in both tournaments:

Lydia Ko

First 2 Starts of This Season

	Hilton TOC	Drive On
Finish	Won	2nd
Score to par	-14	-11
SG Total per round	3.23	3.70
SG Putting per round	1.05	1.83
SG Putting Rank	4th	3rd

Lilia Vu

*Lilia Vu putted significantly better last week in Thailand, gaining well over a stroke and a half per round on the greens.

Lilia Vu

Per Round Averages This Season

	1st 2 Starts	Last Week
Strokes gained putting	-0.32	+1.60
Putts per round	32.9	27.8
Feet of putts made	60'1"	83'0"

*Vu saw a regression each round here last year in her performance on the greens:

Lilia Vu

SG Putting by Round – 2023 HSBC Women's World Championship

Round 1	+1.27
Round 2	+1.06
Round 3	+0.62
Round 4	-0.01



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Patty Tavatanakit

*Last season, Patty Tavatanakit ranked outside the top-70 on the LPGA Tour in bogey avoidance. In her sparkling back-to-back victories on the LET and LPGA Tour the last two weeks, she's made just eight bogeys total:

Patty Tavatanakit Bogeys or Worse – Last Season vs Last 2 Weeks

Last season	17.0%*
Last 2 weeks	5.6%

*Ranked 73rd on LPGA Tour

*Tavatanakit was stellar through the bag in her win last week, but especially off the tee. She gained more than 5.7 strokes with her tee shots, most of anyone in the field.

Patty Tavatanakit Field Ranks Last Week at Honda LPGA Thailand

Tee to Green	1st
Off the Tee	1st
Around the Green	3rd
Approach	12th
Putting	31st

*Patty ranked 66th in the field in strokes gained tee-to-green and off-the-tee in Thailand last year.

Patty Tavatanakit Strokes Gained Ranks – Honda LPGA Thailand

	2022	2023
Off the Tee	66th	1st
Tee to Green	66th	1st

*Patty's approach play numbers are night and day comparing a few weeks back at the LPGA Drive On to last week's win in Thailand.

Patty Tavatanakit Approach Play – Last 2 LPGA Tour Starts

	Drive On	Thailand
SG Approach per round	-0.97	+0.68
Greens in regulation	69%	81%
Proximity to hole	28'10"	25'5"



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Minjee Lee

*Minjee Lee led the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach per round in 2023, picking up more than a shot-and-a-half on the field:

Minjee Lee

Approach Play Ranks – 2023 LPGA Season

		LPGA Rank
SG Approach	+1.53	1st
Proximity – 125-150 yards	22'0"	T-1st
Proximity – 150-175 yards	29'0"	4th

*Last year at this tournament was one of her weaker performances with her irons in 2023, however. After leading the field in strokes gained approach at Sentosa in 2022, she lost more than half-a-stroke per round with that facet of her game at the '23 HSBC.

Minjee Lee

HSBC Women's World Championship – 2022 vs 2023

	2022	2023
Finish	T-2	T-52
Score to par	-15	+3
SG Total per round	+2.78	-1.61
SG Approach per round	+3.38*	-0.56

*Led field

*In fact, the 2022 HSBC Women's Champions was one of nine times since the beginning of 2022 that she has led a tournament field in strokes gained approach, five more than any other player.

Most Times Leading Tournament in SG Approach Since Beginning of 2022

Minjee Lee	9
Ruoning Yin	4
Alison Lee	3
In Gee Chun	3



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Hyo Joo Kim

*Hyo Joo Kim finished in a tie for fifth place last week in her first LPGA start of 2024. A look at where she ranked in the key strokes gained categories:

Hyo Joo Kim

Field Ranks – Honda LPGA Thailand

Tee to Green	8th
Off the Tee	34th
Approach	52nd
Around Green	1st
Putting	10th
*Finished T-5 (shot in 60s all 4 rounds)	

*Kim has finished T-8 or better in three of her last four appearances at this event, including a win three years ago. She's gained more than 2.3 strokes on the field per round in that span.

Hyo Joo Kim

Last 4 Appearances – HSBC Women's World Championship

Scoring average	69.3
SG Total per round	+2.31
Rounds inside top-10	11-for-16

Ayaka Furue

*Among players to tee it up at this event each of the last two seasons, Ayaka Furue ranks second in strokes gained putting per round.

Most SG Putting Per Round

HSBC Women's World Championship – Last 2 Years

	Per Round
Chella Choi	+1.84
Ayaka Furue	+1.81
Jeongeun Lee6	+1.72
Amy Yang	+1.51

*Among players in field both years



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Xiyu Lin

*Since the beginning of the 2023 season, Xiyu Lin has the best cumulative score to par of any player in LPGA events contested in Asia:

Best Cumulative Score to Par LPGA Tournaments in Asia – Last 2 Seasons

Xiyu Lin	-69
Nasa Hataoka	-67
Yuka Saso	-66
3 players at	-64

*Xiyu Lin has 14 top-ten finishes on the LPGA Tour since the beginning of the 2022 season, the most of any player without a victory in that span:

Most Top-10 Finishes Without a Win Since Beginning of 2022

Xiyu Lin	14
Hye-Jin Choi	13
Yuka Saso	12
Lexi Thompson	11

Ruoning Yin

*Ruoning Yin is one of the best approach players in the game today, as evidenced by her stellar numbers from a season ago. But through three starts in 2024, she hasn't been as sharp with her irons.

Ruoning Yin Approach Play – 2023 vs 2024 on LPGA Tour

	2023	2024
SG Approach	+1.18	+0.19
Proximity to hole	23'6"	25'9"



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Celine Boutier

*Celine Boutier made incredible strides with her short game last season, leading the LPGA Tour in scrambling and ranking third in strokes gained around the green per round. Through her first two starts of 2024, that has not yet carried over.

Celine Boutier

Around the Greens – 2023 vs 2024

	2023	2024
SG Around the Green	+0.52	+0.07
Scrambling	68.9%	52.3%

*2 starts this season

*Boutier's approach play, however, has been excellent. In both of Boutier's starts this season, she gained more than a full stroke per round with her approach play, something she did only twice all of 2023.

1+ SG Approach Per Round – Single Event

Celine Boutier – Last 2 Seasons

	Per Round
2023 Amundi Evian Championship	+1.58
2024 Honda LPGA Thailand	+1.28
2023 BMW Ladies Championship	+1.15
2024 LPGA Drive On	+1.08

Alison Lee

*Alison Lee is set to make her first start of 2024 this week. Her last three starts of 2023 on the LPGA Tour were stellar, as she finished runner-up in three starts in a row:

Alison Lee

Last 3 LPGA Tour Starts of 2023

Runner-ups	3
Score to par	-56
Scoring average	66.42
SG Total per round	+3.06
Greens in regulation	81.9%