



JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 Wilshire Country Club | Los Angeles, CA | April 25-28, 2024

Third-Round Notes
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Course Setup: 35-36 – 71; 6,202
Scoring Average: R1: 72.182; R2: 72.157; R3: 71.838
Weather: Sunny and dry conditions with light, variable winds in the morning and gusts up to 15-16 mph in the afternoon; temperatures reached 72F
Race to CME Globe Points: 500 points (winner)
Purse: \$3.75 million (winner’s portion is \$562,500)
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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
T1	Hannah Green	-7	67-69-70 – 206
T1	Grace Kim	-7	64-66-76 – 206
T3	Jin Hee Im	-6	72-72-63 – 207
T3	Esther Henseleit	-6	68-68-71 – 207
T3	Maja Stark	-6	65-69-73 – 207
6	Nasa Hataoka	-5	73-71-64 – 206

AUSSIES ON TOP THROUGH 54 HOLES AT JM EAGLE LA CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED PLASTPRO

Defending champion **Hannah Green** and her fellow Australian **Grace Kim** will tee it up together on Championship Sunday at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro, holding a share of the lead at -7 after a tough Moving Day at Wilshire Country Club. While some players who went out early were able to go low, like **Jin Hee Im** and **Nasa Hataoka**, much of the field struggled on Saturday as wind gusts picked up and the poa annua greens became bumpy and dry.

Kim, who began the day with a four-stroke lead on her nearest challenger **Maja Stark**, was birdie-less in round three but held onto her first- and second-round lead with a 5-over 76. The 23-year-old tore up Wilshire CC during the first two rounds thanks to her pin-high approaches and solid putting strokes, but wasn’t able to find that rhythm on Saturday. She made bogey, then double bogey on Nos. 3 and 4, followed by two more bogeys on 10 and 16. And though the birdie chances were there, Kim just couldn’t bump the ball in.

“I think just the poa annua greens in the afternoon get very bumpy and was probably the worst today. That's kind of a given. As you can see, it's tough for everyone today,” said Kim after her round, adding later, “I think at the end obviously I shaved a few edges today, so I couldn't take things personally from the greens and the results, because, again, it was very tough. But just mentally I'm telling myself I'm saving the birdies for tomorrow.”

Green felt the difficulty of the day as well but was able to edge out a 1-under result despite four bogeys on the card. She made a quick birdie on the par-5 2nd before dropping shots on 5, 6 and 9 to make the turn in 37 and 2-over par. She got a hot streak going with a solid eagle putt on 13, following that with birdies on 14 and 16 to take a share of the lead at -8 with Kim and Stark. She made bogey on 17, but still confidently headed to the 18th hole where she has seen much success. At the time, Green had made a birdie on 18 five times in her last six playings of the hole. Unfortunately, it was not to be on Saturday when she missed the green and had to scramble for par, which she saved with another solid putt.

“I knew it was a straight putt, but obviously depending on which way it wants to bounce. I wasn't really that aggressive with the putter today. If anything, I was a bit tedious because I didn't have many opportunities where I could be aggressive. Yeah, probably a little bit firm and lucky to bounce in. But, yeah, makes a big difference going into tomorrow,” said Green when asked how her par-save on 18. She added, “It's really nice I do have that experience and positive memories (on 18). Hopefully, yeah, I don't get too ahead of myself and think about that too much. Just keep playing every hole and not really think about the end result.”

The player who made the most of Moving Day was LPGA Tour rookie **Jin Hee Im**, who jumped from T61 to T3 after setting a new 18-hole scoring record at Wilshire Country Club. Im scored an 8-under 63 on Saturday to best the previous low rounds at Wilshire by one stroke. The previous record of 64 was shot on six separate occasions and most recently by Kim in the first round. Going off at 8:35 a.m. and in the seventh group of the day, Im made one bogey and an incredible nine birdies during her third round, including six on the back to come in in 30.

Sharing the third-place position with Im is **Esther Henseleit**, who held onto her place on the leaderboard with an even score on Saturday, and Stark, who finished +2 on the day after a bad break on 18. Stark found the greenside bunker on the last and, after a good shot from the bunker, burned the edge of her final hole to two putt for bogey.

Sitting in solo sixth is Japan’s **Nasa Hataoka**, who also moved from T61 thanks to a -7 round that saw seven birdies, an eagle and two bogeys. Three players sit in a tie for seventh at -4, including major champion **Jennifer Kupcho**, while five players are tied for 10th at -3.

WITH A WIN
[Hannah Green](#)

- She would earn her fifth victory on Tour, and second of the 2024 season
 - She won the HSBC Women's World Championship in March
- She would be the first player to successfully defend a title on Tour since **Jin Young Ko** at the 2023 HSBC Women's World Championship
 - She would be the first player to win at Wilshire Country Club twice
- This would be her second season on Tour with multiple victories, along with 2019 (KPMG Women's PGA Championship, Portland Classic)
- She would join **Nelly Korda** (5) as the only players with multiple victories on Tour this year
- She would cross the \$5 million mark in career earnings with the \$562,500 winner's check (\$5,375,243)
 - She would be projected to jump from 89th to 77th on the All-Time Official Career Money List
 - She would be the 82nd player in Tour history to cross the \$5 million threshold in official career earnings

Grace Kim

- She would earn her second career victory and first since the 2023 LOTTE Championship
- She would be the third different Australian to win at Wilshire Country Club, joining **Minjee Lee** (2019 Hugel-Air Premia LA Open) and **Hannah Green** (2023 JM Eagle LA Championship)
 - She would be the sixth different player to win at Wilshire CC since 2018
- She would be the 10th Australian to win at least two victories on Tour, joining **Penny Pulz** (2), **Margie Masters** (2), **Katherine Kirk** (3), **Wendy Doolan** (3), **Hannah Green** (4), **Rachel Hetherington** (8), **Minjee Lee** (10), **Jan Stephenson** (16) and **Karrie Webb** (41)
- She would be the youngest winner on Tour at 23 years, 4 months and 15 days since **Hae Ran Ryu** at the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship (22Y/6M/8D)
- She would have the lowest first-round start by a Tour winner this season after her 64 in round one
- She would be the second wire-to-wire winner this season (with or without ties), joining **Nelly Korda** (with ties, LPGA Drive On Championship)
- She would be the sixth different winner on Tour this season and second Australian, joining **Hannah Green** (HSBC Women's World Championship)

Jin Hee Im

- She would become the second Rolex First-Time Winner of the 2024 season, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA)
- She would set the record for the best 36-hole comeback by position to win on the LPGA Tour in the last 40 years
 - The only player in the last 40 years to win an LPGA Tour event when outside the top-50 through two rounds was **Yani Tseng** at the 2008 KPMG Women's PGA Championship (T52 through 36 holes)
- She would be the sixth different winner on Tour this season, and the first from the Republic of Korea
- She would be the 50th player from Korea to win on the LPGA Tour, and first since **Amy Yang** (2023 CME Group Tour Championship)
- She would be the sixth different winner at Wilshire Country Club since 2018
- She would earn her seventh professional victory on any Tour
 - She is a six-time winner on the KLPGA

Esther Henseleit

- She would become the second Rolex First-Time Winner of the 2024 season, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA)
- She would be the fifth-ever player from Germany to win on Tour, joining **Tina Fischer**, **Sandra Gal**, **Caroline Masson** and **Sophia Popov**
- She would be the sixth different winner on Tour this season, and the first from Germany
 - She would be the first German to win on Tour since Popov at the 2020 AIG Women's Open
- She would be the youngest winner on Tour (25 years, 3 months and 13 days) since **Patty Tavatanakit** at the 2024 Honda LPGA Thailand (24Y, 4M, 14D)
- She would cross the \$2 million mark in career earnings with the \$562,500 winner's prize (\$2,106,996)

Maja Stark

- She would earn her second victory on Tour, and first since the 2022 ISPS Handa World Invitational
- She would be the second player this season to win under the age of 25, joining **Patty Tavatanakit** (24Y/4M/14D)
- She would be the sixth different winner on Tour this season, and the first from Sweden
- She would be the first Swedish winner on Tour since **Linn Grant** at the 2023 Dana Open
- She would be the eighth different Swedish winner to earn at least two victories on Tour, joining **Carin Koch** (2), **Maria McBride** (5), **Sophie Gustafson** (5), **Helen Alfredsson** (7), **Anna Nordqvist** (9), **Liselotte Neumann** (13) and **Annika Sorenstam** (72)
- She would be the sixth different winner at Wilshire Country Club since 2018
- She would cross the \$1 million mark in official season earnings with the \$562,500 winner's check (\$1,377,880)

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Hannah Green	Grace Kim
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	81	9
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	0	1
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0	1
2024 Season Earnings	\$50,084	\$298,802
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1	4
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	2	23
Career Money (LPGA)	\$1,009,527	\$4,812,743
Career LET Wins	0	0
Career Epsom Tour Wins	1	3

ABOUT THE LEADERS

Rolex Rankings No. 18, Hannah Green

- Green hit 12 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens, with 31 putts
 - She's carded 14 birdies through 54 holes, ranked third in the field
- Her 206 is her lowest 54-hole score since the Ford Championship presented by KCC
- In 2023, she also recorded a 54-hole score of 206 heading into the final round of her win at Wilshire Country Club
 - Her lowest 54-hole score at the course is a 204 (2021)
- This is the fourth-straight year that Green has been placed in the top five heading into the final round at Wilshire
 - In 2019, she was 10th
- This is her third time holding a 54-hole lead/co-lead in her career
 - She's gone on to win once, at the 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship

- This is Green's sixth start at Wilshire Country Club
 - In her last three appearances, she's finished T3 or better
 - She won in a playoff in 2023 against **Xiyu Lin** and **Aditi Ashok**
- This is Green's sixth event of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
 - She's made three cuts and earned her fourth career victory at the HSBC Women's World Championship
- This is her seventh season on the LPGA Tour
 - She's a four-time LPGA Tour winner and major champion
 - She represented Australia at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, finishing T5
 - She was a member of the Australia Team at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

Rolex Rankings No. 83, Grace Kim

- Kim hit 12 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens, with 36 putts
 - She made three bogeys and a double bogey on Saturday
 - This is the first time since the second round of the 2019 ISPS Handa Vic Open where Kim hasn't recorded a birdie during a round on Tour
- Her 206 is her best 54-hole score since a 205 at the Ford Championship presented by KCC
- Kim's 130 bested her previous 36-hole personal scoring record by five shots
 - She posted a 135 at the 2024 Ford Championship presented by KCC
- Her bogey-free 64 on Thursday was her new season-best score and tied her career-best 18-hole score on Tour
 - She recorded a final-round 64 at the 2023 Annika driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
 - It was her third bogey-free round of the season, and first since the first round of the Ford Championship
 - Her 64 tied the lowest first-round score of any player this season on a par 71 course
 - **Maude-Aimee Leblanc** also shot a 64 at the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship at Palos Verdes GC
 - The lowest start by a winner this season on a par 71 or 72 course belongs to **Nelly Korda** (65, LPGA Drive On Championship – par 71; 66, Ford Championship – par 72)
 - Kim's 64 also tied the tournament scoring record at Wilshire Country Club, which has been shot on six previous occasions
- This is her first 36-hole lead/co-lead on Tour
 - Kim held her first post-round lead on Tour after Thursday's 64
- Her four-shot lead after the second round is the largest lead after 36 holes on Tour this season
 - The previous best was two strokes, done by **Lydia Ko** and **Ayaka Furue** (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions) as well as **Nelly Korda** (LPGA Drive On Championship)
- This is her second time opening with rounds in the 60s this season following the Ford Championship
- This is her second appearance in the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - She missed the cut in 2023
- This is her eighth event of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
 - She's made four cuts and earned a season-best T25 result at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Her last top-10 finish on Tour was a tie for 10th at the 2023 Cognizant Founders Cup
- This is her second season on Tour
 - She became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2023 LOTTE Championship as a rookie
 - She finished fifth on the Epson Tour's 2022 Race for the Card to first earn LPGA Membership
- Prior to becoming an LPGA Tour rookie, she won on the Epson Tour at the 2022 IOA Golf Classic

THINGS TO KNOW

- No one remains in the field with three-straight rounds in the 60s
- According to KPMG Predictive Insights, **Hannah Green** will enter the final round with the best win probability of any player, 27.9%
- **Jin Hee Im** carded a new career-low 18-hole score on Moving Day (8-under 63), besting her previous record by three shots (66, R2, Ford Championship)
 - Her 63 is a new tournament scoring record at Wilshire Country Club, breaking the previous record by one stroke
 - She tied the season-low 18-hole scoring record on a par-71 course, set by Jiyai Shin (63, R3, FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship)
 - **Hannah Green** shot a 61 (-11) in the second round of the Ford Championship pres. by KCC (par 72)
 - Her 207 ties her career-low 54-hole score on Tour
 - She also recorded a 207 at the Ford Championship presented by KCC
 - Im making her fifth start on Tour this season as a rookie
 - She's made four cuts, and notched a career-best solo eighth at The Chevron Championship last week
- **Esther Henseleit's** Saturday 71 put her in a tie for third (-6) with Im and **Maja Stark**
 - Henseleit is coming off a seventh-place finish at The Chevron Championship last week
 - This is the second time this season where she has been within five strokes of the lead heading into the final round on Tour
 - She was five shots back entering the final day at the Blue Bay LPGA (9th), and ultimately finished 30th after a final-round 75
 - This is the first time she's made the cut at Wilshire Country Club in her third appearance (2022, 2023)
- Stark (T3, -6) will start the final round in the third-to-last pairing with **Nasa Hataoka**
 - This is the second-straight week that Stark is at least three strokes out of the lead heading into Sunday
 - She was three shots back after 54 holes at The Chevron Championship, before earning her career-best finish in a major championship (solo second)
- **Patty Tavatkrit** (T15, -2) is the lowest UCLA alum through 54 holes at the JM Eagle LA Championship; **Allisen Corpuz** is the top University of Southern California grad (T32, E)

QUOTABLES

Grace Kim (T1, -7) on what she wrote in her yardage book Saturday morning to keep herself positive during the third round:

"Very cliché, but I guess like I've said a lot of things on the golf course and I've said it's just me versus the golf course. Like don't worry about the whole field because it's tough for everyone. I tried to stay in the present of just the next shot, giving myself good chances. I know I had a few three-putts in there, but just keeping my head in the game and not losing that shot focus. Yeah, that's one. And I (also wrote) good things take time, so, yeah."

Hannah Green (T1, -7) on what made Wilshire Country Club more difficult for the afternoon starters:

"It actually wasn't that windy. It just got a little bit bumpy towards the end, which typically happens on poana. I didn't really have many full swings. Had a lot of half shots in. With the greens firming up and getting bouncy it kind of made it hard to completely trust that shot. Yeah, there was a lot of low scores this morning. Obviously if you get the putter hot it's doable. And if you give yourself as many opportunities uphill

you can be aggressive. Felt like Esther and I today had a lot of downhill putts so kind of had to almost lag them don't even with a 10-footer. Hopefully tomorrow keep myself in the tournament."

2024 LPGA Tour Rookie Jin Hee Im (T3, -6) on how her solo eight finish in last week's major championship helped her confidence this week:
"I had a lot of confidence from last week, but when I start LPGA this year, start few tournaments wasn't going what I thought but now it's going all right. I don't know when is it, but I feel I can win a tournament pretty soon."

Im on setting the new 18-hole scoring record at Wilshire Country Club on Saturday:
"I really happy to get new course record here. Last two day wasn't good, but I played really good today.. First two days I start really bad. First day bogey, double bogey start. Yesterday double start.. But today I start good and played good."

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TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Beginning in 2024, the JM Eagle LA Championship will take on all records and past champions associated with Wilshire Country Club since 2018; with the elimination of the LA Open, the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship took on all past champions associated with Palos Verdes Golf Club

2023-Present – Played as the JM Eagle LA Championship at Wilshire Country Club

Past Champions and Runners-Up at Wilshire Country Club:

2023 – Hannah Green, 275 (-9); defeated Xiyu Lin and Aditi Ashok with a par on the second playoff hole

2022 – Nasa Hataoka, 269 (-15); Hannah Green, 274 (-10)

2021 – Brooke Henderson, 268 (-16); Jessica Korda, 269 (-15)

2019 – Minjee Lee, 270 (-14); Sei Young Kim, 274 (-10)

2018 – Moriya Jutanugarn, 272 (-12); Inbee Park & Jin Young Ko, 274 (-10)

LPGA TOUR SCORING RECORDS AT WILSHIRE COUNTRY CLUB

18 holes – 63, Jin Hee Im (third round, 2024)

36 holes – 129, Jessica Korda (2021)

54 holes – 197, Jessica Korda (2021)

72 holes – 268, Brooke Henderson (2021)