



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

Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes  
 April 24, 2024

**NOTABLE PLAYERS IN THE FIELD**

**Minjee Lee** (Rolex Rankings No. 6)

- Lee is making her sixth LPGA Tour start at Wilshire Country Club at this year's JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
  - She is a past champion at Wilshire CC, earning her fourth Tour victory here in 2019
  - In addition to her win, she has posted two top-10 finishes at Wilshire from 2018 (T7) and 2022 (T3)
  - At last year's inaugural JM Eagle LA Championship, Lee finished T44
  - According to the KPMG Pre-Tournament Predictive Insights, Lee has a 4.6% win probability heading into the week
- This is Lee's sixth start of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
  - Her best finish is T4 at the Blue Bay LPGA
    - She posted an additional top-20 result at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards (T15)
  - She has missed two cuts, including at last week's major championship, The Chevron Championship
    - Lee also missed the cut at the Ford Championship presented by KCC
    - Prior to her two missed cuts in 2024, Lee hadn't missed a cut on the LPGA Tour since September of 2022
  - According to the KPMG Performance Insights, Lee leads the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach for the third consecutive season with an average of +1.34 in 2024
- This is Lee's 10th season on Tour
  - Lee is a 10-time LPGA Tour winner and two-time major champion
    - She won twice in 2023 at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G and BMW Ladies Championship
  - She is a two-time Olympian representing Australia, finishing in a tie for seventh (2016) and tie for 29th (2020)
  - She is currently qualified to represent her country in Paris as the highest ranked Australian player on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings and Olympic Golf Ranking
  - She is a four-time member of the Australia Team at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

**Jin Young Ko** (Rolex Rankings No. 7)

- Ko is making her sixth start at Wilshire Country Club and second in the JM Eagle LA Championship
  - She has recorded three top-five finishes at Wilshire including a T2 result in 2018
    - She finished T5 in 2019 and T3 in 2021
  - Last season, she finished T44 at the JM Eagle LA Championship
    - Ko had her best putting performance of the season in relation to her competitors at the 2023 JM Eagle LA Championship, ranking eighth in strokes gained on the greens according to the KPMG Performance Insights
  - Ko has the second-highest pre-tournament win probability this week in Los Angeles, at 6.1%
    - Her fellow Korean, **Hyo Joo Kim** has the highest win probability at 6.9%
- This is just Ko's fourth start of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
  - She began the year with a T20 finish at the Honda LPGA Thailand and a tie for eighth result at the HSBC Women's World Championship
  - She missed the cut at The Chevron Championship last week
- This is Ko's seventh season on the LPGA Tour
  - Ko is a 15-time LPGA Tour winner and two-time major champion
  - Ko represented the Republic of Korea in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics
    - She is currently qualified to make her second Olympic start in Paris 2024 as the highest-ranked Korean player

**Alison Lee** (Rolex Rankings No. 14)

"I feel like I do have a lot at stake. I want to make the Olympics, Solheim Cup team. I want to win out here. I feel like there are so many things I want to do this year... These next couple months feel really important to me. I feel like it's very possible I'll never get a chance or opportunity again with playing as well as I am and trying to make the teams, the Olympics and Solheim Cup teams, and trying to win. So I'm doing the best I can to just enjoy the moment and have a really good time over the next couple months, but also I have a lot of big goals and dreams for the next couple months." – *Alison Lee on the work to achieve her goals on Tour this year*

- The 2024 JM Eagle LA Championship will mark Lee's sixth LPGA Tour start at Wilshire CC
  - In last season's inaugural playing of the JM Eagle LA Championship, Lee finished T9
  - She has missed the cut twice at Wilshire and has earned two additional top-40 results
- Lee was born in Los Angeles, Calif. and played collegiate golf at UCLA
  - She was named Pac-12 Player and Freshman of the Year after winning the 2014 Pac-12 Championship
  - She was also the WGCA All-American and Freshman of the Year in 2014
  - Lee won the inaugural ANNIKA Award, given to the nation's top collegiate female golfer after the 2013-14 season at UCLA
- This will be Lee's sixth start of the 2024 season
  - She has missed one cut this year and has recorded two top-10 finishes
  - She earned her season-best finish (T3) at the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship
    - She followed that with a T8 result at the Ford Championship presented by KCC
  - At the end of 2023, Lee had runner-up finishes in her last three starts on Tour: the BMW Ladies Championship (2), The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican (T2) and the CME Group Tour Championship (T2)

Alison Lee – Last 8 Starts on LPGA Tour	
Top-10 finishes	5
SG total	+1.68
Scoring average	69.6
Score to par	-59

- Lee is in her 10th season on the LPGA Tour
  - She has 23 top-10 finishes in her career but has never won on the LPGA Tour
  - She has won twice on the Ladies European Tour, at the 2021 Aramco Team Series – Sotogrande and the 2023 Aramco Team Series – Riyadh
  - Lee played in five LPGA Tour events prior to turning professional, with an amateur career-best showing of T26 at the 2009 U.S. Women's Open
- Lee is currently eighth on the 2024 Solheim Cup points list with 762.50 points
  - [The U.S. Team](#) will comprise the top seven players in the U.S. Solheim Cup standings, the top two players in the [Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings](#) not already eligible, and three captain's picks
  - Currently, Lee is qualified for the Solheim Cup team through her position on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings
- Lee is also currently qualified to represent the United States at the 2024 Paris Olympics as the fourth highest ranked American in the top-15 of the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings
  - For the women's golf competition, the International Golf Federation (IGF) uses the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings to create the Olympic Golf Rankings as a method of determining eligibility. The top-15 world-ranked players will be eligible for the Olympics, with a limit of four players from a given country.

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**TV/STREAMING TIMES** (All times EST)

- Thursday, April 25:** 6:30-9:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
- Friday, April 26:** 6:30-9:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
- Saturday, April 27:** 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock/International)
- Sunday, April 28:** 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock/International)

### Hannah Green (Rolex Rankings No. 18)

“Last year I also missed the cut at Chevron and came into the week and obviously won. I am pretty good at taking results from the previous week and putting them aside, but it’s maybe a little bit more pressure now that I’ve actually won here. I’m looking forward to the challenge.” – *Hannah Green on looking ahead to her title defense after last week’s major championship*

- Green is making her sixth LPGA Tour start at Wilshire Country Club and defending her 2023 JM Eagle LA Championship title
  - According to KPMG Performance Insights, Green was second in the field in strokes gained off the tee (+1.42) and sixth in strokes gained putting (+2.00) in her victory
  - She has also earned two additional top-three finishes at Wilshire, in 2021 (T3) and 2022 (2)
  - She has shot 12-straight rounds in the 60s at Wilshire Country Club
- This is Green’s sixth event of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
  - According to KPMG Performance Insights, she’s improved her putting ranks from 2023
    - In 2023. She ranked 55th in strokes gained putting, T15 in putts per greens in regulation and T71 in one-putts per round; In 2024, she ranks 22nd, T5 and 19th respectively
  - She’s made five cuts and has already recorded a win at the HSBC Women’s World Championship this past February
  - Her season-low 18-hole score is an 11-under 61, posted in the second round of the Ford Championship presented by KCC
- This is Green’s seventh season on the LPGA Tour
  - She is a four-time LPGA Tour winner and major champion (2019 KPMG Women’s PGA Championship)
  - She represented Australia in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics
    - She is currently 17th on the Olympic Golf Ranking
  - She was a member of the Australia Team at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

### Rose Zhang (Rolex Rankings No. 22)

“It still feels like I’m a rookie out here just because I have to navigate myself around so many different golf courses. Throughout this first little segment of the year I know that there have been very difficult tracks, so I’ve just been trying to take it in my stride and prepare as best as I can. It always feels like there is always something out there that I need to figure out, so hopefully going into the next couple weeks I’ll take a little bit of a breather in terms of trying to scramble myself around areas and be able to kind of, I guess, hone into my expertise from last year.”

- The 2024 JM Eagle LA Championship will be Zhang’s first LPGA Tour start at Wilshire Country Club
  - She played in the Monday qualifier at Wilshire Country Club for the LPGA Tour’s 2019 DIO Implant LA Open
- Zhang is from Irvine, Calif., where she attended Pacific Academy for high school
- She played collegiate golf at Stanford University and had one of the most successful amateur golf careers in history
  - She won 12 times in her collegiate career and had a total of 28 amateur wins including back-to-back NCAA titles (2022, 2023) and the 2023 Augusta National Women’s Amateur
- This will be Zhang’s sixth start of the LPGA Tour season
  - Zhang has two top-10 finishes so far this year, a T7 result at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and a T5 finish at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
  - She has missed two cuts this year, at the Ford Championship presented by KCC and The Chevron Championship, and has an additional T22 result at the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship in Palos Verdes
  - According to KPMG Performance Insights, Zhang has assembled a strong statistical profile so far in 2024
    - She ranks seventh on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained total and is in the top-20 in both par four scoring and driving accuracy

Rose Zhang LPGA Tour Performance – This Season		
		Rank
Strokes gained total	+1.46	7th
Strokes gained approach	+1.09	6th
Par 4 scoring	4.01	T-14th
Fairways hit	81.4%	17th

- This is Zhang’s second season on the LPGA Tour
  - She became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2023 Mizuho Americas Open in her professional debut and accepted immediate Membership
  - She was a member of the 2023 U.S. Solheim Cup team
    - Zhang is 11th on the 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Points List
    - Currently, Zhang is qualified for the Solheim Cup team through her position on the Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings

### OF NOTE

- [The \\$3.75 million purse at the JM Eagle LA Championship](#) is the highest purse on the LPGA Tour outside of the five major championships and the CME Group Tour Championship
  - With this increase as well as last week’s increase at The Chevron Championship, LPGA Tour players will now be competing for more than \$120 million in total prize money throughout the 2024 season
- Five-time 2024 LPGA Tour champion **Nelly Korda** withdrew from the JM Eagle LA Championship field on Monday
  - Korda would have been pursuing her fifth win in consecutively scheduled event on Tour and her sixth win in consecutive starts in Los Angeles
  - [Read her statement here](#)
- LPGA Tour veteran **Angela Stanford** [failed to qualify for the 79<sup>th</sup> U.S. Women’s Open presented by Ally](#) on Tuesday at Soboba Springs Golf Course in San Jacinto, CA
  - Stanford recorded her 98th consecutive start in a major championship at last week’s The Chevron Championship and currently holds the longest active streak in professional golf
  - Stanford is looking to join Jack Nicklaus as the only golfers to reach 100 consecutive major starts
  - Stanford can still qualify for the U.S. Women’s Open with either a win on the LPGA Tour or by moving into the top 75 on the Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings before May 27
    - She is in the JM Eagle LA Championship field this week
- There are eight Southern California natives in the JM Eagle LA Championship field this week
  - **Jenny Coleman** (Rolling Hills Estates), **Paula Creamer** (Pleasanton), **Alison Lee** (Los Angeles), **Andrea Lee** (Hermosa Beach), **Ryann O’Toole** (San Clemente), **Lizette Salas** (Azusa), **Angel Yin** (Arcadia), **Rose Zhang** (Irvine)
- Six players in the field reside in Southern California
  - **Allisen Corpuz** (Los Angeles), **Muni He** (Simi Valley), **Jeongeun Lee5** (Murrieta), **Mary Liu** (Rancho Mirage), **Hira Naveed** (Diamond Bar), **Gabriela Ruffels** (Palm Springs)
- There are three UCLA alumna in the field this week, and eight USC alumna
  - UCLA – **Alison Lee**, **Ryann O’Toole**, **Patty Tavatanakit**
  - USC – **Jennifer Chang**, **Allisen Corpuz**, **Muni He**, **Malia Nam**, **Sophia Popov**, **Gabriela Ruffels**, **Lizette Salas**, **Jennifer Song**
- **Danielle Kang** and **Hira Naveed** attended Pepperdine

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