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2024 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Since the move to Hoakalei two years ago, the winners of the LOTTE Championship have gained almost all of their strokes on the field with their tee-to-green play. Putting accounted for less than 6% of the strokes gained total for the week for both Hyo Joo Kim in 2022 and Grace Kim last year.

LOTTE Championship at Hoakalei

Strokes Gained Tee to Green

	'22 Hyo Joo Kim	'23 Grace Kim
Per Round	3.70	3.35
Field Rank	1st	2nd
Pct of SG Total	94.9%	95.7%

Ayaka Furue

*Last season at the LOTTE Championship, Ayaka Furue ranked 3rd in the field in strokes gained putting but was let down by her play from tee to green, ranking outside the top 100 in the field in strokes gained in that category:

Ayaka Furue Strokes Gained 2023 LOTTE Championship

	Per Round	Rank
Tee to Green	-0.94	121st
Putting	+1.94	3rd

*It has been a fantastic 2024 for Ayaka Furue, who ranks at or near the top of the LPGA Tour in a myriad of scoring categories:

Ayaka Furue Scoring LPGA Tour – This Season

		Rank
Bogey Avoidance	11.5%	1st
Bogey-Free Rounds	12	T-1st
Par 3 scoring	2.94	T-1st
Sub-Par Rounds	58	2nd
Scoring Average	70.03	3rd
SG Total	+1.94	3rd



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*Furue has holed 163 putts of 10 feet or longer this season, most of any player on the LPGA Tour.

Most Putts Made of 10+ Feet LPGA Tour This Season

Ayaka Furue	163
Pajaree Anannarukarn	160
Paula Reto	157
Anna Nordqvist	154

Hyo Joo Kim

*Hyo Joo Kim won this event in 2022, the first season it was contested at Hoakalei CC. A look at her strokes gained numbers from that week:

Hyo Joo Kim Strokes Gained by Round – 2022 LOTTE Championship

	Per Round	Rank
Off the Tee	+0.61	18th
Approach	+1.76	4th
Around the Green	+1.33	2nd
Putting	+0.19	65th

*This season on the LPGA Tour, only Haeji Kang has averaged more strokes gained per round around the green than Hyo Joo Kim:

Strokes Gained Around the Green Leaders LPGA Tour This Season

	Per Round
Haeji Kang	+0.69
Hyo Joo Kim	+0.49
Minji Kang	+0.47
Patty Tavatanakit	+0.45

*However, Hyo Joo Kim's approach play has seen a large regression this season after ranking inside the top 10 in strokes gained approach in 2022 and 2023:

Hyo Joo Kim SG Approach Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	Rank
2022	+0.98	7th
2023	+0.91	9th
2024	-0.25	98th



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Brooke Henderson

*Brooke Henderson has been excellent throughout the course of her career in Hawaii, recording a pair of wins in 2018 and 2019 along with three other top 25 finishes:

Brooke Henderson Career at LOTTE Championship

Starts	7
Wins	2
Top 15 Finishes	5
Scoring Average	69.3
Score to Par	-68
Birdie or Better Pct	24.0%

Angel Yin

*Angel Yin leads the LPGA Tour this season in putts made of 10 feet or longer per round and putt make percentage from 10 to 15 feet away.

Angel Yin Putting Ranks This Season

		LPGA Rank
Putting 10 to 15 feet	50.5%	1st
Makes of 10+ feet per round	3.3	1st
SG Putting per round	1.22	2nd

Hye-Jin Choi

*Hye-Jin Choi had an excellent three-tournament stretch in Asia, recording three consecutive top 10 finishes. Over that stretch, she averaged well over 2.5 strokes gained per round and had a scoring average just above 68.

Hye-Jin Choi Last 3 LPGA Tour Starts

Top 10 Finishes	3
Score to Par	-47
Scoring Average	68.1
Birdie or Better Pct.	28.2%
SG Total	+2.62



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*Since the beginning of 2022, Hye-Jin Choi has had 19 top 10 finishes on the LPGA Tour, the most of any player without a victory over that span:

Top 10 Finishes Without a Win LPGA Tour – Since Beginning of 2022

Hye-Jin Choi	19
Xiyu Lin	17
Lexi Thompson	15
Alison Lee	13
Carlota Ciganda	13

Mao Saigo

*Mao Saigo has established herself as one of the LPGA's premier ball strikers in her rookie season, ranking 7th on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained in that area. Her short game has not been quite as strong, however, ranking outside the top 70:

Mao Saigo Strokes Gained This Season

	Per Round	Rank
Ball Striking	+1.23	7th
Short Game	+0.08	T-71st

*Min. 20 rounds

*Since June 1, Saigo is ranked in the top-eight on the LPGA Tour in several ball striking stats:

Mao Saigo LPGA Tour Ranks Since June 1

		Rank
SG Approach	+1.10	7th
Greens in regulation	76.4%	T-7th
SG Ball Striking	+1.46	8th

*Saigo's long irons have been spectacular this season --

Mao Saigo Approach Shot Proximity This Season

	Proximity	Rank
150-175 yards	25' 0"	T-3rd
175-200 yards	30' 0"	T-7th
200-225 yards	34' 6"	1st

*Min. 20 rounds



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Jin Young Ko

*Jin Young Ko is ranked third on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach per round for the second consecutive season. In 2022, she was 30th on Tour in that metric:

Jin Young Ko

Strokes Gained Approach – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+0.50	30th
2023	+1.13	3rd
2024	+1.14	3rd

*Jin Young Ko has gained at least a full stroke with her approach play in 60% of her rounds this season on the LPGA Tour. That is the second-highest rate among qualified players:

Rounds With 1+ SG Approach Highest Percentage This Season

Haeran Ryu	67.5%
Jin Young Ko	60.0%
Minjee Lee	57.6%
Megan Khang	51.8%

*LPGA Tour average: 29.4%

Grace Kim

*Grace Kim averaged a robust +3.35 strokes gained per round from tee to green on her way to victory at this event last season, the most in a single event for her over the past two seasons:

Grace Kim

Best SG Tee to Green Weeks – Last 2 Seasons

	Per Round	Finish
2023 LOTTE Championship	+3.35	1st
2024 Meijer LPGA Classic	+2.53	T-2
2023 Portland Classic	+2.49	T-26
2024 Portland Classic	+2.37	T-9



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*Grace Kim has been excellent in early rounds this season, but has struggled mightily on the weekend:

Grace Kim

SG Total By Round – This Season

	SG	Rank
Round 1	+1.43	19th
Round 2	+0.77	44th
Round 3	-0.53	96th
Round 4	-0.51	92nd

Nasa Hataoka

*Nasa Hataoka has been among the best on the LPGA Tour from tee to green this season, but has really struggled once she reaches the putting surface:

Nasa Hataoka

Strokes Gained Per Round This Season

	Per Round	Rank
Tee to Green	+1.12	10th
Putting	-0.44	124th

*A deeper look into her struggles on the green shows that she ranks outside the top-100 on the LPGA Tour in make percentage from a variety of distances (min. 20 rounds):

Nasa Hataoka

Putt Make Percentage This Season

		Rank*
5-10 Feet	49.6%	141st
10-15 Feet	26.8%	T-107th
15-20 Feet	17.6%	T-69th
20-25 Feet	8.3%	T-121st

*Among players with 20 rounds



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Marina Alex

*Marina Alex excelled on the greens last week in Japan, making 2.7 putts of 10+ feet per round – one more than her season average in 2024. A breakdown of her putting numbers:

Marina Alex

Putting This Season on LPGA Tour

	Entering Week	TOTO Japan Classic
Made of 10+ feet per round	1.7	2.7
Putting 10-15 feet	31.6%	40.0%
Putts per round	30.3	28.3
1-putts per round	6.2	7.3

*Alex gained nearly 3.4 strokes on the field per round last week and carded just two bogeys in regulation. She was 7-for-9 hitting the green in regulation following a missed fairway on a par four or par five, as well.

Marina Alex

This Season on LPGA Tour

	Entering Week	TOTO Japan Classic
SG Total Per Round	+0.64	+3.37
Bogey or worse Pct	15.9%	3.7%
GIR after missed fairway	55.3%	77.8%

Gaby Lopez

*Gaby Lopez enters this week 60th in the Race to the CME Globe standings, squarely on the cutoff for the year end championship. If she hopes to advance, she will need to rectify the putting woes that have plagued her in recent weeks:

Gaby Lopez

Worst SG Putting Weeks This Season

	SG Putting	Finish
BMW Ladies Championship*	-1.11	T-21
Maybank Championship*	-0.96	T-56
Cognizant Founders Cup	-0.83	T-62
AIG Women's Open	-0.81	T-49

*Last 2 Starts