



# **2024 Maybank Championship**

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## **KPMG Insight of the Week**

\*With four of the eight-toughest holes on the golf course in 2023, holes 6 through 9 mark the most difficult stretch at Kuala Lumpur G&CC. The field made birdie or better just 15.4% of the time on those holes last year. That rate was 24.6% across all other holes for the week.

## **Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club 2023 Maybank Championship**

	Holes 6-9	Rest of Course
Average to par	+0.13	-1.56
Birdie or better Pct	15.4%	24.6%
Bogey or worse Pct	16.7%	11.7%

## **Hannah Green**

\*Green has had elite approach play this season, ranking among the leaders in several average proximity to the hole categories.

# Hannah Green

# Approach Play Ranks This Season

		Rank
Proximity 100-125 yards	18'4"	2nd
Proximity 150-175 yards	29'0"	4th
GIR Pct from fairway	82.8%	8th

# 3+ Wins in a Single Season Australian Players- LPGA Tour History

Years

Karrie Webb 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006

Jan Stephenson 1981, 1983, 1987

Hannah Green 2024

<sup>\*</sup>With her win last week, Hannah Green became just the third player from Australia to record 3+ wins in a single season on the LPGA Tour, joining Karrie Webb and Jan Stephenson:





\*Green had her best putting performance of the season last week on her way to victory at the BMW Ladies Championship, gaining more than 2.3 strokes per round on the greens.

#### **Hannah Green**

### **Most SG Putting Per Round by Event This Season**

	Per Round	Finish
BMW Ladies Championship	+2.39	Won
CPKC Women's Open	+2.27	T-14
HSBC Women's World Championship	+1.93	Won
Ford Championship	+1.15	T-21
JM Eagle LA Championship	+1.05	Won

<sup>\*</sup>Green ranks inside the top 20 in strokes gained putting this season, due in large part to holing midrange putts at a much higher rate than the rest of the LPGA Tour:

#### **Hannah Green**

### **Mid-Range Putting This Season**

	LPGA Average	Hannah Green
10-15 feet	28.9%	35.2%
15-20 feet	17.1%	20.3%

#### Lilia Vu

# Scrambling Percentage Leaders LPGA Tour This Season

	Rate
Lilia Vu	65.9%*
Ayaka Furue	65.5%
Lydia Ko	65.0%
Lindsay Weaver-Wright	64.7%
*56.2% (71st on LPGA Tour)	last season

<sup>\*</sup>Lilia Vu's strokes gained putting has improved as the week has progressed this season:

#### Lilia Vu

### **SG Putting by Round This Season**

	Per Round	Rank
Round 1	+0.44	43rd
Round 2	+0.47	45th
Round 3	+0.70	30th
Round 4	+1.50	6th

<sup>\*</sup>No one has got up and down from off the green at a higher rate this season than Lilia Vu:





## Jeeno Thitikul

\*Jeeno Thitikul led all players in strokes gained tee to green per round at this event last season:

## **Strokes Gained Tee to Green Leaders 2023 Maybank Championship**

Per Round
+2.88
+2.65
+2.42
+2.26
+2.09

# Most Top 10 Finishes on LPGA Tour Since Beginning of 2022

Jeeno Thitikul	39
Nelly Korda	26
Celine Boutier	23
Lydia Ko	23
Ayaka Furue	22

# Jeeno Thitikul

# **Strokes Gained Putting This Season**

Per Round

First 8 starts +0.43 Last 6 starts +1.60

<sup>\*</sup>Thitikul is now up to 10 top 10 finishes in 2024, giving her a third consecutive season with at least that many. Overall, she has 39 top 10 finishes since the beginning of 2022, 13 more than any other player on the LPGA Tour over that span:

<sup>\*</sup>Thitikul has taken it to another level on the greens over her last 6 starts, averaging more than 1.5 strokes gained putting per round over that span:





## Haeran Ryu

\*Haeran Ryu has been excellent over her last 8 starts, recording 5 top 5 finishes and gaining close to 3 strokes per round:

### Haeran Ryu Last 8 LPGA Tour Starts

Top 5 Finishes	5
Score to Par	-85
Scoring Average	68.8
Rounds in 60s	20
SG Total	+2.84

<sup>\*</sup>Ryu has a birdie or better rate of close to 30% over those 8 starts, 10% higher than her first 13 starts of the season:

# Haeran Ryu Birdie or Better Percentage LPGA Tour This Season

First 13 Starts	19.2%
Last 8 Starts	29.4%

## **Ruoning Yin**

\*Ruoning Yin has hit nearly 85% of her greens in regulation over her last 3 starts, a massive increase from earlier in the season:

# Ruoning Yin Greens in Regulation This Season

First 13 Starts	68.7%
Last 3 Starts	84.7%

<sup>\*</sup>In a scary development for the rest of the LPGA Tour, Yin is catching fire on the greens, ranking inside the top 10 in strokes gained putting in each of her last two starts:

# Ruoning Yin Strokes Gained Putting Last 2 Starts on LPGA Tour

	Per Round	Rank
Buick LPGA Shanghai*	+1.81	3rd
BMW Ladies Championship	+1.21	10th

\*Won event





## **Celine Boutier**

\*Celine Boutier took down Jeeno Thitikul in a remarkable 9-hole playoff at this event last season, tied for the second longest sudden-death playoff in LPGA Tour history:

# Longest Sudden Death Playoffs LPGA Tour History

	Holes	Result
1972 Corpus Christi Civitan Open	10	Jo Ann Prentice def. Sandra Palmer, Kathy Whitworth
2012 Kingsmill Championship	9	Jiyai Shin def. Paula Creamer
2023 Maybank Championship	9	Celine Boutier def. Jeeno Thitikul

<sup>\*</sup>Boutier was incredibly balanced throughout the bag on her way to victory here last season, ranking inside the top 20 in each of the four major strokes gained categories:

### **Celine Boutier**

### Strokes Gained – 2023 Maybank Championship

	Per Round	Field Rank
Off the Tee	+0.59	8th
Approach	+0.92	19th
Around the Green	+0.75	2nd
Putting	+1.16	7th

<sup>\*</sup>Boutier struggled to keep bogeys off the card for most of the season, making bogey or worse over 17% of the time through her first 17 starts. She has rectified that over her last 3 starts, cutting that bogey avoidance rate by over 10% including 4 bogey-free rounds:

# Celine Boutier Bogey Avoidance LPGA Tour This Season

	Bogey Avoidance	Bogey-Free Rounds
First 17 Starts	17.4%	4
Last 3 Starts	6.6%	4

<sup>\*</sup>Boutier was excellent from tee to green during her runner-up finish last week, averaging more than 3.5 strokes gained per round and leading the field in that category by a wide margin:

## SG Tee to Green Leaders BMW Ladies Championship

	Per Round
Celine Boutier	+3.63
Haeran Ryu	+2.93
Angel Yin	+2.53
Chanettee Wannasaen	+2.49





# Jin Young Ko

\*The strength of Jin Young Ko's game continues to be her approach play, where she ranks at or near the top of the LPGA Tour in proximity from a few key ranges (min. 20 rounds):

## Jin Young Ko

## **Proximity to the Hole - This Season**

	Average	Rank
100-125 yards	12' 0"	1st
125-150 yards	20' 6"	T-18th
150-175 yards	27' 0"	T-14th

# **Mao Saigo**

\*Mao Saigo has been excellent in her first season on the LPGA Tour, recording 7 top 10 finishes and leading the rookie of the year standings. She impressively ranks among the LPGA leaders in a myriad of scoring categories, including an LPGA-best 33 rounds in the 60s:

# Mao Saigo On LPGA Tour This Season

	Rank
33	1st
307	2nd
9	3rd
13.01%	4th
7	T-6th
+1.58	8th
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## Mao Saigo

# Proximity to the Hole – This Season

	Proximity	Rank
175-200 yards	30' 0"	T-7th
200-225 yards	34' 6"	1st
*min. 20 rounds		

<sup>\*</sup>Saigo has been one of the best long distance approach players on the LPGA Tour this season, leading the tour in proximity from 200-225 yards and ranking inside the top 10 from 175-200 yards:





## **Ayaka Furue**

\*Furue ranks among the leaders on the LPGA Tour this season in putts made of 10+ and 15+ feet.

### Ayaka Furue Made Putt Ranks This Season

LPGA Rank

Of 10+ feet 140 T-3rd Of 15+ feet 80 3rd

#### Ayaka Furue

### **Driving Accuracy Last 3 Seasons**

	Fairways Hit	Rank
2022	84.0%	8th
2023	84.8%	2nd
2024	82.1%	6th

### **Brooke Henderson**

\*Brooke Henderson finished T-6 at this event last season on the strength of her ball striking, where she averaged well over 2 strokes gained per round:

## **Brooke Henderson Strokes Gained** 2023 Maybank Championship

•	Per Round	Rank
Ball Striking	+2.35	3rd
Short Game	+0.26	32nd

# **Charley Hull**

\*Charley Hull is up to 4th in strokes gained off the tee this season, 40 spots higher than her rank in 2023. Fueling her rise in the ranks is a large increase in distance, where she has jumped into the top 10 on the LPGA Tour:

# Charley Hull

#### Off the Tee Ranks Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
SG Off the Tee	44th	4th
Driving Distance	25th	9th
*Averaging 274 yards		0 111
Averaging 214 yarus		Season

<sup>\*</sup>Furue has been among the most accurate players off the tee ever since her rookie season in 2022, hitting over 80% of her fairways in three consecutive seasons: