



Maybank Championship
Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | Oct. 24-27, 2024

Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes
October 23, 2024

NOTABLE PLAYERS IN THE MAYBANK CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

Lilia Vu (Rolex Rankings No. 2)

"I think I've done well within the circumstances. I know my back injury definitely took a toll on my strength. I think that's something that I can't really gain mid-season, so I'm looking forward to the off-season for that. But I'm just playing with what I can. I know my game right now is good enough to be out here so I'm just going to try my best and trust the team around me." – Vu on her perspective of this season

- Vu is making her first appearance at the Maybank Championship this week
- She is the highest ranked player in the field at this week's event
- This is her 16th start of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
 - She has one victory this year, the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - She also has two runner-up finishes at two major championships, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and AIG Women's Open
 - She is currently No. 10 in the Race to the CME Globe
 - According to KPMG Performance Insights, no one has got up and down from off the green at a higher rate this season than Vu:

Scrambling Percentage Leaders LPGA Tour This Season	
	Rate
Lilia Vu	65.9%
Ayaka Furue	65.5%
Lydia Ko	65.0%
Lindsey Weaver Wright	64.7%

- Also, 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	+1.5	6th

- Vu is in her sixth season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has five career victories including two major championships (2023 Chevron Championship, 2023 AIG Women's Open)
 - She was a member of the 2023 and 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Teams
 - Vu represented the United States at the 2024 Paris Olympics
 - She earned Rolex Player of the Year honors after her 2023 season which included four wins
- She competed predominantly on the Epson Tour in 2021, finishing first in the Race for the Card

Hannah Green (Rolex Rankings No. 5)

- Green is the most recent winner on the LPGA Tour after her win at the BMW Ladies Championship last week
 - She joined Nelly Korda (six wins) and Lydia Ko (three wins) as the only players to have won at least three times this season
 - It is the second time in her career that she has won two or more times on Tour in the same season; she also won twice in 2019
 - She became the first Aussie since Karrie Webb to win at least three times in a single season on the LPGA Tour
 - She became the third Aussie to win three or more times in a single season
- According to KPMG Performance Insights, Green had her best putting performance of the season en route to her 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	T14
HSBC Women's World Championship	+1.93	Won
Ford Championship	+1.15	T21
JM Eagle LA Championship	+1.05	Won

- She is making her second start at the Maybank Championship; last year, she finished T17
- This is her 18th start of the 2024 season
 - Green has three wins in 2024 – HSBC Women's World Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro and BMW Ladies Championship
 - She also has two top-10 finishes at the Mizuho Americas Open (2nd) and FM Championship (T10)
 - Green currently ranks first in putts per green in regulation average (1.75)
 - Green is No. 5 in the Race to CME Globe with 2,175.967 points
- This is her seventh season competing on the LPGA Tour
 - She has six career victories including one major championship (2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
 - She represented Australia in the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympics

Celine Boutier (Rolex Rankings No. 7)

"It's been fun to just come back to a place with good memories. Last year was my first time in Malaysia so I definitely feel like a little bit more comfortable and at ease this year coming back. Just seeing the tournament site and everybody involved in recognizing what we did last year was kind of cool." – Boutier on what it is like to be back at the Maybank Championship

- Boutier is the defending champion at this year's Maybank Championship
 - In 2023, this was her fourth and final victory of the season
 - She tied with **Jeenoo Thitikul** for first place, and outlasted her in a nine-hole playoff
 - According to KPMG Performance Insights, she was incredibly balanced throughout her bag on her way to her 2023 victory, 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

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Wednesday, Oct. 23: 9:30 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. (NBCSports.com/App)
Thursday, Oct. 24: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (Encore – Golf Channel); 9:30 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. (NBCSports.com/App)
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Sunday, Oct. 27: 6:30 – 10:30 p.m. (Encore – Golf Channel)

- This is her 22nd start of the 2024 season
 - She has three top-10 finishes including the HSBC Women's World Championship (2nd), Buick LPGA Shanghai (T9) and BMW Ladies Championship (2nd)
 - Boutier is No. 18 in the Race to the CME Globe
 - She represented France in the 2024 Paris Olympics
 - She was a member of the 2024 European Solheim Cup Team
- Boutier is in her eighth season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has six career victories including one major championship (2023 Amundi Evian Championship)
 - She has represented France at the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Olympics
 - She is a four-time member of the European Solheim Cup Team (2019, 2021, 2023, 2024)
 - In 2023, she tied with Vu as the most winningest golfer of the season with four wins in the 2023 season

Jeeno Thitikul (Rolex Rankings No. 11)

"I think for me, I just love the greens. Yeah, it's quite slopey, but it's a chance for you to hit it there and then it's give you opportunity to have like close birdie. And then I think the greens looks pretty smooth to me, like near -- I don't know what they did, but they did a perfect job out there. It's really smooth. I just said, wow, I didn't see any scratch or anything at all." – Thitikul on what she likes about Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club

- Thitikul is making her second start at the Maybank Championship
 - Last year, she finished in a tie with Boutier and lost to her in a nine-hole playoff
 - She set the 18-hole scoring record in 2023 with a third-round 62
 - According to KPMG Performance Insights, she led all players in strokes gained tee to green per round at this event in 2023:

Strokes Gained Tee to Green Leaders 2023 Maybank Championship	
	Per Round
Jeeno Thitikul	+2.88
Gaby Lopez	+2.65
Brooke Henderson	+2.42
Celine Boutier	+2.26
Peiyun Chien	+2.09

- This is her 16th start of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
 - She has 10 top-10 finishes this year, the second most of players on the LPGA Tour
 - **Haeran Ryu** leads with 11 top-10 finishes
 - This is her third consecutive season with at least 10 top-10 finishes
 - She has 39 top-10 finishes since the beginning of 2022, 13 more than any other LPGA Tour player over that span
 - Thitikul made her first start of 2024 at The Chevron Championship in April
 - She has finished in the top 10 in her last three starts including the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G (T7), Buick LPGA Shanghai (T5) and BMW Ladies Championship (T8)
 - She has one victory this year, the Dow Championship alongside partner **Ruoning Yin**
 - She is the current leader in the Aon Risk Reward Challenge
 - She is ranked No. 8 in the Race to the CME Globe
- Thitikul is in her third season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has three career victories (2022 JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol, 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship, 2024 Dow Championship)
 - She won the 2023 Vare Trophy for the lowest scoring average across the season

KPMG INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

With four of the eight toughest holes on the golf course in 2023, holes 6 thru 9 mark the most difficult stretch at Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club. 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 percentage	15.4%	24.6%
Bogey or worse percentage	16.7%	11.7%

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Linn Grant** is making her first start on the LPGA Tour since the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - She was a member on the European Solheim Cup Team the week prior to the Kroger Queen City Championship
 - This is her second start at the Maybank Championship; she finished T40 last year
 - Grant is in her third season on the LPGA Tour
 - This is her 19th start of the 2024 season and she has four top-10 finishes this year
- **Jin Young Ko** is making her first start on the LPGA Tour since the FM Championship in late August
 - She finished second at the FM Championship after losing to **Haeran Ryu** in the playoff
 - Ko is making her second appearance at the Maybank Championship, finishing T20 last year
 - This will be her 15th start of her 2024 LPGA Tour season
 - She has six top-10 finishes including two runner-up finishes at the FM Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- Heading into the Maybank Championship, the fourth to last event of the season before the CME Group Tour Championship, several players are around the bubble of the top 60 and vying for their chance to compete in the season-ending event. Players have the remaining events to earn points: Maybank Championship, TOTO Japan Classic, LOTTE Championship and the ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican.

Race to the CME Globe Points List Through the BMW Ladies Championship (55-65)		
Rank	Player	CME Globe Points
55	Hinako Shibuno	640.363
56	Carlota Ciganda*	635.088
57	Mi Hyang Lee	629.685
58	Gaby Lopez*	621.207
59	Ashleigh Buhai*	596.194
60	Alison Lee*	594.069
61	Alexa Pano*	591.305
62	Ryann O'Toole*	578.760
63	A Lim Kim*	577.911
64	Hyo Joo Kim	572.724
65	Bailey Tardy*	563.930

*in the Maybank Championship field

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