



## Performance Insights

### 2024 Meijer LPGA Classic

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#### **KPMG Insight of the Week**

\*Putting carried the most weight among contenders at the Meijer LPGA Classic each of the previous two years. In each year, putting accounted for well over 50% of the total strokes gained for the top-ten finishers, proving it has been an important separating factor:

#### **Strokes Gained by Category**

##### **Meijer LPGA Top-10 Finishers – Last 2 Seasons**

	2022	2023
Off the Tee	18.4%	15.0%
Approach	22.7%	20.1%
Around the Green	5.2%	12.6%
Putting	53.7%	52.3%

#### **Nelly Korda**

\*Nelly Korda is hitting the green in regulation more often than any player on the LPGA Tour in 2024.

#### **Nelly Korda**

##### **Greens in Regulation This Season**

		Rank
Overall	74.8%	1st
After hit fairway	83.3%	2nd
After missed fairway	59.1%	6th

\*With a win this week, Nelly would become just the fourth American player to win 7+ times in a season on the LPGA Tour since 1970.

#### **7+ Wins in a Season**

##### **American Players- since 1970**

	Wins
1978 Nancy Lopez	9
1979 Nancy Lopez	8
1973 Kathy Whitworth	7
1990 Beth Daniel	7



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\*While it's becoming difficult to find new ways to describe Nelly Korda's greatness this season, the well-roundedness of her game may be flying a bit under the radar. So far in 2024, she ranks inside the top-25 in each of the four major strokes gained categories, something no other player can boast.

### Nelly Korda Strokes Gained LPGA Tour – This Season

	SG	Rank
Off the Tee	+0.79	2nd
Approach	+0.72	21st
Around the Green	+0.49	3rd
Putting	+0.69	16th

\*Only player to rank top-25 in all 4 categories

\*It was less than two years ago when Nelly Korda immediately followed a missed cut on the LPGA Tour with a victory in her next start. Can she do it again this week?

### Nelly Korda

#### Following a Missed Cut – Last 3 LPGA Seasons

MISSED CUT	NEXT EVENT	Finish
'22 Walmart NW Arkansas	Ascendant LPGA	Cut
'22 Ascendant LPGA	Pelican Women's Champ.	Won
'23 Cognizant Founders Cup	KPMG Women's PGA	Cut
'23 KPMG Women's PGA	U.S. Women's Open	T-64
'24 U.S. Women's Open	Meijer LPGA Classic	?

### Atthaya Thitikul

\*Atthaya Thitikul didn't get to make her 2024 LPGA debut until April, but she's made the most of her five starts to date. After a solo fourth place finish last week, she now ranks second to only Nelly Korda in both strokes gained total per round and greens in regulation percentage.

### Atthaya Thitikul

#### LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

		Rank
Strokes gained total	+2.17	2nd*
Greens in regulation	74.5%	2nd*
Bogey or worse Pct	13.4%	3rd
SG Tee to Green	+1.62	4th

\*Trails only Nelly Korda



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\*Last week in New Jersey was the 16<sup>th</sup> time Atthaya Thitikul has finished in the top-ten on the LPGA Tour over the last two seasons – most of any player in that span without a win.

### Most Top-10 Finishes Without a Win LPGA Tour Last 2 Seasons

Atthaya Thitikul	16
Ayaka Furue	15
Xiyu Lin	10
Maja Stark	9
Nasa Hataoka	9

### Brooke Henderson

\*Brooke Henderson has improved her approach play this season, gaining nearly half a stroke per round with her irons. Part of the reason for this improvement is her proximity to the hole, where she ranks better than the LPGA Tour average from a variety of distances.

### Brooke Henderson Proximity LPGA Tour – This Season

	LPGA Tour Average	Brooke Henderson
100-125 yards	20' 7"	16' 0"
125-150 yards	25' 5"	24' 0"
150-175 yards	32' 4"	29' 0"
175-200 yards	38' 1"	36' 0"

\*Henderson has improved her performance off the tee this season, jumping from 32<sup>nd</sup> in strokes gained driving a year ago to the top-ten. She's picking up three-tenths of a stroke more per round with her tee shots in 2024 – which adds up to a stout 1.2 shots over the course of 72 holes:

### Brooke Henderson Off the Tee – Last 2 LPGA Seasons

	2023	2024
SG Off the Tee	+0.33	+0.63
LPGA Rank	32 <sup>nd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
Total driving rank	12 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>



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### Leona Maguire

\*Leona Maguire backed up her consecutive runner-up finishes here in 2021 and 2022 with a victory last year. Maguire is a combined -62 at the Meijer LPGA Classic over the past 3 seasons, 12 strokes better in relation to par than any other player.

#### **Lowest Score to Par Meijer LPGA Classic – Last 3 Seasons**

Leona Maguire	-62
Jennifer Kupcho	-50
Xiyu Lin	-44
Carlota Ciganda	-43
Nelly Korda	-43

\*Leona has relied on her short game the past two seasons at this event, averaging nearly 2.5 strokes gained per round with her play around the green and putting.

#### **Leona Maguire Strokes Gained Meijer LPGA Classic – Last 2 Seasons**

SG Ball Striking	+1.07
SG Short Game	+2.49

\*Maguire is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> on the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained around the green per round, her third consecutive season among the leaders in that metric:

#### **Leona Maguire Strokes Gained Around the Green – Since 2022**

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+0.29	9th
2023	+0.45	5th
2024	+0.39	12th



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### Minjee Lee

\*In what should come as a surprise to no one, Minjee Lee has led the field in strokes gained tee to green at this event in each of the last two seasons. However, she has ranked well outside the top-100 in strokes gained putting, losing over a stroke per round on the greens.

#### **Minjee Lee Strokes Gained Meijer LPGA Classic – Last 2 Seasons**

	SG Tee to Green	SG Putting
2022	+3.18*	-1.82
2023	+3.23*	-1.23

\*Led field each season

### Hyo Joo Kim

\*After ranking inside the top-10 in strokes gained approach in 2022 and 2023, Hyo Joo Kim's approach play has been uncharacteristically off in 2024, ranking well outside the top-100.

#### **Hyo Joo Kim Approach Play LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons**

	SG Approach	Rank
2022	+0.98	7th
2023	+0.91	9th
2024	-0.78	123 <sup>rd</sup>

### Ayaka Furue

\*Ayaka Furue is one of the most prolific players on the LPGA Tour today: she leads the Tour this season in rounds in the 60s, rounds under par and total birdies made.

#### **Ayaka Furue LPGA Tour Ranks This Season**

		Rank
Rounds in the 60s	23	1st
Rounds under par	34	1st
Total birdies	191	1st
Top-10 finishes	7	T-1st*

\*Tied with Nelly Korda



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\*Furue has been among the most consistent players on the LPGA Tour this season, with just two finishes outside the top-25 in 13 starts. Her prowess with both her approach play and putting position her well for success, as she is the only player this season to rank inside the top-20 in strokes gained in both areas.

### Ayaka Furue Approach Play and Putting LPGA Tour- This Season

	Per Round	Rank
Approach	+0.85	14th
Putting	+0.73	14th

\*Only player to rank top-20 in both categories

\*Ayaka Furue has made 94 putts from 10 feet or longer this season, 10 more than any other player.

### Putts Made of 10+ feet LPGA Tour- This Season

Ayaka Furue	94
Chanettee Wannasaen	84
Xiyu Lin	84
Jasmine Suwannapura	83
Sei Young Kim	83

### Jennifer Kupcho

\*Jennifer Kupcho has seen her share of success at this event, winning in 2022 and putting up an admirable T-6 in her title defense in 2023. She has leaned on her putter over the last two seasons at Blythefield CC, gaining nearly 1.5 strokes per round on the greens.

### Jennifer Kupcho Strokes Gained Meijer LPGA Classic - Last 2 Seasons

	Per Round
Off the Tee	+0.39
Approach	+0.10
Around the Green	+0.87
Putting	+1.45



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### Lexi Thompson

\*Lexi ranks 3rd among all players with at least 10 rounds played this season in make percentage from 10-15 feet. Nelly Korda and Hinako Shibuno are the only players with a higher make rate:

#### Putting from 10-15 feet LPGA Tour – This Season

Nelly Korda	50.9%
Hinako Shibuno	42.7%
Lexi Thompson	41.9%
Anna Nordqvist	41.0%

\*minimum 10 rounds played

### Ally Ewing

\*Ally Ewing has stepped up her performance this season in several key ball striking statistics, like strokes gained tee-to-green and strokes gained approach.

#### Ally Ewing LPGA Tour Ranks – Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
SG Tee to Green	16th	9th
SG Approach	30th	17th
SG Total	24th	13th

### Alison Lee

\*Allison Lee has gained at least three strokes with her ball striking in more than 25 percent of her rounds this season. Only four players have that distinction in 2024:

#### Rounds Gaining 3+ Strokes Ball Striking Highest Percentage This Season

Minjee Lee	36.0%
Rose Zhang	29.2%
Alison Lee	25.8%
So Mi Lee	25.0%
Yu Jin Sung	22.2%