



Mizuho Americas Open
Liberty National Golf Club | Jersey City, NJ | May 16-19, 2024

Third-Round Notes
May 18, 2024

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Course Setup: 36-36 – 72; 6,438 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 72.711; R2: 71.455; R3: 70.327

Weather: Partly sunny skies turned overcast in the afternoon, with intermittent drizzle transitioning to light rain for the last couple hours of the third round; Temperatures peaked in the low 70s and winds reached 5-10 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$3 million (winner’s portion is \$450,000)

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| LEADERBOARD | | | |
|-------------|----------------------|--------|----------------|
| | Player | To par | Score |
| 1 | Nelly Korda | -13 | 70-68-65 – 203 |
| 2 | Hannah Green | -11 | 71-71-63 – 205 |
| T3 | Ayaka Furue | -10 | 70-69-67 – 206 |
| T3 | Gabriela Ruffels | 10 | 68-70-68 – 206 |
| T5 | Sophia Popov | -9 | 71-69-67 – 207 |
| T5 | Jennifer Kupcho | -9 | 69-71-67 – 207 |
| T5 | Pajaree Anannarukarn | -9 | 74-65-68 – 207 |

KORDA LEADS ONCE AGAIN HEADED INTO FINAL DAY AT MIZUHO AMERICAS OPEN

With a third-round 65, **Nelly Korda** sits in first place with a two-shot lead heading into the final day of the 2024 Mizuho Americas Open. She is followed closely behind by some familiar names who’ve had success this season, including **Hannah Green** (-11), **Ayaka Furue** (-10) and **Gabriela Ruffels** (-10).

The 13-time LPGA Tour winner started her third round at 12:24 p.m. ET, sitting three shots behind Thailand’s Athaya Thitikul to begin the day. Korda made two quick birdies in her first four holes to jump to 8-under and picked up one more birdie on her front nine to reach 9-under at the turn. While the first- and second-round leaders continued to drop, Korda continued to rise past the competition on her back nine. She recorded birdies on both the back nine par 5s, Nos. 10 and 13, and then dropped a par on hole 14 before making back-to-back birdies on two of the last four par 4s (holes 15 and 16).

“Earlier when I started on the front nine there was zero wind. It was actually really nice, warm out. Once we got closer to the water, the wind started to pick up and started to drizzle and got a lot colder,” said Korda who had an all-around good day with stats showing 11 of 14 fairways hit, 14 of 18 greens hit and just 26 putts. “Really solid day of golf off the tee, into the greens and putting, too. I took my chances where I could. Overall, just played some solid golf in tougher conditions coming in.”

Korda has become a household name for women’s golf and women’s sports in 2024, winning five times and finishing T16 (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions) and T7 (Cognizant Founders Cup) in her only two other starts this season. Her five wins in 2024 were in consecutive starts, a performance that matched **Nancy Lopez** in 1978 and that had not been done since **Annika Sorenstam** in 2004-2005. Korda continues to add her name to the record books this year, and with a win on Sunday, she could become the eighth known player and first since **Inbee Park** in 2013 to win six times in a single season.

Two shots behind Korda is two-time 2024 LPGA Tour winner, Hannah Green. Green won the HSBC Women’s World Championship with a clutch birdie putt on her 18th hole to avoid a playoff and then successfully defended her title at the JM Eagle LA Championship to join Korda as the only other multiple-time winner on Tour this season.

Green recorded the lowest round of the week and the lowest round in the two-year history of the Mizuho Americas Open with a 9-under 63. She broke the previous record of 64 set in 2023 by Marina Alex (R2), Minjee Lee (R2) and Ashleigh Buhai (R4) in her pursuit of the lead on Saturday. The Aussie birdied half of the holes at Liberty National in round three, starting with three birdies on holes 3, 6 and 7 on the front nine. She started her impressive back nine with back-to-back birdies on Nos. 10 and 11, adding another birdie on the par-5 13th hole. Coming down the stretch, she made three birdies in her last four holes to card a 30 on her back nine and move up 33 spots on the leaderboard.

“It felt very easy. I hit 17 greens and missed a few fairways, but actually hit it really close, so it was really nice to not have to stress about trying to make pars today,” said Green. “But it did feel like autopilot for a little bit there, which is very nice. So, yeah, now I put myself hopefully in contention for Sunday.”

Korda and Green will go off at 1:05 p.m. ET tomorrow and are paired with the leading AJGA junior, Gianna Clemente who sits in first place in the AJGA portion of the Mizuho Americas Open with 113 points, just two ahead of defending champion Yana Wilson.

Korda and Green are followed closely behind by Mizuho ambassador Furue (-10) and 2024 rookie Ruffels (-10) who sit in a tie for third as well as LPGA Mom **Sophia Popov**, major champion **Jennifer Kupcho** and LPGA Tour winner **Pajaree Anannarukarn** at 9-under.

WITH A WIN

Nelly Korda (1)

- Would earn her 14th LPGA Tour victory, and her sixth win this season
 - She is the first player since **Inbee Park (2013)** to record six wins in a single season
 - Since 1980, seven players have earned six or more wins in a single season including **Betsy King (1989)**, **Annika Sorenstam (1997, 2003)**, **Karrie Webb (1999, 2000)**, **Lorena Ochoa (2006, 2008)**, **Inbee Park (2013)**, **Beth Daniel (1990)**, **Yani Tseng (2011)**
 - Nelly Korda would be the first American player to win at least six times in an LPGA Tour season since Beth Daniel in 1990, who won seven times
- Would tie Sorenstam as the fastest player to win six times in an LPGA Tour season since 1980
 - Sorenstam earned her sixth win of the 2005 Tour season in her eighth start that year
 - The Mizuho Americas Open is Korda's eighth start of the 2024 season
- Would surpass **Stacy Lewis**, **Betty Jameson** and **Rosie Jones** in All-Time Wins by Americans (13)
- Would earn her 17th LPGA Hall of Fame point, and sixth this season
 - She would need just 10 more points to meet the 27-point threshold for entry into the LPGA Hall of Fame
- Would earn her seventh consecutive top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour
 - She earned five wins in consecutive starts beginning at the LPGA Drive On Championship in Bradenton, and earned a T7 result at last week's Cognizant Founders Cup
- Money
 - She would earn \$450,000, bringing her career earnings to \$11,880,981 and her season earnings to \$2,943,708

Hannah Green (2)

- Would earn her sixth LPGA Tour career victory
- Would earn her third LPGA Tour victory this season (HSBC Women's World Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - She and Nelly Korda (5 wins) are the only players with multiple wins this season
- This would be the third time in her career she has won three or more times on Tour in the same season
- She would earn \$450,000, bringing her career earnings to \$5,859,044 and her season earnings to \$1,345,103
- Money
 - She would surpass Australians Rachel Herington (\$5,731,070) and Katherine Kirk (\$5,801,600) on the career official money list
 - She would be the third highest-ranking Australian on the career official money list behind Karrie Webb (\$20,293,617) and Minjee Lee (\$14,071,786)
 - She would surpass Maja Stark on the 2024 official money list, sitting in second behind Nelly Korda
- She would be the fifth Australian to have at least six victories on the LPGA Tour including Rachel Hetherington (8), Minjee Lee (10), Jan Stephenson (16) and Karrie Webb (41)

Ayaka Furue (T3)

- Would earn her second-career victory on Tour, and first since the 2022 Women's Scottish Open
 - It would be her first LPGA Tour victory in the United States
- Would become the season's seventh-different Tour winner, and first from Japan
 - She would be the first LPGA Tour winner from Japan since **Mone Inami** at the 2023 TOTO Japan Classic
- Would be the ninth player from Japan in Tour history to earn at least two victories
- Would earn her fifth top-10 finish of the season in 11 starts
- Would pass the \$3.5 million mark over her career, being the fifth player from Japan to earn at least \$3.5 million over their career
- Would be the second Mizuho ambassador to win the Mizuho Americas Open, joining Rose Zhang in 2023

Gabriela Ruffels (T3)

- Would become a Rolex First Time Winner in her rookie season on Tour
 - She would be the Tour's second Rolex First-Time Winner joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA)
- Would be the first 2024 LPGA Tour rookie to win this season
- Would earn her second consecutive top-3 finish and third of the season
 - She finished solo third at last week's Cognizant Founders Cup and T3 at the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship
- Would be the seventh different player to win this year and second from Australia, joining **Hannah Green** (HSBC Women's World Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro)
- Would be the 13th different player from Australia to ever win on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the first University of Southern California alum to win on Tour since Allisen Corpuz (2023 U.S. Women's Open)

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

| CATEGORY | Nelly Korda |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 2024 Race to CME Globe Rank | 1 |
| 2024 LPGA Tour Wins | 5 |
| 2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s | 6 |
| 2024 Season Earnings | \$2,493,708 |
| Career LPGA Tour Wins | 13 |
| Career LPGA Tour Top 10s | 61 |
| Career Money (LPGA) | \$11,430,981 |
| Career LET Wins | 3 |
| Career Epon Tour Wins | 1 |

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda

- Korda shot a 7-under 65 on Saturday to take the third-round lead
 - The last time Korda held the 54-hole lead was at the LPGA Drive On Championship in Bradenton, FL, which she won
 - **Rose Zhang** held the third-round lead at the 2023 Mizuho Americas Open and went on to win
- Korda hit 11 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens with 26 putts during the third round
 - She made seven birdies on Saturday including three on the front and four on the back
 - She was one of four players to have a bogey-free round on Saturday
 - Korda has just two bogeys through three rounds, tied for least in the field

- She bested the 54-hole tournament scoring record, previously set by **Rose Zhang** in 2023 and tied by **Hannah Green** earlier on Saturday
 - The previous 54-hole record was 205 and is now 203
- Saturday's round was her fourth round of 65 this season, her lowest 18-hole score of 2024
 - Korda has 20 rounds in the 60s this season, the most of any other player on Tour in 2024
- This is Korda's 17th time holding the 36-hole lead/co-lead
 - She has won nine of the past 16 events where she held the 36-hole lead/co-lead (56.25%)
 - She has never finished outside of the top eight after holding the 36-hole lead or co-lead
- This is Korda's first appearance in the Mizuho Americas Open
- This is her eighth start of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
 - She has five wins, a T7 finish and a T14 finish this season
 - She tied the record for most wins in consecutive starts (5) earlier this season
 - She joined **Annika Sorenstam** and **Nancy Lopez** in this feat
- This is Korda's eighth season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has 13 LPGA Tour wins including two major championships
 - Korda has recorded the most wins on the LPGA Tour since 2020 with 10 wins, which is one more win than **Jin Young Ko** who won five times in 2021
 - Nelly Korda has recorded the most wins by an American player on the LPGA Tour since 2020 with 10 wins, six more than Lilia Vu with four wins during this timeframe
 - Nelly Korda has recorded the most wins by an American player on the LPGA Tour since 2015 with 13 wins, six more than Lexi Thompson with seven wins during this timeframe
 - She is the defending gold medalist from the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo
 - She is a three-time member of the U.S. Solheim Cup Team (2019, 2021, 2023)
 - She also represented the United States at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- [Nelly Korda Third-Round Highlights | 2024 Mizuho Americas Open](#)
- [Watch Korda's post-round press conference](#)
- [Korda's third-round interview with Golf Channel](#)

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Hannah Green** is in solo second heading into the final round
 - Green also held the solo second place spot heading into the final round of the 2024 HSBC Women's World Championship, which she won earlier this season
 - Green has earned two wins so far this season, and is the only other player on Tour besides Korda to have multiple wins this year
 - Green won the HSBC Women's World Championship and JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - Green is one of four players to go bogey free on Saturday
 - Green set a new 18-hole tournament scoring record at the Mizuho Americas Open with her third-round 63
 - She also tied the previous 54-hole scoring record of 205, which was set by **Rose Zhang** in 2023, before that record was broken by Korda on Saturday
- **Ayaka Furue** and 2024 LPGA Tour rookie **Gabriel Ruffels** are T3
 - Furue is looking for her first win since 2022 while Ruffels looks to become a Rolex First time winner
 - Ruffels shot a third-round 68 with four and no bogeys on Saturday
 - Furue managed a round of 70 with five birdies and three bogeys
- Three players are T5, including **Sophia Popov**, **Pajaree Anannarukarn** and **Jennifer Kupcho**, who finished runner-up at last year's Mizuho Americas Open after losing in a playoff to **Rose Zhang**
- No player has shot all three rounds in the 60s at Liberty National this year
- **Gianna Clemente** is leading the AJGA portion of the event with 113 points
 - In 2022, Clemente Monday qualified for three consecutive events on the LPGA Tour (CPKC Women's Open, Dana Open, Korger Queen City Championship)
 - She has made four previous starts on the LPGA Tour and has missed the cut in each of them
 - Clemente played in the 2023 Mizuho Americas Open as an AJGA participant and finished sixth
- Defending champion on the AJGA side, **Yana Wilson**, is two points behind Clemente in second place

QUOTABLES

Gabriela Ruffels on her mindset headed into tomorrow after her experience at FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship

"Yeah, for sure. Not getting too ahead of yourself, respecting the golf course. It's similar to PV in that sense that you want to hit a lot of fairways and a lot of greens and just try and keep it solid. Scores are not super hot. Birdies can be made out here, but so can mistakes. Just trying to keep it solid."

Sophia Popov on the challenges of being a mom and how she has managed coming back from maternity leave

"Yeah, I think the toughest part is that I love being mom. I think it's definitely my priority. Every time when I -- the last I would say six events I just didn't play good golf, and I came off a round and it's tough, and then I see her and I go, okay, it really doesn't matter. I'm so excited to see her. I think the toughest part is going out there and still doing your job and trying to separate the two. I think previously it was a little bit tougher for me because I always have her in the back of my mind. I think that'll never change. You're always thinking about it and you want to play really well. I want to play really well for her. I want her to see mom is doing well. I think sometimes you put pressure on yourself because of it. This week I tried a little different. Went to the course myself the first two days, and I think it just freed me up a little bit to just do my thing. She was there when I was done so it was perfect."

Bianca Pagdanganan on her mentality and how she has matured since becoming a professional golfer

"I would definitely say maturity. I kind of take the time to just sit down and reflect at the end of each year and look at what I could have done differently or what I should do in the next season. I feel like reflecting on last year, I felt like I tried to make golf like everything. I wanted to feel passionate about it. I think I realized that being passionate about it isn't making it your whole life. Again, I tried to find other things to do just so when I get to the golf course I look forward to playing golf and competing. So it's definitely maturity kind of thing. This is my fifth year on tour and it feels like every single year I still continue to learn something new about myself and my game."

Bailey Tardy's advice to the AJGA juniors in the field

"Enjoy it. Soak it all in. This is a top-notch LPGA event for us, and so for them to be able to tag along is so cool. Yeah, just kind of pick all the LPGA girls' brains. Kind of figure out what made them turn pro, how they like it out here, and kind of what do they need to do to maybe be at this level and compete at this level. I think this is an incredible opportunity for them."

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TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes: 63, Hannah Green (R3, 2024)
36 holes: 135, Atthaya Thitikul (2024)
54 holes: 203, Nelly Korda (2024)
72 holes: 279, Rose Zhang & Jennifer Kupcho (2023)