



**Portland Classic**  
Columbia Edgewater Country Club | Portland, OR | August 1-4, 2024

Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes  
July 31, 2024

**NOTABLE PLAYERS IN THE 2024 PORTLAND CLASSIC**

**Allisen Corpuz** (Rolex Rankings No. 26)

- Corpuz is the highest ranked player in this week's Portland Classic field
- This is her second appearance in the Portland Classic
  - She missed the cut in 2023
- This will be her 16th start of the LPGA Tour season
  - She has two top-10 finishes this season, including a season-best T5 result at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
    - She also had a T8 finish at the HSBC Women's World Championship
  - She has missed just two cuts this season
- According to the KPMG Performance Insights:
  - Corpuz is in the top-20 in strokes gained approach for the third season in a row

Allisen Corpuz Strokes Gained Approach – Last 3 Seasons			
	2022	2023	2024
Per Round	+0.68	+0.79	+0.75
LPGA Rank	15th	15th	16th

- Corpuz gains at least a stroke on the field with her ball striking nearly 55% of the time this season – compare that to the LPGA Tour average of just over 34 percent
- Corpuz currently has 1,421 points in the [U.S. Solheim Cup standings](#) and is 4th in the rankings
  - Should Corpuz win at this week's Portland Classic, she would clinch her spot on the 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup team
    - The top 7 players in the U.S. Solheim Cup standings after the AIG Women's Open will automatically earn a spot on the team
  - She could also clinch with another top finish dependent upon the finish of players with a potential to reach the top 7
  - Corpuz played in the 2023 Solheim Cup and went 2-1-1
  - She would be the fourth player to clinch her spot on the 2024 team, joining **Nelly Korda, Lilia Vu** and **Ally Ewing**
- This is Corpuz's third season on the LPGA Tour
  - She has one win, and nine additional top-10 finishes in her career
  - She became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2023 U.S. Women's Open at Pebble Beach
    - Read more about her victory here: [Allisen Corpuz Crowned Champion of the 78th U.S. Women's Open](#)
    - Watch Corpuz's [Making of a Major Champion](#)
  - She finished T16 in LPGA Final Qualifying to earn LPGA Tour membership for the 2022 season
  - Corpuz played collegiate golf at USC and was a two-time All-American; she won three times in her career as a Trojan

**Lauren Coughlin** (Rolex Rankings No. 27)

- Coughlin is the LPGA Tour's most recent Rolex First-Time Winner after winning last week's CPKC Women's Open
  - She became the third Rolex First-Time Winner this season, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA) and **Linnea Strom** (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)
  - She became the fifth different American to win on Tour this season, following **Nelly Korda** (6), **Bailey Tardy** (1), **Rose Zhang** (1) and **Lilia Vu** (1), bringing the total number of wins by American players to 10 in 2024
  - She became the 15th different winner of the season
  - Coughlin earned her first win in her 103rd start on the LPGA Tour
  - Read more about her win here: [Lauren Coughlin Claims Life-Changing Victory in Canada](#)
  - She also joined the LPGA Podcast prior to her win: [Episode 9 | Ohhh Canada ft. the Trending Lauren Coughlin](#)
  - With her win, she jumped 11 spots in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings from No. 38 to 27, her first time ever reaching the top 30. Read more here: [Making Moves: Lauren Coughlin Becomes Rolex First-Time Winner](#)
- This is Coughlin's fifth start at the Portland Classic
  - Her best finish at the event is T32 from 2021
  - She has never recorded a score better than 71 in the event
  - She missed the cut at last year's Portland Classic
- Coughlin is making her 18th start of the LPGA Tour season this week
  - She has one victory and four additional top-10 finishes including at two major championships
    - Top-10 Results: Ford Championship presented by KCC, T8; The Chevron Championship, T3; ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer, T9; The Amundi Evian Championship, 4th
  - She has missed four cuts in 2024
  - She currently sits with 1,375 U.S. Solheim Cup points, ranking 5th in the standings
    - If Coughlin wins this week, she could clinch her spot on the 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup team
      - She would be the fourth player to clinch their spot on the team
      - The top 7 players in the U.S. Solheim Cup standings after the AIG Women's Open will automatically earn a spot on the team
    - Coughlin could also have a chance to clinch with another top finish dependent upon the finish of players with a potential to reach the top 7
    - If she makes the team, it would be Coughlin's first appearance in the Solheim Cup
      - She would be the first American to play the Solheim Cup in her home state since Tammie Green in 1998 (Muirfield Village, Ohio).
  - According to KPMG Performance Insights, Coughlin's ascent this season can be attributed to many improvements in her game, but maybe none greater than what she's done on the greens – Coughlin is up more than 100 spots in strokes gained putting this season (14th) than in 2023 (123rd)

Lauren Coughlin Strokes Gained Puttin – Last 3 Seasons		
	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	-0.47	111th
2023	-0.58	123rd
2024	+0.71	14th

- This is her seventh season on the LPGA Tour
  - This has been Coughlin's best season on Tour yet, with her next best season being 2023
    - Last year, she earned \$427,256 after playing in 23 events and making 15 cuts
  - Coughlin played predominantly on the Epson Tour in 2017 and 2020
    - She earned seven top-10 finishes over those two seasons
  - She played in just one LPGA Tour event in 2019

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**TV/STREAMING TIMES** (All times EST)

**Thursday, August 1:** 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/International)  
**Friday, August 2:** 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/International)  
**Saturday, August 3:** 5:00-6:00 (NBC Digital); 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/International)  
**Sunday, August 4:** 5:00-6:00 (NBC Digital); 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Golf Channel/International)

### Chanettee Wannasaen (Rolex Rankings No. 33)

“Like before I won in here, like my status in LPGA is like -- I'm going to lose the card on LPGA. After I won here I can keep the card like in LPGA this year and next year, so like every pressure is gone after I won here. So like life after I won is changed because like mindset is change, everything is change. This year I can like play better than last year because I won in here. So like I can let something I always like get stress, like it's gone after in here.” – Wannasean on what changed for her after she won the 2023 Portland Classic

- Wannasaen is the defending champion at the 2024 Portland Classic
  - She became a Rolex First-Time Winner at this event last year
  - Last year, Wannasaen was an LPGA Tour rookie and won the Portland Classic in her 17th start on the LPGA Tour
  - She Monday qualified for the event and became the third-ever Monday qualifier to win an LPGA Tour event
    - Before Wannasaen, **Brooke Henderson** won the 2015 Portland Classic as a Monday qualifier and **Laurel Kean** won the 2000 State Farm LPGA Classic
  - She was the first Thai player to win the Portland Classic
  - Watch her pre-tournament press conference here: [Chanettee Wannasaen Pre-Tournament Press Conference](#)
  - Read about her victory here: [Monday Qualifier Chanettee Wannasaen Goes Low with a 9-Under 63 to Win the Portland Classic](#)
- She is making her second start at the Portland Classic
  - Wannasaen won last year's edition in her first start at the event
  - She was one of three players to record four rounds in the 60s alongside **Carlota Ciganda** and **Ariya Jutanugarn**
  - She closed the round with a career-low, final-round of 63
  - She set the 72-hole tournament scoring record (262) last year
  - She won by four shots over Xiyu (Janet) Lin
- In her victory here a year ago, Wannasaen led the field in strokes gained tee to green, proximity to the hole and strokes gained approach per round, according to the KPMG Performance Insights
  - She also led the field in birdies or better
- She won her second LPGA Tour victory, the Dana Open, earlier this month
  - This is now her second consecutive winning season on the LPGA Tour
  - She became the third player from Thailand to win this season alongside **Patty Tavatanakit** (Honda LPGA Thailand) and **Attaya Thitikul** (Dow Championship)
  - She is the seventh player from Thailand to earn at least two wins on the LPGA Tour
  - She is the youngest player to win this season (20Y/3M/5D)
  - Wannasaen crossed the \$1 million in career earnings with her second victory
  - Read the full story here: [Wannasaen Grinds Out Second LPGA Tour Victory at Dana Open](#)
- According to KPMG Performance Insights, Wannasaen needed just 102 putts for the week of the Dana Open, her fewest in any 72-hole event on Tour – passing her sum of 105 at the 2023 Portland Classic

Chanettee Wannasaen Fewest Putts in 72-Hole LPGA Event		
	Putts	Finish
2024 Dana Open	102	Won
2023 Portland Classic	105	Won
2023 Ascendant LPGA	108	T54

- This is Wannasaen's 20th start of the 2024 season
  - She has played in every event this season except the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship
  - Her season-best finish besides her win was a T3 at the Mizuho Americas Open
  - In addition to her win, she has two top-10 finishes
  - She has missed five cuts including last week's CPKC Women's Open
  - She is currently 16th in the Race to the CME Globe rankings
- Wannasaen is in her second year on the LPGA Tour
  - She finished T6 at the LPGA Q-Series and earned LPGA Membership for the 2023 season
- Prior to becoming a Member, she played in five LPGA Tour events between 2021 to 2022

### Mao Saigo (Rolex Rankings No. 41)

- This is Saigo's first start at the Portland Classic
- Last week, she finished runner-up and recorded her best finish on the LPGA Tour at the CPKC Women's Open
  - In the third round, she shot a career-best 61 and broke the 18-hole tournament scoring record
  - According to KPMG Performance Insights, after a middling first two rounds Saigo lit up the CPKC Women's Open last Saturday with a 61
    - A look at how she played rounds one and two compared to the weekend:

Mao Saigo Last Week – CPKC Women's Open		
	Rounds 1-2	Rounds 3-4
Score to par	+3	-14
Back nine scoring	Even	-9
Total putts	64	53
Putts per GIR	1.92	1.59

- This is her 17th start of the 2024 season
  - After last week, she has four top-10 finishes including a T7 at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- Saigo is in her rookie season on the LPGA Tour
  - She finished T2 at last year's LPGA Q-Series to earn status for the 2024 season
- She is a six-time winner on the JLPGA tour and qualified for each of the LPGA Tour's major championships prior to becoming a Member including the U.S. Women's Open (2022, 2023), KPMG Women's PGA Championship (2022, 2023), AIG Women's Open (2022, 2023), 2023 Amundi Evian Championship, 2023 Chevron Championship

### KPMG INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

A year ago at the Portland Classic, the top-five finishers gained their strokes over the competition in a variety of different ways. While Wannasaen won with negative strokes gained putting, top-five finisher **Carlota Ciganda** got more than half of her strokes gained on the greens. A look at how it broke down:

Percentage of Strokes Gained Total Top-5 Finishers – 2023 Portland Classic	
Off the Tee	22.3%
Approach Green	33.2%
Around Green	10.8%
Putting	33.7%

### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2024 PORTLAND CLASSIC

- Based on KPMG Predictive Insights, **Sei Young Kim** has the highest win probability at this year's Portland Classic (7.5%)
  - Kim has three top-10 finishes this season
  - Kim has played in the Portland Classic three times previously, recording a T9 finish in 2019 and missing the cut in 2018 and 2023
  - She is making her 15th start of the 2024 season and has three top-10 finishes
- **Aditi Ashok** is the only Olympian in the field at this week's Portland Classic
  - At next week's women's golf competition at the Paris Olympic Games, Ashok will make her third appearance in the Olympics
  - She represents India and has previously participated in the 2016 Rio Olympics (41st) and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics (4th)
    - When competing at the Rio Olympics, she was not an LPGA Tour Member yet as she was solely competing on the Ladies European Tour
      - Later that year, she finished T24 at the 2016 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn LPGA Tour Membership
    - When competing at the Tokyo Olympics, she competed in six straight LPGA Tour events prior to the women's golf competition including The Amundi Evian Championship the week prior
      - She also competed in the two events following, the Women's Scottish Open and the AIG Women's Open
      - She finished one shot behind **Lydia Ko**, the bronze medalist
  - She is making her 17th start of the 2024 season this week
    - The only events she has not participated in this season were the 2024 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, LPGA Drive On Championship and the Blue Bay LPGA

- This is her fourth consecutive LPGA Tour event in a row, and she currently plans to play in all three events following the Paris Olympics – the ISPS HANDA Women’s Scottish Open, AIG Women’s British Open and the FM Championship – making that eight straight tournaments
    - She has two top-20 finishes and has missed five cuts so far this season
- This week’s Portland Classic presents a big opportunity for Americans hoping to qualify for the Solheim Cup team
  - The Portland Classic is the third-to-last event for players to qualify for the U.S. Team
  - There are only 22 players who can still qualify for the team via Solheim Cup points
    - This week was the first week that players were eliminated from qualifying for the team based on the number of points they have
    - Read more about [Solheim Cup Qualifying and Selection](#)
  - **Nelly Korda**, **Lilia Vu** and **Ally Ewing** have already clinched three spots on the team via Solheim Cup points
  - **Allisen Corpuz** (4th) and **Lauren Coughlin** (5th) are the only players who can clinch a spot this week in Portland
  - **Andrea Lee**, the 2022 Portland Classic champion, is currently 7th in the standing, which is the last position to qualify via Solheim Cup Points
  - Other notable players to watch this week are:
    - **Jennifer Kupcho** (10th)
    - **Angel Yin** (12th)
    - **Cheyenne Knight** (14th)
    - **Ryann O’Toole** (16th)
    - **Alexa Pano** (17th)
    - **Lucy Li** (19th)
    - **Yealimi Noh** (20th)
    - **Danielle Kang** (21st)
    - **Lindsey Weaver-Wright** (23rd)
    - **Stacy Lewis** (24th)
    - **Caroline Inglis** (25th)
  - The Solheim Cup qualification period ends immediately following the AIG Women’s Open

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18 holes: 61, Sei Young Kim (R2, 2019)  
 36 holes: 127, Hannah Green (2019)  
 54 holes: 197, Yealimi Noh (2019)  
 72 holes: 262, Chanettee Wannasaen (2023)