

## **2024 LPGA Tour Storylines**

- The 2024 LPGA Tour schedule featured 33 official events in 10 different countries and 15 different states in the U.S.
  - The states with the most official LPGA Tournaments in 2024 were Florida (four), New Jersey (three), and Michigan (two), California (two) and Ohio (two)
  - This year's schedule featured two new events the FM Global Championship and the Arizona Championship presented by JTBC.
  - In 2024, Seri Pak joined major champions Michelle Wie West (Mizuho Americas Open) and Annika Sorenstam (The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican) as an LPGA Tour event host at the FIR HILLS Seri Pak Championship
- This season's major championship venues included:
  - o The Club at Carlton Woods in The Woodlands, Texas (Chevron Championship)
  - o Lancaster Country Club in Lancaster, Penn. (U.S. Women's Open)
  - Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash. (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
  - o Evian Resort Golf Club in Evian-les-Bains, France (Amundi Evian Championship)
  - $\circ$   $\;$  St Andrews (Old Course) in Fife, Scotland (AIG Women's Open)  $\;$
- The year marked the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Solheim Cup at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia
  - $\circ~$  The United States Tean won back the Cup for the first time since 2017 with their 15 %~ 12 % victory over Europe
  - Captaining the U.S. Solheim Cup Team was 13-time LPGA Tour winner Stacy Lewis, while 15-time LPGA Tour winner Suzann Pettersen led the European Solheim Cup Team
- Between the Portland Classic and the Women's Scottish Open, LPGA Tour athletes had the opportunity to compete for their home countries at the 2024 Paris Olympics
  - Lydia Ko earned her third Olympic medal (gold), while Germany's Esther Henseleit (silver) and China's Xiyu Lin (bronze) completed the podium
  - $\circ$   $\:$  It was the third-straight Games that included women's golf competition
  - Qualifying for the 60-player field ended following the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, with the top-15 players in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings automatically qualifying for the Games (no more than four players per country), and the remaining sports awarded to the highest-ranked players from countries that do not already have two qualified players
- The 2024 schedule also featured the second annual Grant Thornton Invitational, a mixed-team event that saw players from the LPGA Tours and PGA TOUR compete in a co-sanctioned tournament
  - Former UCLA athletes Patty Tavatanakit and Jake Knapp won the second playing of the event
  - The Grant Thornton Invitational's 32-player field was comprised of 16 LPGA Tour and 16 PGA TOUR professionals competing for a combined \$4 million purse (\$2 million each Tour)
- In 2024, active LPGA Tour players represented 33 different countries (including the U.S.)
- There were 26 Tour rookies in 2024, representing 12 different countries (including the U.S.)



- In 2024, players competed for more than \$125 million in total prize money, a record-breaking amount and up approximately \$48 million compared to 2019 (\$70 million)
- The 2024 season featured several season-long competitions:
  - The Race to the CME Globe gave the top 60 players following the ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge LPGA at Pelican entry into the CME Group Tour Championship and the opportunity to play for a \$11 million purse and \$4 million winner's check, the largest first-place prize in the history of women's golf
    - Thailand's Jeeno Thitikul won the CME Group Tour Championship and \$4 million winner's prize, becoming the 2024 Race to the CME Globe Champion
  - The Aon Risk Reward Challenge featured the world's best golfers as they navigate risk across the season's most strategically challenging holes; the player at the top of the Aon leaderboard at the end of the regular season will receive \$1 million
    - Jeeno Thitikul also won the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge after finishing runner-up in both 2022 and 2023
  - The Rolex Player of the Year award is given to the player that has the most consistent and outstanding record during the current LPGA Tour season, with points awarded to Members finishing in the top-10 and ties in Official Tournaments
    - Nelly Korda was named the 2024 Rolex Player of the Year, with seven wins and four additional top-10 finishes
  - The Vare Trophy is awarded to the player on Tour with the lowest overall scoring average who has completed the required number of rounds
    - Ayaka Furue won the 2024 Vare Trophy with a scoring average of 69.988, defeating Haeran Ryu (70.000) by less than 0.1 strokes
  - The Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year is given annually to a first-year Member based on her tournament performance and playing ability in all Major Championships and Official Tournaments through the last Official Tournament of the year
    - Japan's Mao Saigo earned the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year title with seven top-10 finishes in 2024
  - The Rolex Annika Major Award recognizes the player who has the most outstanding record in all five major championships during the LPGA Tour season
    - Nelly Korda won the 2024 award thanks to her win at The Chevron Championship and her T2 result at the AIG Women's Open

### 2024 Tournament Recaps

Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions (Jan. 18-21) Lake Nona Golf and Country Club in Orlando, Fla. Purse: \$1.5 million Winner: Lydia Ko (-14)

- Lydia Ko recorded her 20th LPGA Tour victory and her first since the 2022 CME Group Tour Championship
- Ko becomes the seventh woman in LPGA Tour history to reach 20 wins before age 27, joining Nancy Lopez, Karrie Webb, Se Ri Pak, Mickey Wright, Lorena Ochoa and Kathy Whitworth
- She becomes the 29th different player in Tour history to earn at least 20 official wins



- O She moves into a tie for 27th with Laura Davies and Cristie Kerr on the All-Time Official Career Wins List
- Ko earns one point towards LPGA Hall of Fame induction, bringing her career total to 26 points
  - She is now only one point short of the minimum threshold of 27 points for LPGA HOF induction
  - o LPGA Hall of Fame criteria can be found <u>here</u>

### LPGA Drive On Championship (Jan. 25-28) Bradenton Country Club in Bradenton, Fla. Purse: \$1.75 million

#### Winner: Nelly Korda (-11, playoff)

- Korda earned her ninth career victory after she defeated Lydia Ko with a par on the second playoff hole
  - She improved her playoff record to 3-2 overall
- Heading into the No. 18, Ko had a three-stroke lead over Korda who was in the group behind her, and Korda finished eagle, birdie to force a playoff
- Korda claimed her first wire-to-wire win on the LPGA Tour and was the first to do so with ties since Ko at the 2022 CME Group Tour Championship

#### Honda LPGA Thailand (Feb. 22-25)

## Siam Country Club Old Course in Chonburi, Thailand Purse: \$1.7 million

#### Winner: Patty Tavatanakit (-21)

- After holding a three-shot lead entering the final day, Patty Tavatanakit became the second Thai player to win on Tour in her home country thanks to a final-round 67 in her first victory on Tour since 2021
  - Albane Valenzuela shot a career-low 63 to hold the clubhouse lead until Tavatanakit made a tap-in birdie on the 72-hole to win by one
- Tavatanakit shot all four rounds in the 60s for the first time on Tour since her 2021 Chevron Championship victory
- This was her second-consecutive professional win after taking home the Aramco Saudi Ladies International the week before on the Ladies European Tour

### HSBC Women's World Championship (Feb. 29-March 3) Sentosa Golf Club – The Tanjong Course in Singapore Purse: \$1.8 million

#### Winner: Hannah Green (-13)

- Two shots back entering the final round, Aussie Hannah Green birdied the last three holes, including a 27-foot putt on the final hole, to win the 2024 HSBC Women's World Championship by one stroke over Celine Boutier
- This was her fourth-career victory and first since the 2023 JM Eagle LA Championship
- She joined Karrie Webb as the second Australian to win the event
- Green had hit the least fairways across the field for the tournament (28/56)



#### Blue Bay LPGA (March 7-10)

Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course – Hainan Island, Hainan, People's Republic of China Purse: \$2.2 million

#### Winner: Bailey Tardy (-19)

- Winning by four shots, she became the first American to win the Blue Bay LPGA
- Tardy became a Rolex First-Time Winner, being the third winner of the Blue Bay LPGA to earn their first LPGA Tour victory there and first Rolex First-Time Winner since Angel Yin at the 2023 Buick LPGA Shanghai
- She broke the 72-hole scoring record by six shots

#### FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship

### Palos Verdes Golf Club – Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

#### Purse: \$2 million

#### Winner: Nelly Korda (-9, playoff)

- Nelly Korda won her 10th career LPGA Tour victory in a playoff against Ryann O'Toole, making it her first multiple win season since 2021
- Korda returns to the Rolex Rankings No. 1 position for the sixth time in her LPGA Tour career with the win
- She becomes the first player since Karrie Webb in 2011 to win twice in her first three starts on Tour in a season, and is the first since Inbee Park in 2013 to win in playoff fashion in back-to-back Tour starts

#### Ford Championship presented by KCC

#### Seville Golf and Country Club – Gilbert, Ariz. Purse: \$2.25 million

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#### Winner: Nelly Korda (-20)

- Nelly Korda won her 11th career LPGA Tour victory after shooting a seven-under 65 in the final round to come from behind and win by two shots
- Korda is the first player since Ariya Jutanugarn in 2016 to win in three consecutive starts
  - Korda is the first American to win in three consecutive starts since Nancy Lopez won five straight in 1978
- Korda is the first player to get three wins before April 1 in an LPGA Tour season since **Yani Tseng** in 2012
  - $\circ$  She is the first American to do so since JoAnne Carner in 1980

#### T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

#### Shadow Creek Golf Course – Las Vegas, Nev.

#### Purse: \$2 million

#### Winner: Nelly Korda (4 and 3)

- Nelly Korda won her fourth-straight tournament of the 2024 Tour season after defeating Leona Maguire 4 and 3 in the championship match
- She became the first player since **Lorena Ochoa** in 2008 to win four consecutive tournaments



- She became the fifth player (joining Annika Sorenstam, 2002 and 2005; Lorena Ochoa, 2007; Inbee Park, 2013; Ariya Jutanugarn, 2016) to win three consecutive scheduled events on the LPGA Tour
- She became the first American since **Kathy Whitworth** (1969) to win four of her first five starts in a season

#### The Chevron Championship

#### The Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus) - The Woodlands, Texas Purse: \$7.9 million Winner: Nolly, Korda (12)

### Winner: Nelly Korda (-13)

- Korda earns her 13th career victory, and second major title
- She became the ninth player in Tour history to win both The Chevron Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- She earns her fifth win of the 2024 LPGA Tour season in her fifth consecutive start
  - Korda ties the record (5) for most consecutive Tour wins in tournaments participated in and is the third player to do so since 1978
  - She matches Annika Sorenstam (2004 Mizuno Classic 2005 Chevron Championship) and Nancy Lopez (1978)
  - She ties the record (4) for most consecutive Tour wins in scheduled events (won in consecutive starts without skipping an event)
  - She matches the record also set by Kathy Whitworth (1969), Mickey Wright (1962, 1963), Annika Sorenstam (2001 Welch's Circle K Championship The Office Depot hosted by Amy Alcott) and Lorena Ochoa (2008 Safeway International Ginn Open)
- She becomes the third player to win The Chevron Championship while ranked No. 1 on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings since its inception in 2006
  - $\circ$   $\;$  She joins Lorena Ochoa (2008) and Lydia Ko (2016) in that feat  $\;$
- She crosses the \$2 million mark in official season earnings (\$2,424,216) and \$11 million threshold in official career earnings (\$11,361,489)
  - She becomes the fastest player to reach \$2 million in single-season earnings in Tour history

#### JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro

### Wilshire Country Club – Los Angeles, Calif.

#### Purse: \$3.75 million

#### Winner: Hannah Green (-12)

- Hannah Green successfully defended her 2023 title at the JM Eagle LA Championship and earned her fifth LPGA Tour victory
- She became the first player to successfully defend a title on Tour since Jin Young Ko at the 2023 HSBC Women's World Championship and the first LPGA Tour player to win at Wilshire Country Club twice
- Her three-stroke victory in LA is the first time she's won by more than one stroke
- In the last four years at Wilshire Country Club;
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Only three players have beaten Green against a combined 572 opponents
  - $\circ~$  Green hasn't finished outside of the top-3 (2024 Won; 2023 Won; 2022 2nd; 2021
    - T3) and has shot 15 of her last 16 rounds at Wilshire CC in the 60s



#### **Cognizant Founders Cup**

Upper Montclair Country Club – Clifton, N.J. Purse: \$3 million

#### Winner: Rose Zhang (-24)

- Zhang earned her second career victory, and first since the 2023 Mizuho Americas Open
- She set the new 72-hole scoring record at Upper Montclair Country Club with her 264
  She also set the 54-hole scoring record (198) at UMCC and tied the 18-hole (63)
  - She shot all four rounds in the 60s for the first time in her career
- She recorded 27 birdies in her win, the most in any tournament of her career
- She is the youngest player to win on Tour this year at 20 years old

#### Mizuho Americas Open

### Liberty National Golf Club – Jersey City, N.J. Purse: \$3 million

#### Winner: Nelly Korda (-14)

- Nelly Korda won her 14th career LPGA Tour victory, and sixth of 2024
- With the win, 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)
  - Is the first American player to win at least six times in an LPGA Tour season since Beth Daniel in 1990, who won seven times
  - $\circ$  Ties 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
  - 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
  - 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
  - Has recorded the most wins by an American player on the LPGA Tour since 2015 with 14 wins, six more than **Lexi Thompson** with seven wins during this timeframe

#### U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally

### Lancaster Country Club – Lancaster, Pa. Purse: \$12 million

#### Winner: Yuka Saso (-4)

- Yuka Saso adds second U.S. Women's Open title to her resume
- She becomes the third player in history to make major championships her first two LPGA Tour titles
- She joins **Se Ri Pak** and **In Gee Chun** as the only players who won major championships for each of their first two LPGA Tour wins
- She becomes the youngest player to win the U.S. Women's Open twice



- She becomes the 16th player to win at least two U.S. Women's Open titles in her career
  - She is now the 53rd different player to win at least two major championships in her career
- She is the first player to win the U.S. Women's Open under two different country flags
  - In 2021, Saso won while representing the Philippines
  - She currently represents Japan, and would be the first USWO champion to win under the Japanese flag in the championship's history
- She is the first Japanese major champion since Hinako Shibuno at the 2019 AIG Women's Open
  - She is the third-ever Japanese golfer to win any women's major championship, joining Shibuno and **Hisako Higuchi** (1977 KPMG Women's PGA Championship)

#### ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer

#### Seaview, A Dolce Hotel (Bay Course) – Galloway, N.J.

#### Purse: \$1.75 million

#### Winner: Linnea Strom (-14)

- Linnea Strom became the season's second Rolex First-Time Winner after a final-round 60 catapulted her to -14, setting the LPGA Tour record for the lowest final round by a winner
- Strom also broke the record for biggest comeback by position entering the final round of a Tour event since 1984 after starting the day in a tie for 52nd
  - o Strom also made the cut on the number, seven strokes back of the 36-hole leader
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Her win probability entering the final round was 0.001%  $\;$
- Strom's 60 was also the seventh raw score of 60 or better in Tour history, and the first recorded since Jessica Korda in the third round of the 2021 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions

### Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give Blythefield Country Club – Grand Rapids, Mich. Purse: \$3 million

#### Winner: Lilia Vu (-16)

- Lilia Vu carded a 7-under 65 in the final round to hold the clubhouse lead and land her into an eventual playoff with 54-hole leader Grace Kim and 11-time Tour winner Lexi Thompson
  - Kim held a five-shot lead heading into Sunday
  - Vu birdied the three playoff holes to edge out Kim and Thompson for her fifth LPGA Tour title
  - o This was Vu's second playoff victory on Tour
- This was Vu's first start since the Ford Championship presented by KCC in March due to a back injury
  - $\circ~$  She withdrew prior to the event start at The Chevron Championship where she had hoped to defend her 2023 title
- Vu became the 67th different American to earn at least five LPGA Tour titles in her career



#### KPMG Women's PGA Championship

Sahalee Country Club – Sammamish, Wash.

#### Purse: \$10.4 million

#### Winner: Amy Yang (-7)

- Yang held onto a 54-hole lead in the final round to earn her major championship in her 75th start at a major
  - Her win in her 75th major start is the largest number of starts before a win since Angela Stanford won the 2018 Amundi Evian Championship in her 76th major start
- She earned her sixth career LPGA Tour victory and her first major championship
  - $\circ$   $\,$  She became the 30th player to make the KPMG Women's PGA Championship their first major championship
  - She is the fifth player in the last six years to make the KPMG Women's PGA Championship their first major victory
- Her win earned her qualification to represent the Republic of Korea at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- She surpasses the \$15 million dollar mark in career earnings with the \$1.56 million winner's check
  - She is the second-highest earning player from the Republic of Korea behind **Inbee Park** who has over \$18 million

#### **Dow Championship**

#### Midland Country Club – Midland, Mich.

#### Purse: \$3 million

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#### Winner: Jeeno Thitikul and Ruoning Yin (-22)

- Both players earned their third LPGA Tour victory
  - o This was Thitikul's first victory since the 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
  - This was Yin's first victory since the 2023 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - This was the first time that Thitikul and Yin have competed as teammates
    - This was Thitikul's first and Yin's third start at the event
- Yin was the first player from the Republic of China to win this season
- Thitikul was the second player from Thailand to win this season alongside Patty Tavatanakit

#### Amundi Evian Championship

#### Evian Resort Golf Club – Evian-les-baines, France.

#### Purse: \$8 million

#### Winner: Ayaka Furue

- She earns her second career victory on Tour, and first since the 2022 Women's Scottish Open
  - It is her second co-sanctioned Ladies European Tour win; she did not claim LET status following her Women's Scottish Open title
- She becomes the season's 13th different Tour winner and second from Japan, joining **Yuka Saso** (U.S. Women's Open)
  - She is the first Japanese winner of the Amundi Evian Championship since the event's major elevation
- She crosses the \$5 million mark in official career earnings with the \$1.2 million winner's prize (\$5,039,882)



• She is projected to be only the third player this season with at least \$2 million in official season earnings (\$2,444,717)

#### Dana Open

### Highland Meadows Golf Club – Sylvania, Ohio Purse: \$1.75 million

#### Winner: Chanettee Wannasaen

- Wannasaen defeated her fellow LPGA Tour sophomore **Haeran Ryu** by one stroke after entering Championship Sunday with a five-stroke lead
- She earns her second career victory on Tour, following her inaugural win at the 2023 Portland Classic as a Rookie
- She set new career-low 36-hole and 54-hole scores at the Dana Open, which she also did during her win at the Portland Classic
  - o 36-hole score 131 (was 134 at Portland Classic)
  - 54-hole score 197 (was 199 at Portland Classic)
- With her wins at the Dana Open and Portland Classic, Wannasaen has now won the two oldest non-major tournaments on the LPGA Tour

#### **CPKC Womens Open**

### Shaunghessy Golf and Country Club – Clagary, Alberta, Canada Purse: \$2.6 million

#### Winner: Lauren Coughlin

- In her final round, Coughlin shot a 1-under 71 with three birdies and two bogeys
  - Her final birdie on No. 17 gave her a two-stroke lead heading onto the final hole
    - She hit 9 of 14 greens on Sunday, and 14 of 18 greens
- Coughlin led the field in Greens in Regulation this week in Canada, earning her the inaugural <u>Audi Precision Award</u>
  - The \$25,000 (CAD) cash prize is given to the most precise player of the week, with a matching \$25,000 donation being made in the winner's name to First Tee – Alberta on behalf of Audi Canada
- Coughlin hit 58 of 72 GIRs throughout the week to claim the prize
  - Coughlin is the third Rolex First-Time Winner this season, joining **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA) and **Linnea Strom** (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)
- She is the third player in a row to become a Rolex First-Time Winner at the CPKC Women's Open, following **Megan Khang** (2023) and **Paula Reto** (2022)

#### **Portland Classic**

### Columbia Edgewater Country Club – Portland, Oregon

### Purse: \$1.75 million

#### Winner: Moriya Jutanguarn

- Jutanguarn earns her third LPGA Tour victory and first since the 2021 Dow Championship, which she won alongside her sister **Ariya Jutanugarn** 
  - $\circ$  ~ She also won the 2018 HUGEL-JTBC LA Open ~



- She tied her career-low 72-hole score of 266 in her win at the Portland Classic, previously shot at the 2017 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
- She is the fourth Thai player to win on the LPGA Tour this season, joining **Patty Tavatankit** (Honda LPGA Thailand), **Atthaya Thitikul** (Dow Championship) and **Chanettee Wannasaen** (Dana Open)
- She is the second Thai player to win the Portland Classic, and second in a row following **Chanettee Wannasaen** in 2023
- She is the third player from Thailand to earn at least three wins on the LPGA Tour, joining Thitikul (3) and her sister Ariya (12)
- She is the 16th different player to win on Tour this season
- She wins the Portland Classic in her eighth start at the event
  - Her previous best finishes in the event were T3 results, which she earned in 2020 and 2017

#### 2024 Paris Olympic Games

#### Le Golf National - Saint-Quentin-En-Yvelines, France Gold Medalist: Lyida Ko Silver Medalist: Esther Henseleit Bronze Medalist: Xiyu Lin

- Ko completed the trifecta having earned silver in 2016 and bronze in 2020, the first Olympic golfer to ever do so
- Ko was inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame after earning the Olympic gold medal; she earned the 27 points needed in her career to be an LPGA Hall of Fame member after earning one point following the Olympic competition
- Ko is the only female with multiple medals in Olympic golf and only athlete with multiple medals in the modern history of Olympic golf; three men earned multiple medals across the 1900 and 1904 Olympic golf competition (Chandler Egan/USA/one gold and one silver, Burt McKinnie/USA/one silver and one bronze, Frank Newton/USA/one silver and one bronze)
- Henseleit became the first European woman to earn an Olympic medal in the golf competition in the modern era
- Lin became the second player from the People's Republic of China to earn a medal in the women's Olympic golf competition, joining Shansahn Feng (bronze, 2016)

#### ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open

#### Dundonald Links – Ayrshire, Scotland

#### Purse: \$2 million

#### Winner: Lauren Coughlin

- She won the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open in her third appearance in the event
- She became the third different American to win the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open since the event became co-sanctioned in 2017
  - She joins **Ryann O'Toole** (2021) and **Stacy Lewis** (2020)
- She earned her fourth-straight top-10 finish this season
  - Her streak includes a fourth-place finish at The Amundi Evian Championship, a win at the CPKC Women's Open



- Coughlin earned her second win of the 2024 LPGA Tour season and her second victory in her last three LPGA Tour appearances
  - She joined **Nelly Korda** (6) and **Hannah Green** (2) as multiple Tour winners this season

#### AIG Women's Open

### St. Andrews (Old Course) – Fife, Scotland Purse: \$9.5 million

#### Winner: Lydia Ko

- Lydia Ko earned her third major championship victory and 21st LPGA Tour win at St. Andrews, just two weeks after winning the gold medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- She won the AIG Women's Open by two strokes over four fellow major champions; **Ruoning Yin**, **Nelly Korda**, **Lilia Vu** and **Jiyai Shin**
- This is Ko's second LPGA Tour victory of the season, following her win at the season opening Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
  - She is one of four players with multiple wins this season, joining **Nelly Korda** (6), **Hannah Green** (2) and **Lauren Coughlin** (2)

#### FM Championship TPC Boston – Norton, MA Purse: \$2.8 million Winner: Haeran Ryu

- LPGA Tour sophomore **Haeran Ryu** earned her second LPGA Tour victory after defeating fellow Korean **Jin Young Ko** in a one-hole playoff
  - Ryu made par on No. 18 while Ko made bogey
- The victory was Ryu's ninth top-10 finish of the 2024 season; her eight top-10s heading into the FM Championship was the most on Tour this season without a win
- In her second round at TPC Boston, Ryu shot a career-low 10-under 62 to take a six-stroke lead,
- but followed that with a third-round 78 (+6) to sit at T6 heading into Sunday
  - She rebounded with a final-round 64 (-8) to force a playoff with Ko
- Ryu becomes the inaugural winner of the FM Championship, which debuted on Tour this season

#### Solheim Cup

### Robert Trent Jones Golf Club – Gainesville, VA

#### Winner: U.S. Team

- The United States won the Solheim Cup for the first time since 2017 with 15.5 points to Europe's 12.5
  - $\circ$   $\;$  The U.S. dominated Friday four-ball and foursomes 3-1 to end the first day 6-2  $\;$
  - On Saturday, Europe and the U.S. split four-ball and foursomes 2-2, to end the second day 10-6 overall
  - Sunday singles proved exciting with four matches won by the Americans, five matches won by the Europeans and the rest of the matches halved
  - Lilia Vu won the final half-point needed by the Americans to take the Cup, winning her last two holes to halve her match against Albane Valenzuela
  - Rose Zhang went 4-0-0 at the Solheim Cup and never reached the 17 hole in any of her matches



- She is the eighth different player and third different American in Solheim Cup history to finish 4-0-0 or better
- Lauren Coughlin, a Solheim Cup rookie, went 3-0-1 and earned 3.5 points for the U.S. Team
  - It ties the record for most points earned by a Solheim Cup rookie, joining Creamer (2005, 3-1-1), Michelle Wie West (2009, 3-0-1) and N. Korda (2019, 3-0-1)

#### Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G TPC River's Bend – Maineville, Ohio Purse: \$2 million Winner: Lydia Ko

- After starting the final round of the Kroger Queen City Championship two strokes behind Jeeno Thitikul, Ko carded a final-round 63 to earn a five-stroke victory
- This is her third Tour title of 2024 and the 22nd of her career
  - This is the fifth season of her career in which she has earned at least three victories on Tour
  - The last time she won three times or more in a single season was in 2022
  - She also had a three-win season in 2014 and 2022, a four-win season in 2016 and a fivewin season in 2015
- This is the first time since 2016 that she has won in back-to-back starts on Tour
  - Ko won the 2024 AIG Women's Open two weeks ago
  - In 2016, she won the JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol then The Chevron Championship back-to-back
- This was also the first time this season she shot all four rounds in the 60s; she made only one bogey in 72 holes

#### Walmart NW Arkansas Championship

#### Pinnacle Country Club – Rogers, Arkansas Purse: \$3 million

#### Winner: Jasmine Suwannapura

- Jasmine Suwannapura defeated Lucy Li with an eagle on the second playoff hole to earn her third career victory and the first since the 2019 Dow Championship; this was the fourth playoff of the 2024 Tour season
  - Li shot a final-round 60, setting a new tournament scoring record; she became the seventh player in Tour history to record an 18-hole score of 60, and was the second player to do so in 2020, following Linnea Strom
  - Li also carded three eagles on the final day, tying the LPGA Tour record for most eagles in one round, and becoming the seventh player to ever do so
- Suwannapura shot a final-round 61 that included a four-footer for eagle on the closing hole to match Li at the top of the leaderboard at -15 and into a playoff
  - The 61 tied the second-lowest final round by a winner in Tour history, begind Linnea Strom, who shot a 60 in the final round of the 2024 ShopRite LPGA Classic to win
- Suwannapura became the fourth different Tour winner aged 30 or older in 2024, and was the fifth different winner from Thailand this season



• She had her husband, Michael Thomas, on the bag for her win

#### Buick LPGA Shanghai

#### Qizhong Garden Golf Club – Minhang District, Shanghai, People's Republic of China Purse: \$2.1 million

Winner: Ruoning Yin

- Yin earned her second win of the 2024 season and the fourth of her career
  - o She won the Dow Championship earlier this season with her partner Jeeno Thitikul
- She set a new career-best 72-hole score with her 263, beating her previous mark by four strokes
  - She also set the 72-hole tournament scoring record with her 263
- She became the first player from China to win the Buick LPGA Shanghai
- She is the second player to win in her hometown joining **Nelly Kora** who won at the 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship in Bradenton, Fla. earlier this year
- Yin is the second player not from the United States to win in her home country joining **Patty Tavatanakit** (Honda LPGA Thailand)

#### **BMW Ladies Championship**

## Seowon Hills at Seowon Valley Country Club – Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea Purse: \$2.2 million

#### Winner: Hannah Green

- Green won her third victory of 2024 and the sixth of her career
  - She joins **Nelly Korda** and **Lydia Ko** as the only players to have won at least three times this season
- She is the first Aussie since **Karrie Webb** (2006; Kraft Nabisco Championship, Michelob ULTRA Open at Kingsmill, Evian Masters, Longs Drugs Challenge, Mizuno Classic) to win at least three times in a single season on the LPGA Tour
- She joins Webb and **Jan Stephenson** as the only Aussies to win three or more times in a single season on the LPGA Tour
  - Webb did so six times in her career (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2006)
  - o Stephenson: 1981 (Peter Jackson Classic, Mary Kay Classic, United Virginia Bank Classic)
- She won her second wire-to-wire victory of her career and the first since the 2019 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- She set the 36, 54 and 72-hole scoring records at Seowon Valley Country Club in her victory

#### Maybank Championship

### Kuala Lumpur Golf and Country Club – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Purse: \$3 million

#### Winner: Ruoning Yin

- Yin earns her third victory of the 2024 season, and first since the Buick LPGA Shanghai two weeks ago
- She earns her second victory in her last three starts
- She earns her fifth career victory on the LPGA Tour since joining in 2022
- Yin is the fourth player with at least three victories this season including Nelly Korda (six wins), Lydia Ko (three wins) and Hannah Green (three wins)
- This is her first season on the LPGA Tour with more than two wins



 In 2023, she had two wins at the DIO Implant LA Open and KPMG Women's PGA Championship

#### TOTO Japan Classic Seta Golf Course – Otsu-shi, Shiga, Japan Purse: \$2 million Winner: Rio Takeda

- Rio Takeda earned her first LPGA Tour victory in her sixth career Tour appearance, defeating Marina Alex with a birdie on the sixth playoff hole
  - She became the first non-Member winner on Tour since Mone Inami at the 2023 TOTO Japan Classic
  - This was the sixth playoff of the 2024 LPGA Tour season, and first since the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
- Takeda earned her eighth JLPGA Tour win in 2024
- She made it the 11th time a Japanese player has won the TOTO Japan Classic since 1980

#### LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei

#### Hoakalei Country Club – Ewa Beach, Oahu, Hawaii

#### Purse: \$3 million

#### Winner: A Lim Kim

- A Lim Kim earned her first victory in over 1,400 days at the LOTTE Championship, two strokes ahead of runner-up 2024 LPGA Tour rookie Nataliya Guseva
- Kim became the 31st player from the Republic of Korea to earn at least two Tour titles
- Kim also carded a hole-in-one during the event, her second of her LPGA Tour career and first since 2022

### The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican Pelican Golf Club – Belleair, Florida Purse: \$3.25 million

#### Winner: Nelly Korda

- Korda earned her seventh victory of the 2024 LPGA Tour season, joining Kathy Whitworth (1973), Nancy Lopez (1978, 1979) and Beth Daniel (1990) as the only Americans since 1970 with seven or more wins in a single season
  - Korda is the first player since **Yani Tseng** in 2011 to win seven times in a single season
  - She has won nearly 47% of the events she has played in this season (7 of 15)
- Korda earned her 15th career victory
  - $\circ$   $\;$  She is the 28th different American to win at least 15 titles on Tour  $\;$
  - $\circ$   $\;$  She is the 41st different player to earn at least 15 titles on Tour  $\;$
  - $\circ$   $\;$  She is the first player on Tour since Jin Young Ko in 2023 to earn her 15th win
- Due to her success this season, Korda earned the Rolex Player of the Year title on November 4, 2024
  - She is the second consecutive American to earn the Rolex Player of the Year, following Lilia Vu in 2023



- It is the first time that Americans have won the award in back-to-back years since Betsy King (1993) and Beth Daniel (1994)
- $\circ$  Korda is the 27th different player to earn the award since its inception in 1966

CME Group Tour Championship Tiburón Golf Club – Naples, Florida Purse: \$11 million Winner: Jeeno Thitikul

- Thitikul went eagle, birdie on the 17th and 18th holes on Sunday at Tiburón Golf Club to win the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship by one stroke over Angel Yin
- With her win, Thitikul was named the 2024 Race to the CME Globe Champion and earned the \$4 million dollar winner's check, the largest single prize in the history of women's golf
  - Thitikul shattered Lorena Ochoa's single-season earnings record (\$4,364,994 in 2007) with more than \$6 million in Official Money during 2024
- Thitikul earned her fourth career victory and second win of the 2024 season

#### Grant Thornton Invitational

Tiburón Golf Club – Naples, Florida

Purse: \$4 million (\$2 million each Tour)

#### Winner: Patty Tavatanakit & Jake Knapp

- The Grant Thornton Invitational is a mixed-team, unofficial event on the LPGA Tour and PGA Tour, with 16 teams of two (one player from each Tour) competing for a combined \$4 million purse
- In its second year, the team of Tavatanakit and Knapp won the Grant Thornton Invitational wireto-wire
- They set a new 54-hole tournament scoring record, besting Lydia Ko and Jason Day's 2023 winning score by one shot
- Both players were first-time participants in the Grant Thornton Invitational in 2024
- They were the only team in the field with a win from each player on their respective Tours
  - Tavatanakit won the 2024 Honda LPGA Thailand
  - o Knapp won the 2024 Mexico Open at Vidanta
  - $\circ$  Both of their respective wins happened on the same day, Sep. 25, 2024
- Both Knapp and Tavatanakit played collegiate golf at UCLA

### **2024 Epson Tour Schedule & Results**

- March 8-10 Florida's Natural Charity Classic: Valery Plata (-10, won in playoff over Ana Belac)
- March 15-17 IOA Golf Classic presented by LPT Realty: Jessica Peng (-11, won by one shot over Lindsey McCurdy)
- March 21-23 Atlantic Beach Classic: **Briana Chacon** (-7, won by one shot over Jessica Porvasnik and Kim Kaufman)
- April 26-28 IOA Championship presented by Morongo Casino Resort & Spa: Juliana Hung (-21, won by nine strokes over Fiona Xu and broke the course 54-hole scoring record)



- May 2-4 Casino Del Sol Golf Classic: **Madison Young** (-11, won by one shot over Dottie Ardina, Kaitlin Milligan, Cydney Clanton, Pornanong Phatlum, Ssu-Chia Cheng and Dewi Weber)
- May 9-12 Carlisle Arizona Women's Golf Classic: **Ruixin Liu** (-14, three shots over Mariel Galdiano)
- May 16-18 Copper Rock Championship: Fiona Xu (-22, seven shots over Kaleigh Telfer)
- June 7-9 FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship: **Cassie Porter** (-6, one shot over Amelia Garvey)
- June 14-16 Otter Creek Championship: **Savannah Vilaubi** (-10, won in a two-hole playoff over Yahui Zhang)
- June 21-23 Island Resort Championship presented by Delta County Chamber: **Soo Bin Joo** (-8, won by one shot over five players after play was suspended after 36-holes)
- July 12-14 Hartford HealthCare Women's Championship: **Daniela Iacobelli** (-16, won by one stroke over Amelia Lewis)
- July 19-21 Twin Bridges Championship: Lauren Stephenson (-9, won by two strokes over Jessica Porvasnik)
- Aug. 16-18 Wildhorse Ladies Golf Classic: **Pornanong Phatlum** (-21, won by two strokes over Amy Lee)
- Aug. 30-Sept 1 Four Winds Invitational: Yahui Zhang (-6, won by one stroke over Fatima Fernandez Cano and Lauren Stephenson)
- Sep. 6-8 Guardian Championship: Fatima Fernandez Cano (-14, won by one stroke over Ingrid Lindblad)
- Sep. 13-15 Tuscaloosa Toyota Classic: Ingrid Lindblad (-16, won by two strokes over Ana Belac)
- Sep. 20-22 Murphy USA El Dorado Shootout: Jenny Bae (-7, won by one stroke over Therese Warner and Lauren Stephenson)
- Oct. 3-6 Epson Tour Championship: Heather Lin (-16, won by one stroke over Ashley Lau)

### **LPGA Tour Players on Other Tours**

- Feb. 18 **Patty Tavatanakit** won the Aramco Saudi Ladies International presented by PIF on the Ladies European Tour by seven shots for her first professional victory since her win at the 2021 Chevron Championship
- Feb. 25 **Bronte Law** earned her third-career LET victory at the Lalla Meryem Cup in Morocco with a 9-under final round to win by three shots
- March 10 Alexandra Forsterling won her third-career LET victory at the Aramco Team Series presented by PIF Tampa (Individual) by three shots after shooting 67 in the final round
- March 31 Mariajo Uribe won the Women's NSW Open at Madgenta Shores Golf and Country Club in Australia
- April 28 **Manon De Roey** won the Investec South African Women's Open at Erinvale Country and Golf Estate in South Africa
- May 12 Hyo Joo Kim won the Aramco Team Series Korea at the New Korea Country Club in Seoul



- May 19 Alexandra Forsterling won the Amundi German Masters at the Golf & Country Club Seddiner See after sinking a birdie putt on the second playoff hole over Emma Spitz
- May 24 **Angela Stanford** won the Senior LPGA Championship for the second consecutive year at Copper Rock Golf Course in Utah
- May 25 **Morgane Metraux** won the Jabra Ladies Open at Evian Resort Golf Club in France on the Ladies European Tour
- June 2 **Perrine Delacour** won the Dormy Open Helsingborg at Allerum Golf Club on the Ladies European Tour
- June 9 Linn Grant won her second Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed title on the Ladies European and DP World Tour
- July 5 Leona Maguire won her first Ladies European Tour event at the Aramco Team Series presented by PIF London
- October 6 **Celine Boutier** captured her sixth Ladies European Tour title with her individual victory at the Aramco Team Series Shenzen
- November 2 **Charley Hull** earned her fourth Ladies European Tour career victory at the Aramco Team Series Riyadh in a three-shot win over Nicole Broch Estrup
- December 1 **Carlota Ciganda** earned her eighth Ladies European Tour victory in her home country of Spain, winning the season-ending Andalucia Costa Del Sol Open de Espana presented by OYSHO by one stroke over Manon De Roey

### **2024 LPGA Tour Statistics**

Visit the <u>LPGA Statistical Database</u> for more

#### **2024 Statistical Leaders**

Official Money: Jeeno Thitikul, \$6,059,309 Scoring Average: Jeeno Thitikul, 69.33 Birdies: Haeran Ryu, 381 Eagles: Carlota Ciganda, 13 Hole-in-Ones: Jiwon Jeon, 3 Greens in Regulation: Jeeno Thitikul, 77.20 % Average Driving Distance: Natthakritta Vongaveelap, 290.61

#### 2024 Award Winners

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	244 points
2	Lydia Ko	144 points
3	Ayaka Furue	125 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Mao Saigo	959 points
2	Jin Hee Im	873 points
3	Gabriela Ruffels	571 points



Rolex ANNIKA Major Award			
1	Nelly Korda	84 points	
2	Ayaka Furue	70 points	
Т3	Amy Yang	60 points	
Т3	Lydia Ko	60 points	
Т3	Yuka Saso	60 points	

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
1	Jeeno Thitikul	-0.900
2	Ruoning Yin	-0.824
3	Nelly Korda	-0.821

Vare Trophy (eligible players)		
1	Ayaka Furue	69.99
2	Haeran Ryu	70.00
3	Ruoning Yin	70.10

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	4,368.319 points
2	Haeran Ryu	2,888.392 points
3	Lydia Ko	2,844.758 points

#### 2024 Wins by Country (33 tournaments, 8 countries)

12 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (7), Lauren Coughlin (2), Bailey Tardy, Lilia Vu, Rose Zhang,)

6 – Thailand (Moriya Jutanugarn, Jasmine Suwannapura, Patty Tavatanakit, Jeeno Thitikul (2), Chanettee Wannasaen)

- 3 Australia (Hannah Green)
- 3 Japan (Yuka Saso, Ayaka Furue, Rio Takeda)
- 3 New Zealand (Lydia Ko)
- 3 People's Republic of China (Ruoning Yin)
- 3 Republic of Korea (A Lim Kim, Haeran Ryu, Amy Yang)
- 1 Sweden (Linnea Strom)

#### 2024 Wins by Player (33 tournaments, 20 players)

7 – Nelly Korda (LPGA Drive On Championship, FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship, Ford Championship presented by KCC, T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards, The Chevron Championship, Mizuho Americas Open, The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican)

3 – Hannah Green (HSBC Women's World Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro, BMW Ladies Championship)

3 – Lydia Ko (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, AIG Women's Open, Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G)

3 – Ruoning Yin (Dow Championship, Buick LPGA Shanghai, Maybank Championship)

2 – Lauren Coughlin (CPKC Womens Open, ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open)



- 2 Jeeno Thitikul (Dow Championship, CME Group Tour Championship)
- 1 Ayaka Furue (The Amundi Evian Championship)
- 1 Moriya Jutanugarn (Portland Classic)
- 1 A Lim Kim (LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei)
- 1 Haeran Ryu (FM Championship)
- 1 Yuka Saso (U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally)
- 1 Linnea Strom (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)
- 1 Jasmine Suwannapura (Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G)
- 1 Rio Takeda (TOTO Japan Classic)
- 1 Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA)
- 1 Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand)
- 1 Lilia Vu (Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give)
- 1 Chanettee Wannasaen (Dana Open)
- 1 Amy Yang (KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
- 1 Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

#### Average Age of 2024 Winners: 25.441

Youngest Winner: Chanettee Wannasaen (20 years, 3 months, 5 days) Oldest Winner: Amy Yang (34 years, 10 months, 26 days)