



ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
Seaview, Bay Course | Galloway, N.J. | June 7-9, 2024

Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes
June 5, 2024

MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link for pre-tournament availability is distributed upon request; All times are Eastern and subject to change)

Thursday, June 6

10:00 a.m. – Hannah Green

2:00 p.m. – 2024 U.S. Women's Open champion Yuka Saso

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE SHOPRITE LPGA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY ACER

- This is the 36th playing of the ShopRite LPGA Classic, and the 26th time the Seaview Resort Bay Course has hosted the event
 - Starting in 1986, this is one of the LPGA Tour's longest running non-majors
 - This is one of two 54-hole events on the LPGA Tour's schedule including the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G that takes place in September
 - The event did not take place from 2007-2009
 - ShopRite has been the title sponsor since 1992
- This is the third and last event of the 2024 LPGA Tour season to take place in New Jersey following the Cognizant Founders Cup and Mizuho Americas Open that took place in May
- **Ashleigh Buhai** is looking to defend her title this year
 - This is the second time in her career she is looking to defend an LPGA Tour title
 - Buhai became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2022 AIG Women's Open, and missed the cut in her 2023 attempt to defend her title
 - **Anna Nordqvist** is the only player to successfully defend her title at the ShopRite LPGA Classic (2015, 2016)
 - This is her 10th start of the 2024 season
 - She finished T51 in last week's U.S. Women's Open
 - Her best finish thus far was at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro (T13) in April
 - In her most recent event in New Jersey, the Mizuho Americas Open, she finished T21
 - She has missed two cuts; the first major of the year, The Chevron Championship and the first of three events in New Jersey, the Cognizant Founders Cup
 - Buhai had one of her best years in 2023, earning \$1,016,049
 - She had competed in 23 events, making 17 cuts
 - She earned six top-10 finishes including her ShopRite LPGA Classic victory
 - This is her 17th season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has made 261 starts and earned 19 top-10 finishes over her career
 - She has amassed \$4,782,409 in official career earnings, and sits as the leading South African on the career money list followed by **Lee-Anne Pace** and **Paula Reto**
 - In career victories, she is one of four South Africans to win on the LPGA Tour including Pace (1), Reto (1) and **Sally Little** (15)
 - She is one of nine past champions in the 2024 field including **Brooke Henderson** (2022), **Annie Park** (2018), **In Kyung Kim** (2017), **Anna Nordqvist** (2016, 2015), **Stacy Lewis** (2014, 2012), **Karrie Webb** (2013), **Brittany Lincicome** (2011) and **Angela Stanford** (2003)
- LPGA Hall of Famer **Karrie Webb** is making her first LPGA Tour start this week since the 2022 ShopRite LPGA Classic
 - Webb has won 41 times on the LPGA Tour including seven major championships
 - Her last victory was at the 2014 JTBC Founders Cup
 - She had 15 career seasons with at least one Tour victory, tying her with **Amy Alcott**, **Patty Sheehan** and **Mickey Wright** for third-most career seasons with a victory
 - She has won several LPGA awards throughout her career including the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year (1996), Vare Trophy (1997, 1999, 2000) and Rolex Player of the Year (1999, 2000)
 - She was inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 2005, see her Hall of Fame page [here](#)
 - She sits second overall on the All-Time Career Official Money List with \$20,293,617 in earnings behind **Annika Sorenstam** (\$22,583,693)
 - This season, **Nelly Korda** also passed Webb for most consecutive wins with her five wins from the 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship to The Chevron Championship
 - In 2000, Webb had three consecutive wins in events played at The Office Depot, (did not play the next three events), Australian Ladies Masters and the LPGA Takefuji Classic
 - Since 1980, Webb is one of seven players to win in first start in an official LPGA Tour event; 1995 Weetabix Women's British Open where Webb competed as a non-member
 - Since 1980, she is one of eight players to win in their first professional start in an official LPGA Tour event; 1995 Weetabix Women's British Open where Webb competed as a non-member
 - **Rose Zhang** is the most recent LPGA Tour player to win in their first professional start at the 2023 Mizuho Americas Open
 - She still holds or is tied for the records including:
 - The first to reach \$1 million in single-season earnings; Nov. 24, 1996 (25 events)
 - The most official wins by a rookie in a year; 4 in 1996 (tying with **Seri Pak** in 1998)
 - The most consecutive top-10 finishes; 16 from 1999-2000
- There are 23 LPGA Tour rookies playing this week
 - There are several rookies making their first or second starts of the 2024 season this week
 - **Gigi Stoll** is making her first start at the ShopRite LPGA Classic; she finished T45 at 2023 LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Tour Membership
 - **Trichat Cheenglab** is making her second start since The Chevron Championship where she missed the cut
 - **Kaitlin Milligan** is making her second start since the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship where she missed the cut
 - **Benedetta Moresco** is making her second start since the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro (CUT)
 - **Yue Ren** is making her second start since the Blue Bay LPGA where she got in the field as a CLPGA member and missed the cut
 - Several rookies have stood out this year, earning top-10 finishes in various events including:
 - **Auston Kim** finished T6 and **Mone Inami** finished 8th at the LPGA Drive On Championship
 - **Savannah Grewal** finished T4 at the Blue Bay LPGA after breaking the 18-hole tournament scoring record
 - **Hira Naveed** finished runner-up at the Ford Championship presented by KCC
 - **Nataliya Guseva** (T6), **Jin Hee Im** (T4) and **Mao Saigo** (8th) finished in the top-10 at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - Im also finished 8th at The Chevron Championship, the only rookie to finish in the top-10 in a major this year
 - **Gabriela Ruffels** currently ranks first in the Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year standings
 - She is not in the field at ShopRite LPGA Classic
- There are three sponsor invites in the field including **Gianna Clemente** (a), **Maisie Filler** (a) and **Rachel Kuehn** (a)
 - Clemente recently won the AJGA portion of the Mizuho Americas Open
 - She is intended to graduate high school with two years of eligibility to participate
 - In 2022, Clemente Monday qualified for three consecutive events on the LPGA Tour (CPKC Women's Open, Dana Open, Kroger Queen City Championship)
 - She has made four previous starts on the LPGA Tour and has missed the cut in each of them
 - Filler graduated from the University of Florida this spring where she played collegiately and earned a degree in Political Science

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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Tournament: @ShopRiteLPGA #ShopRiteLPGA #ShoreTradition (Instagram, X)

TV/STREAMING TIMES (All times EST)

Friday, June 7: 12-2 p.m. (Golf Channel); 12-3 p.m. (Peacock)
Saturday, June 8: 4-7 p.m. (Peacock); 5-7 p.m. (Golf Channel)
Sunday, June 9: 2-5 p.m. (Peacock); 8-10 p.m. (Golf Channel Encore Presentation)

- She won three times in her spring senior season and became the eighth Gator all-time to win three events in a season
- She was a three-time All-SEC selection (2021, 2022, 2024) and four-time SEC Golfer of the Week
- This is her fourth LPGA Tour event, previously playing in the 2021 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican, 2022 and 2023 ShopRite LPGA Classic
 - In 2022, she made the cut and finished -1 at the ShopRite LPGA Classic compared to missing the cut in 2023
 - She also missed the cut at 2021 ANNIKA drive by Gainbridge at Pelican
- Kuehn is making her fifth start in an LPGA Tour event this week
 - She has previously participated in the 2022 FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship (cut), 2023 Meijer LPGA Classic (cut), 2023 Amundi Evian Championship (cut) and 2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican (T15, -11)
 - She graduated this spring from Wake Forest University
 - She was a five-time member of the Arnold Palmer Cup (2020-2024), two-time Curtis Cup member (2021, 2022), four-time All-ACC Team selection (2021-2024) and 2023 NCAA Division I Women's Golf National Champion
- **Brianna Do** and **Gabriella Then** are in the field after finishing in the top-two spots in the Monday qualifier
 - Do shot -6
 - This will be her first LPGA Tour start of the 2024 season and first since the 2023 Ascendant LPGA benefitting Volunteers of America
 - Last season, she made 10 starts and made two cuts
 - Her first made cut of the season was at the 2023 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer and finished T15
 - Her T15 finish last year was her best finish since 2022 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei (T12)
 - She was an LPGA Tour rookie in 2013
 - Then finished at -5
 - She will be making her second 2024 LPGA Tour start after playing in the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship (CUT)
 - She has primarily played on the Epsom Tour this season, making four starts since April
 - She made 19 starts on the LPGA Tour in 2023
 - She made seven cuts, earning \$55,893 during that year
 - 2023 was her rookie year on the LPGA Tour after earning Membership from finishing seventh in the Race for the Card
 - Prior to 2023, she made three starts at the U.S. Women's Open in 2010, 2011 and 2013

2024 Statistical Leaders

Official Money: Nelly Korda, \$2,943,708

Scoring Average: Nelly Korda, 69.606

Birdies: Ayaka Furue, 173

Eagles: Carlota Ciganda, Nelly Korda, Sei Young Kim, Patty Tavatanakit, A Lim Kim, 6

Hole-in-Ones: Jennifer Song, Danielle Kang, Alexa Pano, Auston Kim, Jeongeun Lee5, Sophia Popov, 1

Greens in Regulation: Nelly Korda, 74.8%

Average Driving Distance: Auston Kim, 277.877 yards

2024 Award Standings

Rolex Player of the Year		
1	Nelly Korda	214 points
2	Hannah Green	72 points
3	Yuka Saso	62 points

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year		
1	Gabriela Ruffels	361 points
2	Jin Hee Im	346 points
3	Mao Saigo	202 points

#AonRiskReward Challenge		
T1	Auston Kim	-1.000
T1	Mina Harigae	-1.000
3	Nelly Korda	-0.938

Vare Trophy (Scoring Average)		
1	Nelly Korda	69.606
2	Hannah Green	70.063
3	Sei Young Kim	70.125

Race to the CME Globe Points		
1	Nelly Korda	3,285.00 points
2	Hannah Green	1,473.275 points
3	Lydia Ko	1,157.258 points

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole:](#) No. 18, par 5

The par-5 18th at the Seaview Bay Course has placed a premium 18th on extra distance off the tee in recent years. In 2023, an extra 20 yards off the tee helped players score one-third of a stroke better, the second highest such rate of any par five on the LPGA Tour. Nearly two-thirds of players made the better decision to go for the green with their second shot. Tournament winner Ashleigh Buhai implemented that strategy in 2023, going for the green in all three rounds.

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a season-long competition across the LPGA Tour that highlights the game's best players as they navigate some of the most strategically challenging holes on Tour. Players will take their best two scores from each Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winning woman will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 million prize.

[Race to CME Globe Update:](#)

The Race to the CME Globe continues on after the second major of the season, the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally, wrapped up last Sunday. Despite missing the cut, Nelly Korda maintains the first spot in the Race to CME Globe Points List with 3,285 points thanks to her six wins and seven top-10 finishes, but is not in the field this week at the ShopRite LPGA Classic.

No. 2 Hannah Green is in the field this week with 1,473.275 points after her two wins at the HSBC Women's World Championship and JM Eagle LA Championship as well as her runner-up finish at the Mizuho Americas Open. No. 3 Lydia Ko will not tee it up at Seaview but sits at 1,157.258 points with one win and three top-10 finishes under her belt this season. No. 4 Ayaka Furue has 1,019.452 points after her six top-10 finishes including her most recent back-to-back top-10 finishes at the Mizuho Americas Open (T7) and U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally (T6). Rounding out the top five spots is No. 5 Maja Stark is at 968.771, who will compete next at the Meijer LPGA Classic.

After her win last week at Lancaster Country Club for her second U.S. Women's Open title, Yuka Saso moved from No. 44 to No. 6 in the Race to the CME Globe with 951.542 points and sits 2,333 points behind Korda. USWO Runner-up Hinako Shibuno made one of the biggest moves of the season, jumping from 138th on the Points List to No. 32. Wichanee Meechai made her way into the top 60 for the first time this season (No. 56) after a T6 result last week from entering at 79th on the Points List. With her first top-10 finish of her LPGA Tour career at the USWO, Arpichaya Yubol jumped more than 70 spots in the standings, from No. 147 to No. 70.

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA event to qualify for the season-ending tournament, the CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion." The top 60 points earners and ties earn a spot into the season finale with the entire field competing for a \$11 million purse, increased from \$7 million last season, and is highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is the largest single prize in the history of women's golf.

[CME Group Cares Challenge – Score 1 for St. Jude Update:](#)

The CME Group Cares Challenge is a season-long charitable giving program that turns aces into donations. CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2024, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases. There have been six total holes-in-one made this season, bringing the 2024 donation total to \$120,000. The most recent hole-in-one was made at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally by Sophia Popov.

2024 Wins by Country (13 tournaments, 5 countries)

8 – United States of America (Nelly Korda (6), Bailey Tardy, Rose Zhang)

2 – Australia (Hannah Green (2))

1 – Japan (Yuka Saso)

1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)

1 – Thailand (Patty Tavatanakit)

2024 Wins by Player (13 tournaments, 7 players)

6 – 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)

2 – Hannah Green (HSBC Women’s World Championship, JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro)

1 – Lydia Ko (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)

1 – Yuka Saso (U.S. Women’s Open presented by Ally)

1 – Bailey Tardy (Blue Bay LPGA)

1 – Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand)

1 – Rose Zhang (Cognizant Founders Cup)

Average Age of 2024 Winners: 24.846

Youngest Winner: Rose Zhang (20 years, 11 months, 18 days)

Oldest Winner: Bailey Tardy (27 years, 7 months, 2 days)