



Performance Insights

19th Solheim Cup

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTELLIGENCE PACK

Please remember to visit kpmgperformanceinsights.com for all the tournament, season long and historical insights and statistics for every LPGA player.

KPMG Insight of the Week

*By strokes gained, the United States has a combined average LPGA Tour season ranking better in all four primary categories, with putting being the closest. They'll need that excellent play to beat a European side that has won or tied the last three Solheim Cups.

Average LPGA Season Rankings

Strokes Gained – By Roster

	Europe	United States
Off the Tee	52.9	44.3
Approach	54.0	30.3
Around Green	80.3	49.2
Putting	62.7	60.2

Solheim Cup Trends & Roster Analysis

*Singles play has been extremely close over the last four Solheim Cups:

Solheim Cup Singles

Last 4 Editions

Europe points	24½
United States points	23½

*Sides tied 6-6 in 3 of 4 years

*In 2023, the United States finally broke through in alternate shot, outscoring the European side 6 to 2. It was the first time they won that format since 2007.

Foursomes Points Won

Solheim Cup Since 2009

2009	Tied, 4-4
2011	Europe, 4½-3½
2013	Europe, 4½-3½
2015	Europe, 5-3
2017	Europe, 4½-3½
2019	Europe, 4½-3½
2021	Europe, 4½-3½
2023	USA, 6-2



Performance Insights

*In terms of four-ball, the trend has shifted recently to the European side having the advantage. In 2017-19, the Americans had a +7 point advantage in four-ball. Europe is +5 over the last two Cups.

Four-ball Scoring Last 4 Solheim Cups

	2017-19	2021-23
Europe points	4½	10½
United States points	11½	5½

*Europe has won or retained the Solheim Cup each of the last three times the contest has been held, a first for that side. The United States has won three straight on two different occasions.

Won or Retained Three Straight Solheim Cup History

United States	1994, '96, '98
United States	2005, '07, '09
Europe	2019, '21, '23

*Last year, the United States won six points in the foursomes format, tying their most in any single Solheim Cup (1998). It was only the third time the Americans have won 4.5 or more points in a Solheim Cup in the alternate shot format.

Most Foursomes Points Won United States at Solheim Cup

	Points	W-L-H
2023	6	6-2-0
1998	6	6-2-0
2007	4.5	3-2-3

*One of the Americans' biggest advantages on paper comes in their approach play:

Average LPGA Season Rankings Approach Play – By Roster

	Europe	United States
Strokes gained approach	54.0	30.3
Proximity 150-175 yards	51.7	38.4



Performance Insights

*10 of the 12 players on the American roster are ranked in the top-40 this LPGA season in bogey avoidance. Their average ranking as a team is 25.3, while Europe's is 54.6.

Bogey Avoidance This Season Roster Comparison

	Europe	United States
Average ranking	54.6	25.3
Top-15 players	0	5
Top-40 players	4	10

USA: Nelly Korda

*Though she's slowed down from the record pace she set earlier in the season, Nelly Korda is still among the leaders on the LPGA Tour in several key statistics:

Nelly Korda LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

SG Total	1st
Greens in regulation	2nd
SG Off the Tee	2nd
Total driving	4th
SG Tee to Green	4th

*Nelly Korda has found the green in regulation on par 4s and 5s more than 60% of the time this season. Her peers on the LPGA Tour average less than 50% GIR in those situations:

GIR Percentage After Missed Fairway Par 4s and 5s – LPGA Tour This Season

Nelly Korda	60.3%*
LPGA average	49.3%

*Best percentage on Tour

*After going 0-2-0 in alternate shot in 2021, Nelly teamed up with Allisen Corpuz to win both of her singles matches last year in Italy.

Nelly Korda Solheim Cup Foursomes Career

	Playing Partner	W-L-H
2019	J. Korda	2-0-0
2021	J. Korda/Ewing	0-2-0
2023	A. Corpuz	2-0-0



Performance Insights

USA: Lilia Vu

*Lilia Vu is in the top-ten in strokes gained putting again this season, just as she was in 2023:

Lilia Vu

Strokes Gained Putting – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+0.59	20th
2023	+0.86	10th
2024	+0.86	10th

*Lilia Vu won her singles match in Spain last year in her Solheim Cup debut but lost in each of her first three sessions of the week. Will she have a different set of results on home soil?

Lilia Vu

At 2023 Solheim Cup

Friday foursomes	DNP
Friday four-ball	Lost 1 DN with Thompson
Saturday foursomes	Lost 2&1 with Kupcho
Saturday four-ball	Lost 2&1 with Kang
Sunday singles	Won 4&3

USA: Megan Khang

*Megan Khang is among the LPGA Tour leaders in several ball striking statistics this year:

Megan Khang

LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

		LPGA Rank
Proximity 125-150 yards	17'0"	1st
SG Tee to Green	+1.75	2nd
Proximity 100-125 yards	15'0"	T-3rd
SG Approach	+1.16	4th

*Khang averages 15 feet from the hole on approaches from 100 to 125 yards this season. A look at how that stellar average compares to the LPGA Tour mean:

Approach Shots from 100-125 Yards

Average Proximity to the Hole – This Season

LPGA Tour average	19'4"
Megan Khang	15'0"



Performance Insights

USA: Lauren Coughlin

*Lauren Coughlin has gone from 72nd to 4th in strokes gained total in just two seasons:

Lauren Coughlin

Strokes Gained Total – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+0.09	72nd
2023	+0.40	55th
2024	+1.77	4th

*Since July 1, Coughlin leads the LPGA Tour in strokes gained total, is second in greens in regulation and third in strokes gained putting.

Lauren Coughlin

LPGA Tour Ranks Since July 1

		Rank
SG Total	+3.68	1st
Greens in regulation	81.9%	2nd
SG Ball Striking	+2.27	2nd
SG Putting	+1.22	3rd

*Coughlin's unbelievable improvement this season on the greens can take the lion's share of the credit for her career year:

Lauren Coughlin

Putting Ranks – Last 2 LPGA Seasons

	2023	2024
Strokes gained putting	123rd	14th
Putts per GIR	T-118th	T-22nd

USA: Allisen Corpuz

*Players on the LPGA Tour gain 2 or more strokes on the field with their approach play in 13.3% of their rounds this season. Allisen Corpuz does that almost twice as often as the average:

Rounds Gaining 2+ Strokes Approach LPGA Tour This Season

Tour average	13.3%
Allisen Corpuz	24.6%



Performance Insights

USA: Lexi Thompson

*Lexi Thompson has been excellent on the greens this season, ranking 13th on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting per round. She's in the top-three on the LPGA Tour in putt make percentage from 10-15 and 15-20 feet:

Lexi Thompson

Putting Ranks – LPGA Tour This Season

		Rank
Strokes gained putting	+0.73	13th
Putting 10-15 feet	45.0%	2nd
Putting 15-20 feet	28.3%	3rd

*Thompson has won five foursomes matches in her Solheim Cup career, tied for third-most in United States team history behind only Vice Captain Paula Creamer and Juli Inkster.

Most Foursomes Matches Won

U.S. Team – Solheim Cup History

Paula Creamer	7
Juli Inkster	6
Lexi Thompson	5
Dottie Pepper	5
Morgan Pressel	5

USA: Alison Lee

*Alison Lee has gained at least 3 strokes on the field with her ball striking in 11 different rounds this season on the LPGA Tour. No player competing for either side this week has more.

Most Rounds With 3+ SG Ball Striking

LPGA Tour This Season

Haeran Ryu	17
Mao Saigo	14
Minjee Lee	13
Alison Lee	11
Peiyun Chien	10



Performance Insights

EUR: Charley Hull

*Last season, Charley Hull was exceptional on and around the greens, gaining nearly a full stroke per round with her short game. She has flipped her strengths this season, gaining well over a stroke per round with her ball striking while barely losing strokes to the field with her short game.

Charley Hull Strokes Gained LPGA Tour Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
Ball Striking	+0.23	+1.22
Short Game	+0.98	-0.05

*Charley Hull has gained nearly three-quarters of a stroke per round off the tee on the LPGA Tour this season, the most of any on the European team and the second highest of any player competing this week (Nelly Korda).

SG Off the Tee Leaders Players Competing This Week

	Per Round
Nelly Korda	+0.86
Charley Hull	+0.73
Linn Grant	+0.69
Jennifer Kupcho	+0.64
Emily Kristine Pedersen	+0.54

EUR: Linn Grant

*Linn Grant has gained at least a full stroke off the tee in 22 rounds on the LPGA Tour this season, second only to Jennifer Kupcho

Rounds with 1+ SG Off the Tee LPGA Tour This Season

Jennifer Kupcho	23
Linn Grant	22
Alexa Pano	19
Nelly Korda	19
Polly Mack	19



Performance Insights

*Grant has four top-ten finishes this season on the LPGA Tour. Three of them have come in her last six starts, when her approach play has shown significant improvement.

Linn Grant

On LPGA Tour This Season

	First 11 Starts	Last 6 Starts
Top 10 finishes	1	3
SG Ball Striking	+0.87	+1.69
SG Approach	+0.08	+0.97

EUR: Carlota Ciganda

*In 2023, Carlota Ciganda became just the fifth player in Team Europe's history to have 4 or more wins and no losses or halves at a Solheim Cup:

4+ Match Wins and No Losses or Halves

Team Europe – All-Time at Solheim Cup

	W-L-H
2011 Sophie Gustafson	4-0-0
2013 Caroline Hedwall	5-0-0
2019 Celine Boutier	4-0-0
2019 Georgia Hall	4-0-0
2023 Carlota Ciganda	4-0-0

*Ciganda has won 4.5 singles points in her Solheim Cup career, tied for third-most in Team Europe history. Only Catriona Mathew and Laura Davies have won more all-time.

Most Singles Points Won

Team Europe – All-Time

Catriona Mathew	6.5
Laura Davies	6
Carlota Ciganda	4.5
Annika Sorenstam	4.5
Anna Nordqvist	4.5



Performance Insights

EUR: Celine Boutier

*Celine Boutier led the LPGA Tour last season in both bogey avoidance and scrambling percentage in 2023. She's fallen off a bit in both of those statistics to this point in 2024:

Celine Boutier

LPGA Tour Ranks – 2023 vs 2024

	2023	2024
Bogey avoidance	1st	48th
Scrambling	1st	73rd
Strokes gained total	6th	34th

EUR: Leona Maguire

*Leona Maguire ranks in the top-10 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained around the green for the third consecutive season:

Leona Maguire

Around the Greens – Last 3 Seasons

	SG Around Green	Scrambling
2022	9th	15th
2023	5th	6th
2024	8th	54th



Performance Insights

EUR: Anna Nordqvist

*Anna Nordqvist is second on the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained putting per round, best of any player competing this week in the Solheim Cup.

Most SG Putting Per Round This Season Players Competing This Week

		LPGA Rank
Anna Nordqvist	1.29	2nd
Madelene Sagstrom	0.92	5th
Lilia Vu	0.85	10th
Lexi Thompson	0.73	13th
Lauren Coughlin	0.70	14th

*Nordqvist has played in 15 foursomes matches in her Solheim Cup career, tied for second-most in Team Europe history.

Most Foursomes Matches Played Team Europe – All-Time

Catriona Mathew	17
Anna Nordqvist	15
Laura Davies	15
Annika Sorenstam	15
Suzann Pettersen	14