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2024 T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*One of the biggest keys to Nelly Korda’s exceptional play so far in 2024 has been her improved performance with approach shots. Korda is gaining more than a stroke per round against the field with her approaches this season – last year she averaged two-tenths of a stroke gained per round in that metric.

Nelly Korda

Approach Play – 2023 vs 2024

	2023	2024
SG Approach	+0.20	+1.02
Proximity to hole	29’0”	27’1”
Greens in regulation	73.4%	77.1%
GIR after missed fairway	57.0%	63.0%

Nelly Korda

*Nelly Korda has won three of her first four starts in the 2024 season. The last American player to do that was Kathy Whitworth in 1969. Whitworth started the 1969 season with a top-ten finish, then won her next four starts:

Americans to Win 3 of First 4 Starts in Season Last 2 Instances on LPGA Tour

	Whitworth	Korda
Year	1969	2024
First start	8th	T-16
Next 3 starts	3 wins	3 wins
Fifth start	Won	?

*Nelly is just the fourth player since 2000 to win three of her first four starts in a season. The other three players to do it combined to win 24 times in their respective seasons:

Won Three of First Four Starts LPGA Tour Seasons Since 2000

	Season wins
2000 Karrie Webb	7
2005 Annika Sorenstam	10
2008 Lorena Ochoa	7
2024 Nelly Korda	?



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*Nelly Korda is just the fifth American player in LPGA Tour history to win three or more times in a season before April 1. She's the first to do it since JoAnne Carner in 1980.

Three or More Wins Before April 1 American Players All-Time

	Wins
1953 Patty Berg	3
1954 Louise Suggs	3
1969 Kathy Whitworth	3
1980 JoAnne Carner	4
2024 Nelly Korda	3

*Korda is the first player – regardless of country – to pull it off since Yani Tseng in 2012.

Three or More Wins Before April 1 LPGA Tour Seasons Since 2000

	Wins
2000 Karrie Webb	4
2001 Annika Sorenstam	3
2005 Annika Sorenstam	3
2012 Yani Tseng	3
2024 Nelly Korda	3

*Korda is the first American player to win three or more consecutive LPGA Tour starts since Nancy Lopez in 1978.

Wins in Three or More Consecutive Starts American Players – LPGA Tour History

	Streak
1978 Nancy Lopez	5
1970 Shirley Englehorn	3
2024 Nelly Korda	3

*Korda is 40-under and gaining more than 3.3 strokes on the field per round over her last three starts:

Nelly Korda Last 3 LPGA Tour Starts

Score to par	-40
Rounds in 60s	10-for-12
Birdie or better Pct	30.6%
SG Total per round	+3.34



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Lydia Ko

*One of the biggest factors in Lydia Ko's strong start to 2024 has been her ability to keep bogeys off the scorecard. This season, she leads the LPGA Tour in bogey avoidance and bogey-free rounds.

Lydia Ko

LPGA Tour Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024*
Bogey or worse Pct	16.7%	8.6%
Bogey-free rounds	4	6

*Leads LPGA Tour in both categories

*Ko played her first 36 holes last week without a bogey, her 129th and 130th bogey-free round since the beginning of the 2014 season. That is 47 more than any other player in that span:

Most Bogey-Free Rounds

LPGA Tour – Since Beginning of 2014

Lydia Ko	130
Lizette Salas	83
Brooke Henderson	81
Ariya Jutanugarn	79

Ayaka Furue

*Ayaka Furue has recorded 54 rounds in the 60s over the last two seasons, six more than any other player in that span.

Most Rounds in the 60s

LPGA Tour – Last 2 Seasons

Ayaka Furue	54
Xiyu Lin	48
Brooke Henderson	47
Hyo Joo Kim	47
Nelly Korda	47

*Furue is consistently one of the best putters on the LPGA Tour:

Ayaka Furue

Strokes Gained Putting – Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
Per Round	+0.95	+0.86
LPGA Rank	9th	16th



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Lexi Thompson

*Thompson has 25 top-ten finishes since her last victory at the 2019 ShopRite LPGA Classic, the most of any player without a victory in that span:

Most Top-10 Finishes Without a Win Since 2019 ShopRite Classic

Lexi Thompson	25
Jeongeun Lee6	21
Carlota Ciganda	20
Xiyu Lin	20

*After a slow start to the season, Lexi Thompson had a strong week in Arizona, finishing in a share of third place.

Lexi Thompson On LPGA Tour This Season

	First 2 Starts	Last Week*
Score to par	+5	-17
Rounds in 60s	2	4
SG Total	+0.13	+2.25
Birdies or better	17	22

*25th top-10 since last win (most of any player on LPGA Tour in span)

Pajaree Anannarukarn

*Pajaree Anannarukarn struggled on the greens last season, ranking outside the top-100 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting. So far this season it has been a strength of her game as she ranks in the top-20 in that metric:

Pajaree Anannarukarn Strokes Gained Putting – Last 2 Seasons

	2023	2024
Per Round	-0.38	+0.80
LPGA Rank	108th	20th



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Rose Zhang

*Rose Zhang has been solid so far to begin her season, gaining more than a stroke per round on the competition, but it hasn't matched how she got last year going after turning pro:

Rose Zhang

First 3 Starts of LPGA Season – 2023 vs 2024

	2023	2024
Top 10 finishes	3	1
SG Total	+2.72	+1.13
SG Tee to Green	+2.07	+1.02

*Rose will try to bounce back after missing the cut last week in Arizona. After the first missed cut of her career at the 2023 Dana Open, she came back with a top-10 at the Evian in her next start:

Rose Zhang

Start After Missed Cut on LPGA Tour

Missed Cut	Next Start	Finish
Dana Open	Amundi Evian Champ.	T-9
Portland Classic	Kroger Queen City	T-31
Ford Champ.	T-Mobile Match Play	?

Ally Ewing

*Ally Ewing is in the top-20 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained tee-to-green for the third consecutive season. She's gaining well over a stroke per round in that statistic so far in 2024:

Ally Ewing

SG Tee to Green – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+1.35	8th
2023	+1.02	16th
2024	+1.04	18th

Leona Maguire

*Leona Maguire is again one of the leaders on Tour in strokes gained around the green:

Leona Maguire

SG Around the Green – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2022	+0.29	9th
2023	+0.45	5th
2024	+0.51	12th



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Megan Khang

*Megan Khang is one of just three players this season hitting 80% of her fairways, 70% of her greens in regulation and getting it up-and-down 70% of the time or more.

80% Fairways, 70% GIR & 70% Scrambling Or Better – LPGA Tour This Season

	Fairways	GIR	Scrambling
Ayaka Furue	88.8%	73.2%	72.6%
Megan Khang	84.2%	73.4%	73.1%
Sarah Schmelzel	81.5%	71.0%	70.4%

*On the rare occasion she misses a fairway, though, Khang has still been extremely accurate with her approach shots. She's hit 71% of her GIR after a missed fairway this season, the second-highest rate on the LPGA Tour:

Highest GIR Percentage After Missed Fairway LPGA Tour This Season

Bailey Tardy	73.9%
Megan Khang	71.0%
Lydia Ko	68.7%
3 players tied	66.7%

Brooke Henderson

*Brooke Henderson has been more accurate off the tee so far this season compared to last, leading to her nearly doubling her strokes gained driving average:

Brooke Henderson Off the Tee – Last 2 LPGA Seasons

	2023	2024
SG Off the Tee	+0.33	+0.61
LPGA Rank	32nd	15th
Fairways hit	72.7%	78.0%