U.S. Women's Open Presented by Ally
Lancaster Country Club | Lancaster, Pa. | May 30-June 2, 2024

Final-Round Notes
June 2, 2024

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Course Setup: 35-35 – 70; 6,382 yards
Scoring Average: R1: 75.210; R2: 74.850; R3: 72.040; R4: 72.490
Weather: Mostly cloudy day with moisture lurking and temperatures reaching the lower 80s by early afternoon; SW winds 6-12 mph with gusts between 12-18 mph at times
Race to CME Globe Points: 650 points (winner)
Purse: $12 million (winner's portion is $2,400,000)
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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
1	Yuka Saso	-4	68-71-69-68—276
2	Hinako Shibuno	-1	71-70-66-72—279
T3	Ally Ewing	E	74-72-68-66—280
T3	Andrea Lee	E	69-69-67-75—280
5	Arpichaya Yubol	+1	72-72-68-69—281

YUKA SASO WINS SECOND U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TITLE AT LANCASTER COUNTRY CLUB

Carnage. That was the word of the day on Sunday at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally as virtually every name at the top of the leaderboard struggled to tame the beast that is Lancaster Country Club. But it was 2021 U.S. Women's Open champion **Yuka Saso** who ultimately slayed the dragon of a venue to hoist the Harton S. Semple trophy at the conclusion of the 79th playing of the major championship, emerging victoriously from a wildly dramatic final day in Pennsylvania.

At the start of the final round, **Andrea Lee, Minjee Lee** and **Wichanee Meechai** were tied at the top at 5-under. Playing in the penultimate pairing with Hinako Shibuno, Meechai immediately bogeyed to drop back to 4-under, and Andrea did the same to sit in a tie with Meechai as Minjee surged to 6-under after sticking her approach shot to 10 feet on the 1st hole and holing her birdie putt.

Meechai then fell even further with a bogey on the par-4 2nd hole, and after she tripled the par-3 6th hole, the Thailand native took herself completely out of the conversation at Lancaster Country Club, making three bogeys and a birdie in her final 12 holes to finish in a tie for sixth at 2-over total.

After Minjee made her first bogey of the round on the third hole to slip back to 5-under, Andrea made a mess of the par-4, 4th hole, carding a double bogey after finding the water off the tee to drop to 2-under total. Two holes later, Minjee three-putted six en route to her second bogey of the round, now at 4-under overall. She then bogeyed nine to sit at 3-under, still holding a two-shot lead over Andrea with nine holes to play.
With Andrea lurking at 1-under, Minjee again made a bogey on the 10th hole to drop to 2-under total, and her advantage completely evaporated after a watery tee shot on the par-3 12th hole caused the two-time major champion to double the hardest hole of the week.
With the Aussie on the ropes, Andrea capitalized, draining a 16-foot birdie putt on 12 to get back to 2-under and give herself a chance to do the improbable down the stretch at the year's second major championship.

But 2021 U.S. Women's Open champion **Yuka Saso** had other plans. She started the round three shots behind the trio of leaders, grabbing a birdie on the second hole to move to 3-under overall.

A four-putt double bogey on the par-3 6th hole took the wind out of Saso's sails, dropping her back to 1-under, where the Japan native stayed until she birdied the difficult par-3 12th hole to get back to 2-under and move to the top of the heap. Saso made another birdie on the par-5 13th hole to jump to 3-under, and as everyone desperately tried to make up ground, the 22-year-old threw it into cruise control in her final five holes at Lancaster Country Club.

Saso stuck her 188-yard approach shot on the par-4 15th hole to five feet, knocking in her resulting birdie putt to move to 4-under overall, now two ahead of Andrea. She hit the green on the drivable 239-yard par-4 16th hole, two-putting for birdie to get to 5-under total. Saso then dropped a shot on the par-3 17th hole to slip back to 4-under and hold just a two-shot lead with one hole to play.

After finding the fairway on the par-4 18th hole, Saso left her second shot short, giving herself a nervy up-and-down to secure the victory. But like a battle-tested veteran, Saso didn't appear to bat an eye in one of the biggest moments of her young career, chipping her third shot to 21 inches and holing her par putt to post the clubhouse lead at 4-under.

And when Andrea made another bogey on 17 to slip back to 1-under, it was Saso who was celebrating in scoring at Lancaster Country Club, victorious once again at the U.S. Women's Open.

“Since 2021, I haven't won after that,” said Saso of her second LPGA Tour victory. “I think it makes it special because after a long wait, and I wasn't expecting to win the U.S. Women's Open, the last time, too, I wasn't expecting it, and this time, too, I wasn't expecting it. I think that's why it made me a bit emotional. Winning just makes you look back on all the things that your family and your team and my sponsors, they supported me throughout good or bad.”

A LOOK AT THE CHAMPION

CATEGORY	Yuka Saso
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	5*
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	1
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	2
2024 Season Earnings	$2,608,316
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	18
Career Money (LPGA)	$6,721,972
Career LET Wins	0
Career Epson Tour Wins	0

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ABOUT THE CHAMPION

- Saso hit 8 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens in regulation, with 31 putts on Sunday
    - Saso ended the week ranked:
        - First in strokes gained putting (+3.19)
        - Second in strokes gained off the tee (+1.36) against the field
        - Third in putts (114; 1.76 average)
        - Third in driving distance (280.7 average)
- With the victory, Saso:
    - 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
    - Becomes the youngest player to win the U.S. Women’s Open twice
    - Is the first player since Brooke Henderson to four-putt a hole in the final round of a women’s major championship and go on to win
        - Henderson won the 2022 Amundi Evian Championship and had a four-putt on No. 6 on the final day
    - Becomes the 16th player to win at least two U.S. Women’s Open titles in her career
    - Is now the 53rd different player to win at least two major championships in her career
    - Is the first player to win the U.S. Women’s Open under two different country flags, and the first Japanese winner of the U.S. Women’s Open
        - In 2021, Saso won while representing the Philippines
        - She currently represents Japan
    - Is the first Japanese major champion since **Hinako Shibuno** at the 2019 AIG Women’s Open
    - Is the third-ever Japanese golfer to win any women’s major championship, joining Shibuno and **Hisako Higuchi** (1977 KPMG Women’s PGA Championship)
    - Is the seventh different winner on the LPGA Tour this season, and first from Japan
        - She is the first Japanese winner on Tour since **Mone Inami** at the 2023 TOTO Japan Classic
- Saso wins the major in her sixth USWO appearance
    - She made her first start in Charleston, missing the cut after shooting 71-77
    - She has recorded two additional top-20 finishes in the major along with her two victories
- She won the 2021 U.S. Women’s Open in her fourth start in any major championship
    - She defeated **Nasa Hataoka** in an aggregate-score playoff at The Olympic Club
    - She matched Inbee Park exactly as the youngest winner in the championship’s history with her win (19 years, 11 months, 17 days)
- This week was Saso’s 18th start in any major
    - In 2023, she recorded two top-three major finishes, a solo second at the KPMG Women’s PGA Championship and a tie for third at The Amundi Evian Championship
- This was Saso’s ninth event of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
    - Prior to the victory, her last top-10 finish in a stroke-play event was a tie for fifth at the 2023 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G

THINGS TO KNOW

- This is the first major championship in women’s or men’s golf history where players representing Japan finished first and second
- **Hinako Shibuno** earned her first top-five result of the season finishing solo second
    - It is her first runner-up finish since the 2022 LOTTE Championship and the second of her career
        - This is her first top-three finish since the 2022 AIG Women’s Open
        - This is Shibuno’s first top-five finish since the 2022 LPGA MEDIHEAL Championship
        - This is her first top-10 finish since the 2023 LPGA Drive On Championship at Superstition Mountain
    - This is just the second time Shibuno has made the cut at a U.S. Women’s Open
        - She last made the cut in 2019, going on to finish fourth
    - Shibuno was one of five Japanese players to finish inside the top 10
    - She earned $1.296 million in her runner-up performance
- **Andrea Lee** finished T3, her best finish at a U.S. Women’s Open in six total starts (three as an LPGA Tour Member)
    - This is the first time she has finished inside the top-three of a tournament since the 2022 BMW Ladies Championship
    - She earns her fourth top-10 finish of the 2024 season and second top five
    - This is her best finish at a major this season
        - She finished T17 at The Chevron Championship in April
    - This is her best finish at a U.S. Women’s Open
        - She finished T15 in 2022
        - As a Member, she has finished inside the top 20 in her three starts
- **Ally Ewing** finished in a tie for third with Lee, her second top-five finish of the 2024 Tour season
    - This is her first top-five finish at a major championship in her career
        - This is her fifth top-10 finish at any major championship
    - This is Ewing’s best finish at a U.S. Women’s Open

        - She finished T10 in 2023
    - This is her third career third-place finish and first since the 2019 ShopRite LPGA Classic
- **Arpichya Yubol** finished solo fifth to earn her first top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour
    - The 2023 rookie came into the week with $6,019 in official season earnings
    - Yubol made just her second cut of this season at Lancaster Country Club
    - This is Yubol's first made cut at a major championship since 2023
    - Her solo fifth result is her new career-best finish on Tour
        - Her previous career-best finish was first recorded at the 2023 Women's Scottish Open (T13)
    - Yubol was one of three Thai players to finish inside the top 10

QUOTABLES

Andrea Lee (T3, E) on her takeaways from this year's U.S. Women's Open:

"A lot of positives to take away from the week. This was my last time being in the last group of a major championship, both the third and fourth rounds. I was extremely nervous, but I feel like I learned a lot about how to control my emotions out here. Definitely a lot of positives to take away. I feel like this is only going to make me stronger in the long run and give me some confidence going into the rest of the season."

Ally Ewing (T3, E) on what the support and crowds were like this week at Lancaster Country Club:

"It was great. I definitely remember that from 2015. That week was really a blur because I got in on Tuesday night and I got here Wednesday, and I only got nine holes in. I really remembered the crowd support and the Lancaster area. It's always exciting when you get to a good venue that's a really good challenge but then also you have a lot of spectators and fans that show up for it, so that's great."

Asterisk Talley (T44, +!2) on what the 15-year-old learned about herself during her first major championship appearance:

"I can make par from anywhere. My dad used to always tell me that all the time. I was like, yeah, yeah, whatever. But I had so many putts yesterday, three-putts everywhere, and I probably had like 20 putts today, but they were all for par. But I missed a bunch of fairways. My irons weren't working today vaery well, but I made like all of my par putts almost. It was pretty crazy out there. Yeah, I can make par from anywhere basically."

Hinako Shibuno (2, -1) on the great success the Japanese players had this week:

"I mentioned this yesterday, that the Japanese players did very well. I think part of the reason is they hit it very straight, and despite that this course is difficult. There's a lot of ups and downs and it's slopey. However, the greens here are similar, somewhat similar, to greens in Japan. Maybe that's why they did very well."

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Yuka Saso hoists the U.S. Women's Open trophy
In Gee Chun Suprises Yuka Saso After Her Win
Danielle Kang Supporting Andrea Lee Before She Tees Off

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes – 63, Helen Alfredsson (1994, R1)
36 holes – 132, Helen Alfredsson (1994)
54 holes – 200, Minjee Lee (2022)
72 holes – 271, Minjee Lee (2022)