



Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
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Final-Round Notes
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Course Setup: 36-35 – 71; 5,990 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 70.195, R2: 69.950, R3: 68.714

Weather: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy with dry conditions. N/NW winds increasing to 10-15 mph in the after and a few higher gusts near 18mph; temperature highs of low 80s (F)

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 points (winner)

Purse: \$3 million; winner's portion is \$450,000

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LEADERBOARD			
	Player	To par	Score
1	Jasmine Suwannapura	-17	63-72-61 – 196
2	Lucy Li	-17	71-65-60 – 196
3	Sei Young Kim	-16	69-65-63 – 197
T4	Mao Saigo	-14	67-67-65 – 199
T4	Arpichaya Yubol	-14	68-65-66 – 199
6	Ashleigh Buhai	-13	64-67-69 – 200

SUWANNAPURA PULLS AWAY FROM PLAYOFF VICTORIOUS AT WALMART NW ARKANSAS CHAMPIONSHIP

In dramatic fashion at Pinnacle Country Club, **Jasmine Suwannapura** earned her third career LPGA Tour victory at the 2024 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G after making an eagle on the second extra hole to win in a playoff over **Lucy Li**. The duo shot rounds of 61 and 60, respectively, on Sunday at Pinnacle Country Club to land in a tie for first place at 17-under after 54 holes.

Teeing off in the ninth-to-last group and beginning her day in a tie for 25th, Li started her record-breaking round with a birdie on No.1. She carded two bogeys in the next three holes after a pair of three-putts to drop two shots. But in her next seven holes, the 2023 rookie went on a tear, carding five birdies and an eagle on the par-4 8th hole to jump to 12-under par and take the lead. With seven holes remaining, Li made eagles on the last two par 5s (holes 14 and 18) and a birdie on No. 15 to break the 18-hole tournament scoring record and best her career-low 18-hole score by four shots.

“I started with a birdie, and then I was hitting it good. I had a couple of three-putts. Just wasn’t feeling it. I made a couple like 6-foot birdie putts, and that gave me some confidence,” said Li, whose previous career-best finish was a tie for fourth that came at the 2022 Dana Open and the 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship. “On eight, I hit the fairway and was behind the tree a little. It suited my eye perfectly. I hit a little draw with the 5-iron. That pin back there is really tough. I didn’t see it go in, but I heard a roar by the green. I holed out on nine yesterday for eagle, too. Just really crazy.”

In the group behind Li, Suwannapura started her day ready to make a charge and opened her final round with two birdies in the first two holes. She picked up one more birdie on the front nine on the par-3 6th hole to turn at 10-under overall and sit in a tie with Li. Suwannapura then picked up back-to-back birdies on Nos. 10 and 11, and Nos. 13 and 14 to get to 14-under. She made birdie on the 16th hole, and after watching Li in the group ahead make an eagle on 18, Suwannapura knew she would need to respond with the same to tie with Li. Suwannapura found the green in two and made her resulting eagle putt to post at 17-under, heading into scoring to wait and see if she would finish atop the leaderboard alongside Li.

“The crowd was pretty loud, and it was probably a 30-foot putt. I figured it was her (Li’s) eagle putt. All I think was I just have work to do. I have to do my own work. I have to finish it. I have to make the best out of it,” said Suwannapura about watching Li finish her final round. “The second shot wasn’t the easiest shot on my 18. I hit it to the right side. I got a free drop from the stand, like a little sign, and I actually slipped on that shot, and it went straight for the pin. I’m like, okay. So Fassi was like, let’s go. It was right at the pin. It’s straight at it. It was so good. She was just like, I think it was next to the pin. The TV guy said it’s about three feet. I’m like, awesome. Well, we walk up there and Fassi say, might as well do it, man. Just finish it. I did my best out there and made the putt.”

After the final groups completed play on Sunday, Li and Suwannapura headed to the 18th tee to start the first and second playoffs of their respective LPGA Tour careers. On the first extra hole, both players landed in the center of the fairway on the par 5 and hit their second shots onto the green for chances at eagle. Further away, Suwannapura went first, and her ball stopped just short of rolling into the cup, so she ultimately tapped in for birdie. About 20 feet away with a downhill right-to-left putt, Li missed her eagle try low of the hole, also cleaning up her birdie, and the pair then headed back up to the 18th tee.

On the second go-around, Li pulled her drive left in the rough, and Suwannapura again landed in the center of the fairway. Both players knocked their second shots towards the green, with Li’s approach sitting on the fringe, more than 50 feet away, and Suwannapura’s shot stopping 15 feet to the right of the flag. After Li’s third shot wound up short of the hole, Suwannapura dropped her right-to-left eagle putt in the center of the cup to claim her first LPGA Tour victory in five years.

“This week, I think my mindset was pretty solid. My mental was really good on this week,” said Suwannapura. “Literally it was hole by hole, shot by shot, and it’s actually filter out a lot of good and bad things out of my mind. I’m very focused to have that eagle putt with that situation. I said, you better finish it here, or it’s going to be a while, and I might not have another chance to putt for the win again. So, yeah. Just do it, and I made it.”

While the final result was a bit disappointing for the 21-year-old, Li couldn’t have been happier to have a shot at a title on Sunday afternoon in Arkansas. “It’s great to be in contention. Jasmine played so great. She eagled 18 and eagled it again in the playoff,” said Li, who was in her first playoff on the LPGA Tour. “I feel like I really couldn’t have done much. It’s always better to lose to someone winning than it is to lose, so I’m really happy for her, and I’m feeling good about the final stretch of the year.”

Finishing one shot behind Li and Suwannapura, **Sei Young Kim** came solo third after making a left-to-right 20-footer for eagle on the 18th. With rounds of 65 and 66 to finish in a tie for fourth, 2024 rookie **Mao Saigo** earned her sixth top-10 finish of her career, and **Arpichaya (Piano) Yubol** notched a top-five finish in her first appearance at the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship. Round-two leader **Ashleigh Buhai** shot a final-round 69 to finish in sixth place and record her best finish on Tour since her victory at the 2023 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer.

Lauren Hartlage, Jennifer Kupcho, Linnea Strom, Jeeno Thitikul and **Nasa Hataoka** finished in a tie for seventh place at 12-under in the 18th edition of the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship. The Tour now heads to Asia to begin the second swing of Asian events starting at the Buick LPGA Shanghai in the People’s Republic of China on Oct. 10.

A LOOK AT THE CHAMPION

CATEGORY	Jasmine Suwannapura
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	27
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	1
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	4
2024 Season Earnings	\$687,702
Career LPGA Tour Wins	3
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	17
Career Money (LPGA)	\$4,054,098
Career Epsom Tour Wins	1

ABOUT THE CHAMPION

[Rolex Rankings No. 110 Jasmine Suwannapura](#)

- Suwannapura earns her third career victory, and first since she won the 2019 Dow Championship with partner **Cydney Clanton**
- She shot a career-low 61 in the final round, including a 28 on the back nine
 - She is the 32nd player since 1980 to shoot a raw score of 28 on nine holes
 - Her 28 on the back nine ties the second-lowest 9-hole raw score in LPGA Tour history
 - Her 61 bests her previous career low 18-hole score by two strokes
 - It ties the second-lowest final round by a winner in LPGA Tour history, behind **Linnea Strom**, who shot a final-round 60 at the 2024 ShopRite LPGA Classic Presented by Acer

- She is the fourth player to win in a playoff this season, along with Korda (2), Vu and **Haeran Ryu**
 - This is her second playoff victory on the LPGA Tour
 - She defeated **Brittany Lincicome** in a one-hole playoff in 2018 to win the Dana Open
- She is the fifth player from Thailand to win on Tour this year, joining **Moriya Jutanugarn** (Portland Classic), **Patty Tavatanakit** (Honda LPGA Thailand), **Jeeno Thitikul** (Dow Championship) and **Chanettee Wannasaen** (Dana Open)
- She is the 18th different winner on Tour in 2024
- She joins **Jeeno Thitikul** (3), **Moriya Jutanugarn** (3) and **Ariya Jutanugarn** (12) as players from Thailand to earn at least three career Tour titles
- She is the fourth different Tour winner aged 30 or older this season (31 years, 10 months and 9 days)
 - This is the first time since 2022 that there have been at least four winners of 30 years or older in a single season
- She earns the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship title in her sixth appearance at Pinnacle Country Club
 - Suwannapura has never missed the cut in this event
 - Her previous best finish was T28 in 2020
- She crosses the \$4 million mark in official career earnings with the \$450,000 winner's prize (\$4,054,098)
- Suwannapura is making her 24th start of the 2024 Tour season
 - Her previous best finish this season was T5 at the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship
 - Prior to her T19 finish last week at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G, she missed five consecutive cuts from the CPKC Women's Open to the FM Championship
 - She has played every event on the 2024 LPGA Tour schedule except the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - She has made the most starts of any LPGA Tour player this season (24)
- This is her 13th season on the LPGA Tour
 - She has two career victories (2018 Dana Open and the 2019 Dow Championship)
 - She earned Membership for 2012 after tying for 29th at Final Qualifying in 2011
- She has one win on the Ladies European Tour, and one on the Epson Tour
- Her husband, Michael Thomas, is on her bag this week

THINGS TO KNOW

- There were 18 players who carded all three rounds in the 60s this week at Pinnacle Country Club
- Pajaree Anannarukarn (T17, -10) played 47 holes bogey-free (R1: No. 1 – R3: No. 11)
- **Lucy Li's** final-round 60 is a new career-low and tournament scoring record
 - She becomes the seventh player in Tour history to record an 18-hole score of 60
 - She is the second player to record a 60 this season following **Linnea Strom** in the final round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic
 - She is the third player to ever record a 60 in the third round of an event, along with Strom and **Jessica Korda** (60, R3, 2021 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)
 - She carded three eagles during her Sunday round (Nos. 8, 14 and 18)
 - She ties the LPGA Tour record for most eagles in one round, and is the seventh player to do so in Tour history
 - She is the first since Jane Park at the 2017 AIG Women's Open at Kingsbarns Golf Links (Nos. 4, 13 and 15; R4)
 - Her 10 sub-pars in the final round ties the second-most sub-pars in a round record this year on Tour
 - She is the first to do so since Haeran Ryu at the FM Championship (10, R2)
 - This was Li's first playoff appearance on the LPGA Tour, and her new career-best finish
 - It was her third top-10 finish of the 2024 Tour season
 - This was Li's 21st start of the year
 - Her previous best finish was T4 at her season debut, the LPGA Drive On Championship
 - She has missed nine cuts this season
- **Sei Young Kim's** 63 is her best round on Tour since a 63 in the second round of the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
 - This is the first time she's carded three straight rounds in the 60s at an event since the Ford Championship pres. by KCC this past March
 - Her solo third is her best finish on Tour in an individual stroke-play event since a tie for third at the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - She also finished T3 at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
- **Mao Saigo** and **Arpichaya Yubol** finished in a tie for fourth at -14
 - Both Saigo and Yubol were making their debut in the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
 - The 199 is a new career-low 54-hole score for both players, and the first time either player have broken 200 after 54 holes of an LPGA Tour event
- Sponsor invite and University of Arkansas sophomore **Maria Jose Marin** finished as the leading Razorback in a tie for 17th (-9)
 - This was her debut appearance in an LPGA Tour event
 - She tied for the most birdies across the field (19) with **Ashleigh Buhai, Lauren Hartlage, Jennifer Kupcho and Gaby Lopez**
 - She will play in next week's Blessings Collegiate Invitational, which she won in 2023
 - The rest of the Razorback alum finishes: **Gaby Lopez** (T27, -8) and **Stacy Lewis** (T44, -6) and **Maria Fassi** (T58, -5)
- **Nanna Koerstz Madsen** (T68, -3) carded a double eagle on the par-5 14th
 - Her second shot was from 164 yards with a seven iron
 - It is the 51st double eagle recorded on Tour since 1980
 - It is the first albatross on Tour since Gina Kim at the 2024 ShopRite LPGA Classic (R2, No. 9)
 - This is the first in the final round since Lindsay Weaver-Wright at the 2020 ShopRite LPGA Classic (R4, No. 9)
- Defending champion **Haeran Ryu** missed the cut on Saturday

QUOTABLES

Sei Young Kim (3rd, -16) on her solo third-place finish:

"I realize on the course, okay, I know -- I knew how to handle -- I played under the pressure. Last couple years I couldn't overcome. So today I can see how to play well, so giving myself good confidence for the future. So I'm very looking forward in the future tournament."

Arpichaya (Piano) Yubol (T4, -14) on her first time playing in the final group on a Sunday:

"Oh, actually the first tee and the first shot I hit a little bit thin, and talk with my caddie, I hit a little bit thin. And then my caddie tell me, it's okay. It's fine. Hit the fairway. So just do your best, and everything happen is happen. And I think today, yeah, I'm play everything with smile and try to keep control can I do. It's pretty good. Still finish top 10 and I can still do 5-under on today. Especially like last hole, like a big crowd, like many people. On third shot I hit a little bit short. On the first putt I still like confident but excited coming together. Then, okay, everything happen is happen and I made a birdie."

Sponsor invite and amateur Maria Jose Marin (T17, -10) on playing in her first LPGA Tour event:

"It gives me a lot of confidence, I'm not going to lie. As you said, I was expecting to make the cut and now I see that my game has a lot more to grow. So I know if I keep practicing and following the same path that I am following I can get into this and this can be my life in the future, like in three, four, five years."

Former Razorback and U.S. Solheim Cup captain Stacy Lewis (T44, -6) on the presence of Razorbacks in this tournament:

"I think you see the effects of this tournament, and having the ability to play in this as amateurs, getting the experience to play with professionals, these three specifically, are prime examples of what a tournament like this does for a community. And so just the way that all of them are supported here, no matter where they're from, it's really a homecoming for us and a week we look forward to."

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- Jasmine Suwannapura Final Round Highlights
- Lucy Li - Final Round Interview
- Sei Young Kim - Final Round Interview

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[Jasmine Suwannapura is dialed. She'll have that for eagle and to take home the trophy](#)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 60, Lucy Li (R4, 2024)

36 holes – 126, Anna Nordqvist (2020) and So Yeon Ryu (2017)

54 holes – 192, Nasa Hataoka (2018)