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Round 2 Recap: Walmart NW Arkansas Championship

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Top Notes to Know From Round 2

- *Ashleigh Buhai: 2nd outright lead entering final round on LPGA Tour (won other instance)
- *Ashleigh Buhai: 27.5% tournament win probability entering final round
- *Dottie Ardina: 24-for-24 putting inside 10 feet this week (118+ feet of putts made each day)
- *Jeenoo Thitikul: 67.9 scoring average, 3.37 SG total per round last 10 LPGA rounds played

*This will be the third time in her LPGA Tour career that Ashleigh Buhai will hold the lead entering the final round. She has gone on to win 1 of the previous 2 times:

Ashleigh Buhai

Leads Entering Final Round – LPGA Tour

	Led by	Final Rd Score	Finish
2022 AIG Women’s Open	5 strokes	75	Won
2023 BMW Ladies Championship	Co-leader	74	T-13
2024 Walmart NW Arkansas	1 stroke	?	?

*KPMG Performance Insights give Ashleigh Buhai a greater than 25% chance to close the deal tomorrow, with past champions Nasa Hataoka and Gaby Lopez having the second and third highest chances to win:

Win Probability Entering Final Round Walmart NW Arkansas Championship

Ashleigh Buhai	27.5%
Nasa Hataoka	11.3%
Jeenoo Thitikul	8.5%
Gaby Lopez	8.4%
Dottie Ardina	6.9%

*Dottie Ardina’s 36-hole total of 132 is the lowest of her LPGA Tour career:

Dottie Ardina Lowest Opening 36-Holes LPGA Tour Career

	36-Hole Total	Finish
2024 Walmart NW Arkansas	132 (-10)	?
2023 Walmart NW Arkansas	134 (-8)	T-10
2019 Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic	135 (-9)	T-15
2023 ShopRite Classic	137 (-5)	T-49



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*Ardina's putter has been excellent this week, sinking over 100 feet of putts in rounds 1 and 2. She also has yet to miss a putt inside of 10 feet this week, going a perfect 24-for-24.

Dottie Ardina Putting Rounds 1 and 2

	Round 1	Round 2
Total Putts	25	28
Feet of Putts Made	126'	118'
Putts Made of 10+ Feet	5	5
Putting from >10 Feet	12-for-12	12-for-12

*Jeeno Thitikul continues her run of excellent golf, opening with back-to-back rounds of 67 to sit 3 strokes back of the leader entering the final round. She is now a combined -39 over her last 10 rounds on the LPGA Tour, gaining well over 3 strokes per round.

Jeeno Thitikul Scoring LPGA Tour – Last 10 Rounds

Score to Par	-39
Scoring Average	67.9
Rounds in 60s	8
Birdie or Better Pct.	30.6%
SG Total	+3.37

*Lexi Thompson was 3-for-3 on putts from 10-15 feet in round 2 and is 4-for-5 overall from that range this week. For the season, she ranks as the second-best player on the LPGA Tour from that distance, sinking 44% of her attempts (min. 20 rounds).

Putting from 10-15 Feet LPGA Tour – This Season

	Make Percentage
Angel Yin	51.1%
Lexi Thompson*	44.0%
Nelly Korda	41.9%
Jaravee Boonchant	41.0%
Moriya Jutanugarn	40.0%

*4-for-5 from that range this week