



**The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican**  
Pelican Golf Club | Belleair, FL | Nov. 13-16, 2025  
**First-Round Notes**  
November 13, 2025

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**Course Setup:** 35-35 – 70, 6,267 Yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 70.713

**Weather:** Sunny skies throughout the day with morning temperatures in the upper 40s and climbing into the lower 70s this afternoon. Light and variable NW winds peaking around 5-10 mph.

**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)

**Purse:** \$3.25 million USD (winner's prize, \$487,500)

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**LEADERBOARD**

|    | Player          | To par | Score |
|----|-----------------|--------|-------|
| 1  | Haeran Ryu      | -6     | 64    |
| 2  | Grace Kim       | -5     | 65    |
| 3  | Jennifer Kupcho | -4     | 66    |
| T4 | Charley Hull    | -3     | 67    |
| T4 | Somi Lee        | -3     | 67    |
| T4 | Mao Saigo       | -3     | 67    |
| T4 | Leona Maguire   | -3     | 67    |

**COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1st: **Haeran Ryu** opened with a 6-under-par 64
  - Recorded seven birdies, including four in a row on Nos. 4-7
  - Hit 14/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation and had 28 putts
  - This is the third time that Ryu has opened with a 64
    - Other times include the 2024 Maybank Championship (finished 3rd) and the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship (won)

- First time leading or co-leading after the first round since the 2025 Black Desert Championship, went on to win
- Finished T13 in her last tournament start at the Maybank Championship in Malaysia
- 2nd: **Grace Kim** recorded an opening round 65
  - Carded six birdies and a bogey
  - Hit 14/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation and had 27 putts
  - Finished T23 her last time at this event in 2023
  - Was a member of the winning Australia team at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
  - Won The Amundi Evian Championship in July for her first major championship victory
- 3rd: **Jennifer Kupcho** carded a 66 in the first round
  - Made six birdies and two bogeys including one on the last hole, No. 18
  - Hit 12/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulations with 27 putts
  - Currently fourth in the Aon Risk Reward Challenge, which concludes on Sunday
    - Has a chance to pass leader, Minjee Lee with a good performance on No. 14 over the next three rounds
  - Her best finish at this event is T22 in 2021
  - One of the 28 different winners this season with her win at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
- T4: **Somi Lee, Mao Saigo, Leona Maguire and Charley Hull** each opened with 67s respectively
  - Lee carded four birdies a bogey
    - Hit 13/14 fairways, 11/18 greens in regulation and had 25 putts
    - Finished T10 last week at the TOTO Japan Classic
    - Became a Rolex First Time Winner at the Dow Championship in June
    - This is her first appearance at this event
  - Saigo recorded six birdies and three bogeys
    - Hit 12/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation, and had 29 putts
    - Missed the cut at this event last year
    - Became a Rolex First Time winner at the 2025 Chevron Championship
  - Maguire opened with a 3-under-par first round
    - Hit 12/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation and carded 29 putts
    - Missed the cut at this event last year
    - Two-time ANNIKA Award Winner (2015 and 2017)
  - Hull started her week with six birdies, one bogey and one double bogey
    - Hit 9/14 fairways, 13/18 greens in regulation and 27 putts
    - Finished T2 at this event last year
    - Won this year at the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
- Defending champion **Nelly Korda** opened with a first-round 71.
  - This is her highest round at this event, previous high round was a final round 70 in 2023 when she finished T25
- All three sponsor invitations currently sit over par
  - **Lauryn Nguyen** recorded a 1-over-par 71
  - **Anne-Sterre den Dunnen (a)** opened with a 2-over-par 72

- **Kai Trump (a)** carded a 13-over-par 83

### A LOOK AT THE LEADER

| CATEGORY                          | Haeran Ryu |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 2025 Race to CME Globe Rank       | 24         |
| 2025 LPGA Tour Wins               | 1          |
| 2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s            | 3          |
| 2025 Official Season Earnings     | \$1.2M     |
| Career LPGA Tour Wins             | 3          |
| Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s | 22         |
| Career Official Money             | \$5.5M     |

### ABOUT THE LEADER

#### Rolex Rankings No. 13 Haeran Ryu

- This is her third start at The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
  - 2024 – T20; 2023 – T12
- In 2025: One win, three top-10 finishes, 17 cuts made in 21 starts
  - Three top-10 finishes including one win at the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion
  - Has only missed one cut in her last eight starts
  - Is currently No. 24 in the Race to the CME Globe
- Career: Three wins and 22 top 10s with \$5.5 million in Official Career earnings
  - Won the 2025 Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion, the 2024 FM Championship, and the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
  - 2023 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
- Five-time winner on the KLPGA
  - 2020 KLPGA Rookie of the Year

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 61, Amy Yang (R3, 2023)

36 holes – 128, Emily Kristine Pedersen (2023)

54 holes – 192, Emily Kristine Pedersen (2023)

72 holes – 261, Lilia Vu (2023)

### QUOTABLE

*Haeran Ryu (1, -6) on having one of her best rounds of recent tournaments*

"Yeah, today my shot is good and putter is good and everything. I'm so happy to make some a lot of birdies today. I think -- I don't remember to this score at this year -- I think this score is a long time ago I hit it, and I'm so happy to I got the great score in Florida."

*Grace Kim (2, -5) on her performance this year*

"Yeah, I guess at the start of the year I was quite low with my self-confidence, and I still have times where I don't think I'm good enough at times. I'm quick to be negative internally. So seeing that even if it wasn't my

best stuff during the International Crown, I had my team to back me. Even if I was sick during Evian, I still had to get it done. Maybe I was not feeling my best, but I tried to give my 100% of all that I had. And trying to learn around that and, yeah, I guess that just build on my self-confidence. You don't need your A-game and 100% to get it done. That definitely was a big learning curve and I'm very grateful for the year that I've had so far."

*Jennifer Kupcho (3, -4) on the Aon Risk Reward Challenge*

"Yeah, obviously it's in the back of all of us that are at the top's back of our mind. Yeah, just go out and play your best. I mean, see what you can do. I would be lying if I wasn't trying to go after that hole a little bit this week. Yeah, thank goodness I got a birdie. Hopefully I can throw in an eagle. That would be great."

*Mao Saigo (T4, -3) on the success of Japanese players on the LPGA Tour in 2025*

"Many of them are actually pretty experienced player on Japanese Tour, so they have experience with wins and opportunity to come over here and try their skill here. You know, one of them wins then other one feels like, okay, we can do it. So that's kind of like teamwork -- not teamwork, but like, let's go, we can do it."

*Leona Maguire (T4, -3) on her experience at Pelican Golf Club*

"Yeah, I mean, I think this is the course I've played the most on Tour. I've played it every year. You just have to hit good golf shots. I think the way some of these greens are you can't really bail out. Even 18 you just have to stand up and hit a really good golf shot. It's quite generous off the tee, but you really have to pick your spots into the greens and try and stay below the hole if at all possible. The greens aren't quite as grainy as they have been in past year just because they're so slick, but it's a good golf course. I feel like it always brings out the best in everybody at this point in the season."

*Rose Zhang (T8, -2) on her relationship with Annika Sorenstam*

"It's honestly incredible to come here and play Annika's event as a professional. I think the last time -- the first time I really got to meet her was at the Junior ANA Inspiration and I got to do a one-on-one interview with her when I think I was 14. I think that moment I asked her a question of how do you really enjoy the game, how do you make sure it doesn't keep up with you or doesn't tear you down? She just said, smell the roses. Like she wished she did that more in her 82-win streak and everything that she's accomplished. But to come back and see how she has provided a route for every single pathway, not only as a junior but as a college player but now as a professional, it's honestly really astounding."

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Three birdies in a row gets Lexi back in the red for the day

Mao Saigo flirting with an ace on the 12th hole

Haeran getting off to a hot start

Now on the tee... Caitlin Clark