



Performance Insights

Round 1 Recap: The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

Top Notes to Know From Round 1:

- *Haeran Ryu: 4th career opening round of 64 or lower on LPGA (won 2 of previous 3 instances)
- *Haeran Ryu: 16'4" average proximity on approaches from 125-150 yards (LPGA average: 27'1")
- *Grace Kim: 6-for-7 putting from 5 to 10 feet today (her season average – 53.8%)
- *Jennifer Kupcho: 66 (-4); 6th round of 66 or lower since end of FM Championship

*This is the fourth time Haeran Ryu has opened an LPGA Tour event with a round of 64 or lower. She went on to win two of the previous three instances, including earlier this year at the Black Desert Championship.

Haeran Ryu

Lowest Opening Rounds on LPGA Tour

		Score
2025 Black Desert Championship	63	Won
2023 Walmart NW Arkansas	64	Won
2024 Maybank Championship	64	3rd
2025 The ANNIKA	64	?

*Haeran Ryu leads the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach this season. In round one, she was even more precise with her iron play than usual, beating her average proximity numbers in every notable category:

Haeran Ryu

Average Proximity to Hole This Season

	Season	Thursday
100-125 yards	19'1"	12'6"
125-150 yards	22'9"	16'4"
150-175 yards	26'0"	21'4"
175-200 yards	34'9"	28'9"

*For further context, Ryu had six approach shots of 125 to 150 yards on Thursday. This season, she averages more than four feet closer than the LPGA average. Then today, she bettered even that number by more than six feet:

Approach Shots from 125-150 Yards

Average Proximity to Hole This Season

LPGA average	27'1"
Haeran Ryu season	22'9"
Haeran Ryu Round 1	16'4"



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*Grace Kim was great through the bag in her opening round of 65. She hit every fairway, got her approach shots closer than her season averages (especially on shots from 125 to 150 yards) and was six-for-seven making putts from five to ten feet away.

Grace Kim

Season Averages vs Round 1 Performance

	Season	Round 1
Driving accuracy	75.2%	100%
Proximity 125-150 yards	25'4"	21'8"
Putting 5 to 10 feet	53.8%	85.7% (6-for-7)
Putts per round	29.5	27

*Jennifer Kupcho continued her recent run of improved play with an opening round 66. Looking at her performance on the LPGA Tour since the beginning of July, her last five tournaments (68.83 scoring average) have been a significant uptick from the previous four:

Jennifer Kupcho

On LPGA Tour Since July 1

	Evian – FM	Since
Tournaments	4	5
Scoring average	70.83	68.83
SG Total per round	+0.84	+1.71
Rounds of 66 or lower	1	6

*Charley Hull is off to a good start this week, carding a first round 67. Over her last nine rounds played at this tournament, Hull is gaining nearly two-and-a-quarter strokes per round over the field. She is making birdie or better on more than 25% of her holes played in that span:

Charley Hull

Last 3 Years at The ANNIKA

Rounds played	9
Scoring average	67.56
SG Total per round	+2.23
Birdie or better Pct	25.9%