



Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes
The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(All times are local and subject to change)

Wednesday, Nov. 12

11 a.m. (after Pro-Am) – 2021, 2022 and 2024 champion **Nelly Korda**

12:30 p.m. (after Pro-Am) – 2025 Runner-Up **Charley Hull**

1 p.m. – Wake Forest senior and sponsor invitation **Anne-Sterre den Dunnen**

1:30 p.m. (after Pro-Am) – WNBA Star and Gainbridge Ambassador **Caitlin Clark**, **Annika Sorenstam**, and sponsor invitation **Lauryn Nguyen**

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- **Rolex Rankings No. 2 Nelly Korda**
 - Korda is making her fifth start at the ANNIKA presented by Gainbridge at Pelican

- 2024 – 1, 2023 – T25, 2022 – 1, 2021 – 1
- 2025: 17 cuts made in 17 starts with eight top-10 finishes
 - Finished T4 in her last time out at the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - Her best finish of the season is runner-up at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally and the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Has not missed a cut this season
- Career: 15 wins, two major championship victories, 74 top 10s, \$15.5 million in official career earnings
 - In 2024, earned seven wins, including five in consecutive starts
 - Became the first player since 2011 to win seven times in a single season
 - Became the third player in LPGA Tour history to have a season with six or more wins, capture a team victory in the Solheim Cup and earn Player of the Year honors, alongside Beth Daniel (1990) and Annika Sorenstam (2003)
 - 2024 Rolex Player of the Year and Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner
 - Two-time major champion (2024 The Chevron Championship, 2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
 - Two-time Olympian for the United States, 2020 Gold Medal winner in Tokyo
 - Four-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team Member
- KPMG Performance Insight:
 - Korda has made four LPGA Tour starts since returning from the AIG Women's Open. In her last two starts – the Kroger Queen City Championship and LOTTE Championship – she has averaged more than 2.5 strokes gained per round on the field.
- **Rolex Rankings No. 3 Miyu Yamashita**
 - Making her first career start at this event
 - 2025: 21 cuts made in 23 starts with two wins and 12 top 10s in her rookie season
 - Won the AIG Women's Open in July to claim her first career victory and the Maybank Championship in October for her second
 - Became the first player since 2022 to make the AIG Women's Open her first career win
 - The 12th player to make the AIG Women's Open her first major championship victory
 - Became the sixth Japanese player to win a major championship
 - Currently leads the standings for the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award
 - Second in the Race to the CME Globe
 - Represented Japan at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown in South Korea
 - Career: Earned medalist honors at the Final Qualifying portion of LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Membership for the 2025 season
 - Made 12 starts on the LPGA Tour before earning Membership
 - Finished T4 at the 2024 Paris Olympics
 - Competed on the JLPGA and won 13 times including three major championships
 - Earned JLPGA Player of the Year honors in 2022 and 2023
 - Leading money winner on the JLPGA in 2022 and 2023
 - KPMG Performance Insight:

- Leads the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained putting per round and putts made of ten feet or longer this season.
- **Rolex Rankings No. 6 Charley Hull**
 - Hull is making her third start at The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
 - 2024 – T2, 2023 – T25
 - 2025: 12 cuts made in 14 starts with one win and three top 10s
 - Finished T14 at the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei in her last start
 - Won the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G for her best finish on Tour in 2025 to end her 1,077-day winless drought
 - Finished T2 at the AIG Women's Open and T2 at the Aramco Houston Championship on the Ladies European Tour
 - Has only missed one cut this season, coming at The Chevron Championship
 - WD during The Amundi Evian Championship due to illness
 - Part of the inaugural World Team at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Career: Three wins, 41 top 10s and \$10.7 million in official career earnings
 - Won the 2022 Ascendant LPGA Benefiting the Volunteers of America and the 2016 CME Group Tour Championship
 - Seven-time member of the European Solheim Cup Team
 - Youngest member of the European Solheim Cup team at 17 years, 4 months and 25 days
 - Has represented England at two International Crowns (2016, 2018) and two Olympics (2016, T7 and 2024, T27)
 - Also competes on the Ladies European Tour
 - Has four career victories
 - Was named 2013 LET Rookie of the Year
 - Won the 2014 Order of Merit and Player of the Year

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the sixth playing of The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- WNBA star Caitlin Clark will be playing in the official pro-am on Wednesday, November 12
- Defending champion Nelly Korda is a three-time champion of this event
 - Has never missed a cut at this event
- Two past champions are in the 2025 field
 - Nelly Korda (2024, 2022, 2021), Lilia Vu (2023)

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Nelly Korda has dominated this tournament in recent years, winning it three times in the last four years. During that span, Korda is 53-under-par in this event, 13 strokes better than any other player. Lexi Thompson ranks second at 40-under-par.

Best Cumulative Score to Par The ANNIKA – Last 4 Years	
Nelly Korda	-53
Lexi Thompson	-40
Gaby Lopez	-36

Lydia Ko

-33

SEASON-LONG INITIATIVESRace to CME Globe

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA Tour event to qualify for the season-ending tournament, the CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion." The top 60 points earners and ties earn a spot into the season finale with the entire field competing for a \$11 million purse, highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is the largest winner's prize in the history of women's golf.

- 1st: **Jeeno Thitikul** continues her lead of the Race to the CME Globe with 3,566.950 points
 - Won the Mizuho Americas Open and the Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - Eleven additional top-10 finishes this season
 - Finished runner-up at The Amundi Evian Championship, FM Championship and Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
- 2nd: **Miyu Yamashita** took over second place with her win at the Maybank Championship and solo third at the TOTO Japan Classic
 - Has 2,769.861 points
 - Won the AIG Women's Open and Maybank Championship
 - Has ten additional top-10 finishes
- 3rd: **Minjee Lee** is currently in third with 2,639.962 points
 - Won the 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Has seven additional top-10 finishes this season, including a solo second at the CPKC Women's Open
- Additional moves following the Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G
 - **Nasa Hataoka** moved up 12 places to the No. 11 spot after her win in the 54-hole shortened Toto Japan Classic
 - **Somi Lee** rose to number nine, edging out **Nelly Korda** who currently sits at No. 10

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 14, par 5 at Pelican Golf Club

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a unique, season-long competition on the LPGA Tour that highlights the game's best players as they navigate some of the most strategically challenging holes on tour. Players will take their best two scores from each Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winner will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 Million prize.

- Minjee Lee currently leads the Aon Risk Reward Challenge with a score of -0.921 to par
- Jeeno Thitikul sits in second place with a score of -0.912 to par
- A Lim Kim is in third with a score of -0.905 to par and is the only player in the top three that is in The ANNIKA field
- No. 14: One of only two par-5's on the course, the 14th hole at Pelican Country Club will force players to make a decision involving navigating around the fairway bunkers.

- o Players who can hit their drive accurately will have the opportunity to reach the green in two, while players who lay up will be forced to play as a three-shot hole.
- o Players who are able to go for the green in two will gain over a half a stroke per round on the field.

CME Group Cares Challenge

The CME Group Cares Challenge is a season-long charitable giving program that turns aces into donations. CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2025, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases.

- There have been 18 hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
 - o There were no aces at the TOTO Japan Classic
 - o One ace was recorded at The BMW Ladies Championship
 - ♣ **Lucy Li** aced the 13th hole during R1
- The total for 2025 is now \$360,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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From rookies to veterans, Japanese players are making history in 2025, claiming 7 trophies