



BMW LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

BMW Ladies Championship

Pine Beach Golf Links | Haenam-gun, Jeollanam-do, Republic of Korea | Oct. 16-19, 2025

First-Round Notes

Oct. 16, 2025

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Course Setup: 36-36 – 72, 6,612 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 69.244

Weather: Cloudy skies in the morning with decreasing clouds in the afternoon. The temperature peaked at 77F with northerly winds increasing to 10-18 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$2.3 million USD (winner's prize, \$345,000)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Sei Young Kim	-10	62
2	Hyo Joo Kim	-9	63
3	Lindy Duncan	-8	64
T4	Brooke Matthews	-7	65
T4	Chanettee Wannasaen	-7	65
T4	Rio Takeda	-7	65

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Due to unplayable course conditions, the start of Round 1 at the BMW Ladies Championship was delayed one hour. The first tee time was at 9:00 a.m.
- 1st: **Sei Young Kim** tied the 18-hole tournament scoring record with a 62 on Thursday
 - Was one of 11 players to be bogey free in R1
 - Made eight birdies and an eagle
 - Birdied her first and last hole – No. 1 and 18
 - Was -5 from hole 6 to 9, making an eagle on hole 6 and three consecutive birdies after
 - Also birdied holes 11, 13 and 15
 - Hit 12/14 fairways, 17/18 greens in regulation with 26 putts
 - Had 10 one putts on Thursday
 - Her sixth time shooting 62 or better on the LPGA Tour
 - The last time was when she shot 62 at the 2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai

- Every time she has shot 62 or better in an event, she has finished in the top 10
 - Her eighth time leading or co-leading after the first round on the LPGA Tour
- 2nd: **Hyo Joo Kim** sits one back of the leader after a first-round 63
 - Was also bogey free, recording seven birdies and an eagle
 - [Holed out for eagle on No. 7 from 120 meters](#)
 - Hit every fairway, 16/18 greens in regulation with 25 putts
 - Tied for the least amount of putts by a player on Thursday with Chanettee Wannasaen
 - Was one of 7 players to hit every fairway in R1
 - Her fourth round of 63 or better on the LPGA Tour and first since the 2019 Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic
 - Has Stacy Lewis' longtime caddy, Travis Wilson on the bag this week
- 3rd: **Lindy Duncan** opened with an 8-under par
 - Was bogey free with eight birdies
 - Recorded three consecutive birdies on holes 5, 6, 7, and 17, 18, 1 as she started on No. 10
 - Hit 13/14 fairways and every green in regulation with 28 putts
 - One of four players to hit every green in R1
 - Her third round of 64 or better on the LPGA Tour
 - 62, R2 of 2022 CPKC Women's Open
 - 64, R2 of the 2018 Volunteers of America LPGA Classic
 - Has Lydia Ko's caddy, Paul Cormack on the bag this week
 - Earned her fifth top-10 finish of the season at last week's Buick LPGA Shanghai
- Defending champion **Hannah Green** shot a four-under 68 with an eagle on the Aon Risk Reward Challenge Hole, No. 17
- **Lucy Li** made [a hole-in-one on No. 13 with a 7 iron](#)
 - This is the 18th hole-in-one on the LPGA Tour this season
 - Won a BMW i7
- Retiring following this week, **Eun-Hee Ji** opened up her last campaign with a 69
- Returning from maternity leave, **Chella Choi** shot a 70 on Thursday

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Sei Young Kim
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	18
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	7
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$1,003,534
Career LPGA Tour Wins	12
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	77
Career Official Money	\$14,844,333

ABOUT THE LEADER

[Rolex Rankings No. 21 Sei Young Kim](#)

- Her sixth time playing the BMW Ladies Championship

- Best finish is T9 in 2019
- 2025: 14 cuts made in 18 starts with seven top-10 finishes
 - Finished third three times this year: ShopRite LPGA Classic, ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open, FM Championship
- Career: 12 wins, 77 career top 10s with \$14.8 million in official career earnings
 - Three-time LPGA Award winner (2020 Rolex Player of the Year, 2015 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year, 2015 Kia Most Compelling Performance Award)
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2016 Rio Olympics (T25), 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T9) and the 2016 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Finished T9 at the 2014 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn Membership for the 2015 season
- Has five wins on the KPGA Tour

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 62, Sei Young Kim (2025) at Pine Beach Golf Links and Ashleigh Buhai (2023) at Seowon Valley Country Club

36 holes – 128, Hannah Green (2024) at Seowon Valley Country Club

54 holes – 198, Hannah Green (2024) at Seowon Valley Country Club and Hee Jeong Lim (2021) at LPGA International Busan

72 holes – 266, Jin Young Ko and Hee Jeong Lim (2021) at LPGA International Busan

QUOTABLES

Sei Young Kim (1st, -10) on her first-round score

"Yes, so this is near my hometown, so I have lots of family, my cousins, a lot of fans. So I had a great start from the first hole and all the way through 18th hole, getting a lot of support. The course is absolutely wonderful. The layout and the conditions of the course were great."

Hyo Joo Kim (2nd, -9) on winning a second time this season and next week's Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

"Yes, I'm very eager and looking forward to my second victory on the season. I really missed a victory by a slight chance in Hawai'i, so I'll really try my best to get a second victory. I try not to think about victory when I play. I only have the thought before I go into play and really focus on my shot-by-shot, and when I made an eagle today, I was talking to Haeran, and Haeran said, "Do that for the next event, International Crown." But I said, "Well, I have to do it in this tournament, as well." So next event, which is a team play, which is very important. So I really want to enjoy the most out of it."

Lindy Duncan (3rd, -8) on having different caddies each week

"Consistently, yes, like a carousel of caddies. Just sort of happens. I'm friends with a lot of players and if they are to the going to play, either they or their caddie will reach out to me and ask if I have anyone. That's kind of like how I like to do it. It's worked well so far, and I get to work with some really great caddies. I learn more, the more people that I work with. So I learn what I like, and I learn how to communicate better, and so it's been really helpful for me."

Gurleen Kaur (T7, -6) on what she was telling herself before she teed off today

"It's funny when you're sick sometimes because you just kind of go with no expectation. I didn't even know if I was going to be able to swing a golf club this morning because I was in so much pain. Like it's right in the middle of my back so I can't sleep very well either. So I have to sleep on my stomach or weirdly on my right side. Whatever happens today, like I'll just go with the flow, and I think that will always in general works well for me. So yeah, just seeing what happens and going out there and just happy to play golf."

Lucy Li (T22, -4) on her hole in one

"It was a good number into the wind. Hit it right at the pin. Thought it might end up a little short but it went in. I just started freaking out. I was like, this is the hole-in-one hole. I've been complaining all week to my caddie about having not holed out this year. The whole week I was like, "I haven't holed out this year, I haven't holed out since Blue Bay." I was complaining to him and everyone. I was like, I think I'm due a hole-in-one. It was nice to get one there."

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SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

[A final birdie at the 18th brings Hyo Joo Kim just one shot back at 9-under after Day 1 🏌️🏌️](#)

[Defending champ Hannah Green sinks the eagle putt on the #AonRiskReward challenge hole 🏌️🏌️](#)

[Hyo Joo Kim holes out for eagle in front of the home crowd! 🏌️🏌️🏌️](#)

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