

# **BMW** LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

## **BMW Ladies Championship**

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

## **Second-Round Notes**

Oct. 17, 2025

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**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72, 6,441 yards **Scoring Average:** R1: 69.244; R2: 69.706

**Weather:** Windy conditions with southeast winds sustained at 16-24 mph gusting to 30 mph at times.

Maximum temperature is 77F

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

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

TV/Streaming Times: How to Watch

## **QUICK LINKS**

<u>Interview Transcripts</u>

LPGA Tour Online Media Center (OMC):

<u>Tournament Website</u>

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga\_tour

(Instagram, TikTok)

Tournament: @BMW\_Korea (Instagram), #BMWLC

LEADERBOARD				
	Player	To par	Score	
1	Sei Young Kim	-16	62-66 – 128	
2	Brooke Matthews	-15	65-64 – 129	
T3	Rio Takeda	-13	65-66 – 131	
T3	Hyo Joo Kim	-13	63-68 – 131	

#### **COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1st: Sei Young Kim continues as leader with a second-round 66
  - Tied the 36-hole tournament scoring record (128)
  - Made seven birdies and one bogey in R2
    - Has made one bogey in 36 holes
    - Birdied three consecutive holes Nos. 6-8
    - Birdied holes 10, 12, 14 and 17
  - Hit 11/14 fairways, 15/18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
  - o Tied for first for the most birdies made through 36 holes with 15 birdies
  - o Fourth time in her career that she has led or co-led following the first and second rounds at the same tournament on the LPGA Tour. Has not finished worse than third place each time:
    - 2025 FM Championship, finished 3rd
    - 2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai, finished T2
    - 2019 CME Group Tour Championship, won
  - Eighteenth time in her career she has led or co-led after the second round on the LPGA Tour

- Won half of the tournaments where she was leading or co-leading following the second round (9 times)
- o Ties her lowest 36-hole total of 128, last shot at the 2018 Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic where she went onto win
- 2nd: Brooke Matthews shot a second-round 64
  - Shot her lowest 18-hole score on the LPGA Tour; her previous best was a 66, shot four times this season
  - Made eight birdies
    - One of 13 players to record a bogey-free round on Friday
    - Made the most birdies of any player in the field
  - Tied for first for most greens hit in regulation through two rounds (33/36)
  - o Recorded her best 36-hole score on the LPGA Tour (129)
    - Her previous best was 135, shot at the 2025 LOTTE Championship, two weeks ago
  - o The second time in her LPGA Tour career that she has opened with two rounds in the 60s
    - The first time was the 2025 LOTTE Championship
- Linn Grant recorded the round of the day with a nine-under 63
  - Went bogey-free, recording an eagle and seven birdies on Friday
  - Shot a 30 on the back nine
- Defending champion Hannah Green sits at T22 after shooting rounds of 68-69
- Returning from maternity leave, Chella Choi is at T36 after a 69 on Friday
- Set to retire after this week, Eun-Hee Ji sits at T46 after a second-round 71

#### 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
  - o 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
- o Finished T9 at the 2014 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn Membership for the 2015 season
- Has five wins on the KLPGA 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, Sei Young Kim (2025) at Pine Beach Golf Links and 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, -16) on the next two days

"So it seems that we are getting a lot of birdies on this course, so tomorrow and the day after tomorrow, it's important to get the birdies as much as possible. I hope to keep my play style as I did for the first day. Of course, there's a lot of pressure on the third and fourth day, but it's not just me. Everyone will have the same pressure. But I just want to accept the fact and enjoy the rest of the tournament."

#### Brooke Matthews (2nd, -15) on Friday's round

"Yeah, it's kind of funny, I didn't feel very comfortable coming into this week, playing China last week, didn't really have my best stuff. Even Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday was feeling a little eh but made me go out there and play it shot-by-shot, lower expectations and I feel like I just managed it really well. Just kind of stayed in the moment. Yeah, ended up making some putts and racking up some good scores."

### Celine Boutier (T6, -10) on adjusting to the wind conditions on Friday

"Yeah, I didn't really know what to expect with the weather because it was really calm the first couple days that we got here. But definitely this morning in my warmup, very surprised. I don't know if it was even forecasted to be that windy. But yeah, I thought the back nine going to be more windy because it's more exposed. I was trying to take advantage of the front. When we got to the back it almost died down a little bit. So it was a little bit better than I expected. But yeah, it's definitely playing kind of challenging with the wind sometimes going in different directions. So yeah, very happy with my club selections."

## Chella Choi (T36, -5) on returning to play this week

"Super site excited. I feel like time is too fast. Before I came here, I'm very excited to play but when I came here I feel like I just played last month. I feel like lucky, you know. I'm happy to see people and fans and play again."

#### **ON LPGA.COM**

Epson Tour Grad Brooke Matthews Muscles Way Up Leaderboard at BMW Ladies Championshipv Brooke Matthews Second Round Highlights Rio Takeda Second Round Highlights

Sei Young Kim Second Round Highlights

Second Round Highlights

Lucy Li Makes 18th Ace of 2025, Wins Car in First Round of BMW Ladies Championship

Team Update for 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

Anna Nordfors Catches Mirabel Ting to Sit in a Tie for First after Round Two of LPGA Q-Series Qualifying Stage

#### **SOCIAL SNAPSHOT**

Brooke Matthews birdies the #AonRiskReward Challenge hole and cuts the lead to one

Celine Boutier has the low round of the morning with a flawless 65 💍

We've got some terrific tee shot views this week (\*\*)

Moments from Sei Young Kim's impressive opening round ♀ ♦