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2025 Buick LPGA Shanghai

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Over the last two seasons at Qizhong Garden, players who finished inside the top 10 gained over 40% of their strokes on the field with their putting:

Top 10 Finishers SG by Category

Buick LPGA Shanghai – Last 2 Seasons

Off the Tee	16.4%
Approach	31.9%
Around the Green	9.3%
Putting	42.4%

*Further emphasizing how paramount putting will be this week: each of the last two winners here ranked inside the top 5 in strokes gained in that category.

Strokes Gained Putting

Buick LPGA Shanghai – Last 2 Winners

	SG Putting	Rank
2023 Angel Yin	+2.24	1st
2024 Ruoning Yin	+1.80	4th

Jeeno Thitikul

*A glimpse at few of the statistical categories world number one Jeeno Thitikul leads the LPGA Tour in this season:

Jeeno Thitikul - This Season

Notable Statistical Categories Led

Scoring Average	Strokes Gained Total
Round 1 Scoring Average	Percentage of Rounds in 60s
Round 3 Scoring Average	Par 3 Scoring
Birdie or Better Percentage	Par 4 Scoring
Bogey Avoidance	Top 10 Finishes



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*Jeeno is one of just three players on the LPGA Tour this season to rank inside the top 50 in all four main strokes gained disciplines, joining Charley Hull and Sei Young Kim:

Top 50 in All Four SG Categories LPGA Tour – This Season

	Charley Hull	Sei Young Kim	Jeeno Thitikul
Off the Tee	T-13th	48th	19th
Approach	T-49th	30th	T-6th
Around the Green	29th	T-16th	T-47th
Putting	T-20th	48th	5th

*Jeeno Thitikul's consistency has been absolutely remarkable: she has 52 top 10 finishes since her rookie season in 2022, 16 more than any other player over that span.

Most Top 10 Finishes LPGA Tour – Since 2022

Jeeno Thitikul	52
Nelly Korda	36
Celine Boutier	28
Lydia Ko	28
Hye-Jin Choi	27
Ayaka Furue	27

*Jeeno ranks inside the top 10 in both strokes gained ball striking and short game on the LPGA Tour this season, the only player to achieve that feat:

Jeeno Thitikul Strokes Gained LPGA Tour – This Season

	SG	Rank
Ball Striking	+1.48	6th
Short Game	+1.17	5th

*Only player to rank top 10 in both categories



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Ruoning Yin

*Ruoning Yin gained more than 7 strokes putting on her way to victory at this event last season, her second highest total on the greens in her LPGA Tour career:

Ruoning Yin Highest SG Putting Totals LPGA Tour Career

	Total SG Putting	Finish
2025 U.S. Women's Open	+8.14	T-4
2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai	+7.22	Won
2025 Black Desert Championship	+7.19	T-2
2024 FIR HILLS SERI PAK	+6.40	T-8
2024 Maybank Championship	+5.97	Won

*Overall, Ruoning Yin gained more than 20 strokes at Qizhong Garden last season during her win, the 4th highest total by any player in a single event on the LPGA Tour in 2024:

Most Strokes Gained in a Single Tournament LPGA Tour – Last Season

	Tournament	Strokes Gained
Rose Zhang	Founders Cup	+25.11
Madelene Sagstrom	Founders Cup	+23.11
Lauren Coughlin	Women's Scottish Open	+22.10
Ruoning Yin	Buick LPGA Shanghai	+20.91

*Yin is entering a stretch of the calendar where she dominated last season: in 3 starts in last year's Asian swing, she won twice in three starts and was a cumulative -60, gaining over 3.5 strokes per round:

Ruoning Yin Performance 2024 LPGA Asian Swing

Starts	3
Wins	2*
Scoring Average	67.0
Score to Par	-60
Birdie or Better Pct.	31.9%
Total Bogeys or Worse	10
SG Total	+3.71

*Won Buick LPGA Shanghai and Maybank Championship



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*Yin has been one of the more consistent players on the LPGA Tour with her approach play since her rookie season in 2022, ranking 16th or higher each year:

Ruoning Yin SG Approach LPGA Tour – Last 4 Seasons

	SG Approach	Rank
2022	+0.66	T-16th
2023	+1.15	T-3rd
2024	+1.19	3rd
2025	+0.85	8th

Minjee Lee

*Minjee Lee has been on a roll over her last 10 starts on the LPGA Tour, finishing inside the top 25 in each start including a major victory at the KPMG Women's PGA. Over that span, she has made birdie or better on a quarter of the holes she has played and gained close to 2.5 strokes per round:

Minjee Lee Performance LPGA Tour – Last 10 Starts

Top 3 Finishes	3*
Top 25 Finishes	10
Scoring Average	69.9
Score to Par	-74
Birdie or Better Pct.	25.0%
SG Total	+2.48

*Won KPMG Women's PGA

*Minjee Lee's putting has been completely transformed this season with the switch to the broomstick putter, ranking near the top of the LPGA Tour in a few notable categories:

Minjee Lee Putting LPGA Tour – This Season

		Rank
SG Putting	+1.13	2nd
Putts Made of 10+ Feet	138	T-2nd
Putting from 10-15 Feet	41.1%	3rd
Putts per GIR	1.75	T-8th



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*Minjee Lee has made birdie or better on 24.1% of the holes she has played on the LPGA Tour this season, a vast improvement over 2024 where that number was below 20%:

Minjee Lee Birdie or Better Pct. LPGA Tour – Last 2 Seasons

	Birdie or Better Pct.	Rank
2024	19.7%	57th
2025	24.1%	4th

Miyu Yamashita

*Miyu Yamashita has been excellent over her last 4 starts, a stretch that started with her breakthrough victory at the AIG Women's Open. Over that span, she has a scoring average below 69 and is gaining well over 2.5 strokes per round:

Miyu Yamashita Performance LPGA Tour – Last 4 Starts

Top 10 Finishes	3
Scoring Average	68.9
Score to Par	-49
Bogey Avoidance	10.1%
SG Total	+2.79

*Miyu Yamashita has made nearly 45% of her attempts from 10-15 feet this season, the highest mark of any player on the LPGA Tour (min. 20 rounds played):

Putting from 10-15 Feet LPGA Tour – This Season

Miyu Yamashita	44.8%
Miranda Wang	44.4%
Minjee Lee	41.1%
Andrea Lee	40.7%
Celine Borge	40.5%

*LPGA Tour average: 28.7%



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*Miyu Yamashita's putting has gone to a different level over her last 7 starts, gaining close to 2 strokes per round on the greens over that span:

Miyu Yamashita SG Putting LPGA Tour – This Season

	SG Putting
First 11 Starts	+0.82
Last 7 Starts	+1.89

Angel Yin

*Angel Yin will have positive memories to draw on this week, with Qizhong Garden representing the site of her first LPGA Tour victory in 2023. She finished 7th in her title defense last season and will look to make it a third consecutive strong performance this week:

Angel Yin Performance Buick LPGA Shanghai – Last 2 Seasons

Top 10 Finishes	2*
Scoring Average	68.4
Score to Par	-29
Birdie or Better Pct.	29.2%
Bogey Avoidance	9.0%
SG Total	+2.67

*Won in 2023

*After a fantastic start to the season, Angel Yin has been stymied a bit over her last 4 starts on the LPGA Tour, with a best finish of T-40 over that span:

Angel Yin Performance LPGA Tour – This Season

	First 12 Starts	Last 4 Starts
Top 10s	6	0
Scoring Average	69.8	72.3
Score to Par	-82	+9
Bogey Avoidance	12.1%	18.4%
SG Total	+1.77	-0.54
SG Putting	+1.46	+0.04



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Rio Takeda

*Rio Takeda has been among the LPGA Tour's best in keeping bogeys off the card this season, ranking near the top of the LPGA Tour in a few key categories:

Rio Takeda Over Par Scoring LPGA Tour – This Season

		Rank
Bogey Avoidance	11.5%	2nd
Bogey-Free Rounds	9	T-2nd
Birdie or Bogey Ratio	1.81	7th

Sei Young Kim

*Sei Young Kim will look to breakthrough and win for the first time since 2020 this week. Over the last 5 seasons, her 23 top 10 finishes are the third most of any player without a victory:

Most Top 10 Finishes Without a Win LPGA Tour – Since 2021

	Top 10s
Hye-Jin Choi	27
Lexi Thompson	24
Sei Young Kim	23
Xiyu Janet Lin	20
Sarah Schmelzel	16

Jennifer Kupcho

*Jennifer Kupcho is one of the premier drivers of the golf ball on the LPGA Tour, ranking inside the top 10 in total driving in each of the last 6 seasons (combination of distance rank + accuracy rank):

Jennifer Kupcho Total Driving Rank LPGA Tour – Since 2020

	Total Driving Rank
2020	3rd
2021	2nd
2022	T-1st
2023	9th
2024	4th
2025	T-6th

*Total Driving Rank: Combination of distance rank and accuracy rank



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Lilia Vu

*One of the biggest reasons for Vu's struggles this season has been her approach play, where she ranks outside the top 150 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained:

Lilia Vu Strokes Gained Approach LPGA Tour – Since 2022

	SG Approach	Rank
2022	+0.62	18th
2023	+0.46	T-34th
2024	+0.26	49th
2025	-0.82	151st

Nasa Hataoka

*Nasa Hataoka is rounding into form for closing stretch, finishing inside the top 10 in each of her last 3 starts on the LPGA Tour (excludes Walmart NW Arkansas):

Nasa Hataoka Scoring LPGA Tour – Last 3 Starts

Top 10 Finishes	3
Scoring Average	68.6
Birdie or Better Pct.	29.2%
SG Total	+2.51
SG Approach	+1.05

*Hataoka ranked 2nd only to Hyo Joo Kim last week in strokes gained approach among players to make the cut in Hawai'i:

Strokes Gained Approach Leaders LOTTE Championship – Last Week

	SG Approach
Hyo Joo Kim	+2.77
Nasa Hataoka	+2.36
Nelly Korda	+2.00
Megan Khang	+1.89
Jennifer Kupcho	+1.83

*Among players to make the cut