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Round 1 Recap: Buick LPGA Shanghai

Top Notes to Know From Round 1:

- *Arpichaya Yubol: Missed the cut in 3 of her last 4 starts; +6.48 strokes gained in round 1
- *Arpichaya Yubol: Made 194' of putts in round 1; included 6 putts made of 10+ feet
- *Jeeno Thitikul: 10 birdies in round 1; averaging +3.93 strokes gained over her last 9 rounds played
- *Minjee Lee: Bogey-free in round 1; has dropped her bogey avoidance rate by over 3% this season
- *Jennifer Kupcho: Hit 17/18 greens in regulation; hit 10 approach shots inside of 20 feet

*Arpichaya Yubol opened with an exceptional 64 on Thursday to take a 1-stroke lead. It's a marked turnaround from her last 4 starts, where she had 3 missed cuts and was losing over a stroke per round to the field:

Arpichaya Yubol Performance

LPGA Tour – Last 4 Starts vs. Round 1

	Last 4 Starts	Round 1
Scoring Average	72.4	64*
Score to Par	+6	-8
Birdie Average	3.1	8.0
Greens in Regulation	61.7%	17/18
SG Total	-1.15	+6.48

*Second lowest opening round of LPGA Tour career

*Yubol could not be stopped on the greens in round 1, sinking close to 200 feet of putts that included consecutive made putts of 40+ feet on holes 17 and 18:

Arpichaya Yubol Putting

Buick LPGA Shanghai – Round 1

Total Putts	28
Feet of Putts Made	194'
Putts Made of 10+ Feet	6*
Putting from 25+ Feet	3-for-4
Longest Putt Made	48'

*Made consecutive putts of 40+ feet on holes 17 and 18



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*Jeeno Thitikul made 10 birdies on her way to an opening round 65 and a share of second place in Shanghai. It's a continuation of the strong form she has showed over her last 2 starts, now averaging close to 4 strokes gained per round over her last 9 rounds played on the LPGA Tour:

Jeeno Thitikul Scoring LPGA Tour – Last 9 Rounds

Scoring Average	67.0
Score to Par	-45
Birdie or Better Pct.	35.2%
Total Bogeys or Worse	11
SG Total	+3.93
*Finished runner-up in each of last 2 starts	

*Minjee Lee shot a bogey-free 65 in the opening round and is off to another strong start as she looks to become the LPGA Tour's first repeat winner in 2025. She has been excellent in keeping bogeys off the card this season, dropping her bogey avoidance rate by over 3% from 2024:

Minjee Lee Bogey Avoidance LPGA Tour – This Season

	2024	2025*
Bogey Avoidance	15.7%	12.2%
Bogey-Free Rounds	8	7
Birdie to Bogey Ratio	1.25	1.99

*Includes yesterday's round

*Jennifer Kupcho's approach play helped give her plenty of birdie chances in round 1, hitting 17 of 18 greens in regulation and sticking 10 approach shots inside of 20 feet. She was particularly strong from 125-150 yards, averaging under 17 feet to the hole and making birdie on 3 of 4 approach shots from that range:

Jennifer Kupcho Approach Play Buick LPGA Shanghai – Round 1

Greens in Regulation	17/18
Proximity to the Hole	19' 1"
Approaches Inside 20 feet	10
Proximity from 125-150 yards*	16' 9"
*Made birdie on 3 of 4 approach shots from that range	



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*Ina Yoon is off to an excellent start, firing a 65 in round 1 to share second place with some of the LPGA Tour's biggest names. She has quietly been among the best ball-strikers on tour this season, ranking 5th in strokes gained in that category:

Strokes Gained Ball Striking Leaders LPGA Tour – This Season

Haeran Ryu	+1.98
Rio Takeda	+1.82
Nelly Korda	+1.61
Megan Khang	+1.58
Ina Yoon*	+1.55

*13/14 fairways hit, 15/18 greens in regulation in round 1