

# **Buick LPGA Shanghai**

Qizhong Garden Golf Club | Minhang District, Shanghai, People's Republic of China | Oct. 9-12, 2025

## **Final-Round Notes**

Oct. 12, 2025

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**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72, 6,510 yards

**coring Average:** R1: 70.477; R2: 70.926; R3: 70.496; R4: 70.495 **Weather:** Mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies with temperatures peaking in the mid 90sF. Peak heat index values will approach 100F.

Winds were relatively light throughout the day.

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$2.2 million USD (winner's prize, \$330,000)

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Tournament:

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LEADERBOARD				
	Player	To par	Score	
1	Jeeno Thitikul	-24	65-70-66-63 – 264	
2	Minami Katsu	-24	70-61-68-65 – 264	
3	Minjee Lee	-19	65-71-65-68 – 269	
T4	Miyu Yamashita	-17	67-70-67-67 – 271	
T4	Somi Lee	-17	68-67-67-69 – 271	
T4	Jenny Bae	-17	65-69-68-69 – 271	

### **COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Jeeno Thitikul prevailed in a five-hole playoff against Minami Katsu (<u>Playoff Highlights</u>)
  - Each player made a par on the first four playoff holes, each player narrowly missing several birdie putts
    - First playoff hole: see <u>here</u>
    - Second playoff hole: Thitikul hit it in the water left off the tee on the second playoff hole. She dropped and hit her third shot within a few feet of the hole and putted in for par; see here
    - Third playoff hole: see <u>here</u>
    - Fourth playoff hole: see <u>here</u>
    - Fifth playoff hole: Thitikul made a birdie on the last hole to win; see <a href="here">here</a>

- It is the fifth playoff on the LPGA Tour this season and first since The Amundi Evian Championship, where Grace Kim defeated Thitikul
- Winner: Thitikul shot her lowest round of the week on Sunday, 63
  - Was -5 in her last five holes with three consecutive birdies and an eagle on the 17th
  - Had nine on-putts in the last round
  - This was her fifth playoff appearance on the LPGA Tour
  - This her third consecutive finish of second or better
- Runner-up: Katsu shot a bogey-free 65
  - Had one birdie in the last five holes compared to Thitikul's three birdies and an eagle
  - o Had the same amount of putts as Thitikul on Sunday, 25 putts each
  - Recorded the least amount of putts of any player in the field for the tournament (106 putts)
  - o Was her lowest four-day total on the LPGA Tour (264), besting her previous 267 from the 2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
  - Broke both the 18-hole and 36-hole tournament scoring record
  - Held her first two post-round leads on the LPGA Tour on Friday and Saturday
  - This was her first playoff on the LPGA Tour
  - o Has two runner-up finishes on the LPGA Tour, including at the 2025 AIG Women's Open
- 3rd: Minjee Lee finished five shots behind the leaders
  - Shot a final-round 68
  - Had two bogeys in her first 12 holes
  - Birdied four of her last five holes
  - o This is her seventh top-10 finish of the 2025 season
  - o In the next month, Lee is slated to play next week's BMW Ladies Championship, participate in the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown and play in the TOTO Japan Classic
- Amateur Ying Xu finished T7 and earned two LEAP points for her finish in the top-10 and ties
  - Now has four points in the LEAP standings
- Ruoning Yin shot a final-round 68 to finish at T26
  - This was her first start since the AIG Women's Open in August

#### A LOOK AT THE WINNER

CATEGORY	Jeeno Thitikul
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	1
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	2
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	11
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$3,470,095
Career LPGA Tour Wins	6
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	53
Career Official Money	\$13,261,165

#### **ABOUT THE WINNER**

## Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul

- Her second time playing the Buick LPGA Shanghai
- 2025: 17 cuts made in 18 previous starts with two wins and nine additional top-10 finishes
- Earns her sixth win on the LPGA Tour and second of the season following the Mizuho Americas Open

- Is the first multiple-time winner on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- Earns her first victory as Rolex Rankings No. 1
- Is her second consecutive season with multiple victories
- Earns her fourth consecutive top-10 finish
- Trails Ariya Jutanugarn (12), the winningest Thai player on the LPGA Tour, by six wins
- Is the first player from Thailand to win the Buick LPGA Shanghai

## **TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS**

18 holes – 61, Minami Katsu (R2, 2025)

36 holes – 131, Minami Katsu (2025)

54 holes – 198, Mao Saigo (2024)

72 holes – 263, Ruoning Yin (2024)

### **QUOTABLES**

Jeeno Thitikul (1st, -24) on coming back to win after her tough loss in Cincinnati

"Definitely cried a lot. Not going lie, cried quite a lot. And then I do have like, you know, a really amazing off week, which is we spend time with no golf in Canada and then just like remind me that whatever it's happen, it's the past. And then I'm a human, which is I make a mistake for sure, and then everyone does. And then I was just like trying to be back and then practicing and then earning -- I mean, like I just kept told myself -- whatever is happen in dramatic events, not just Cincinnati, but in this year, I just told myself that I need to earn it by myself. Every win or every work that you -- the winner is just only one players and then I have to earn it by myself, and then when it's my time, I will want to be in that moment again and did it by myself again."

Minami Katsu (2nd, -24) on the record of different winners on the LPGA Tour this season

"I didn't know about that, there were no multiple winners this season. That was the first time I heard about that. So a bit surprised about that. Also, it's very competitive out here and I feel like there is a chance for everyone. Everyone is grinding hard each day, and every since the I turned professional I felt that everybody has the same opportunity and chance. So feel like that's kind of a surprise. But feel like everybody has a chance."

Minjee Lee (3rd, -19) on playing with Katsu and Thitikul in the last group

"Not even the last couple holes. They were doing so well from the beginning, start to finish. So they both played unbelievable, and Jeeno had 9-under and Minami had 7-under so I felt like I got outplayed today, and I definitely did. It was kind of cool to see on 17 just the chip-in and obviously the putt going in for eagle. So, yeah, no, I think it was fun to watch them. They're so young and just starting their -- well, I don't know if they're starting their careers, but feels like I've been out there much longer than them."

Jenny Bae (T4, -17) on her takeaway from this event

"I feel like if I can keep this mindset of regardless of how good the greens are, how bad the greens are, just be confident and stroking your putt I feel like I'm be set for a good tournament."

Lindy Duncan (T7, -16) on having one of her best years on Tour

"It's really cool because I'm pretty old compared to everybody else. You know, try to stay in good shape and still love it, you can play for a long time, and I'm really fortunate that I've been able to do that because I love it. Yeah, it's really fun."

A Lim Kim (10th, -15) on the different winners on the LPGA Tour

"Competition more harder than before and then every younger player play really good. I watch them and then learn so much from them. So really it was excited, so they are more getting stronger. I will chase up, so more good motivation for me."

## **ON LPGA.COM**

Jeeno Thitikul's Comeback Secures Buick LPGA Shanghai Title in Dramatic 5-hole Playoff Muni He Talks Fashion, Vogue Hong Kong and the Roberto Cavalli Dress of Her Dreams

**Playoff Highlights** 

Jeeno Thitikul Final Round Highlights

Minami Katsu Final Round Highlights

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**Trophy Presentation** 

## **SOCIAL SNAPSHOT**

Jeeno Thitikul becomes the first repeat winner of the season at the Buick LPGA Shanghai \( \textstyle \textstyle \) @jeeno.atthaya found the winner's circle again on the fifth playoff hole \( \textstyle \) \( \textstyle \) Minami Katsu's swing in #SloMo \( \textstyle \) \( \textstyle \)