

**Buick LPGA Shanghai**

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

**First-Round Notes**

Oct. 9, 2025

**Media Contact:** [Carly Lyvers](#) +1 (386) 214-9105**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72, 6,581 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 70.477**Weather:** Partly cloudy to mostly sunny skies with temperatures peaking near 90F. Winds are NE to ENE around 5-10 mph with a few afternoon gusts up to 15 mph**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)**Purse:** \$2.2 million USD (winner's prize, \$330,000)**TV/Streaming Times:** [How to Watch](#)**QUICK LINKS**[Interview Transcripts](#)[LPGA Tour Online Media Center \(OMC\):](#)[Tournament Website](#)**SOCIAL MEDIA**LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga\_tour (Instagram, TikTok)  
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@BuickLPGAShanghai2025 (Instagram), @BuickLPGA (X)**LEADERBOARD**

|    | Player          | To par | Score |
|----|-----------------|--------|-------|
| 1  | Arpichaya Yubol | -8     | 64    |
| T2 | Minjee lee      | -7     | 65    |
| T2 | Jeenoo Thitikul | -7     | 65    |
| T2 | Ina Yoon        | -7     | 65    |
| T2 | Jenny Shin      | -7     | 65    |
| T2 | Jenny Bae       | -7     | 65    |

**COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1st: **Arpichaya Yubol** carded an 8-under 64 in the opening round
  - Birdied first three holes (Nos. 1-3) and three of her last five holes (Nos. 14, 16, 17)
    - Also birdied par 4s Nos. 6, 12
  - One of 12 players to record a bogey-free round
  - Hit 11/14 fairways, 17/18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
    - Missed just one green, No. 8
  - Her lowest round of the 2025 season, besting a 66 shot in R1 at The Standard Portland Classic
  - Her third lowest round on the LPGA Tour
  - Second time leading after the first round of an LPGA Tour event
    - Also led after the first round of the 2024 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer

- Her dad is caddying for her this week
- T2: Five players shot a 65 in R1
  - Rookie **Jenny Bae** shot her lowest round on the LPGA Tour
    - Her previous best was 66, shot three times including twice in her last eight round on the LPGA Tour
    - Making her first start at the Buick LPGA Shanghai
  - **Jenny Shin** had 25 putts in R1, tying for the lowest across the field
    - Recorded 11 one putts
    - Tied for her lowest round of the 2025 season
      - Also shot 65 at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
    - Making her first start at the Buick LPGA Shanghai since 2019; best finish is 46th in 2018
  - **Minjee Lee** is one of seven players to have played every edition of the Buick LPGA Shanghai
    - Finished in the top 10 here last year
    - Her third round of 65 or better this season
      - Last round of 65 or better was R2 of the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
    - Finished runner-up earlier this year in the People's Republic of China at the Blue Bay LPGA
  - Rolex Rankings No. 1 **Jeeno Thitikul** was three-over par through the first two holes
    - Made 10 birdies from holes 5-18, the most of any player in the field on Thursday
    - Birdied four consecutive holes (Nos. 5-8), three consecutive holes (Nos. 13-15)
    - Back-to-back birdies on holes 17 and 18
    - Her seventh round of 65 or better this season
  - Rookie **Ina Yoon** made an eagle, six birdies and a bogey on Thursday
    - Ties for her lowest opening round on the LPGA Tour
    - Her fourth round of 65 or better in her rookie season
    - One of 25 players making their first start at the Buick LPGA Shanghai this week
- Defending champion **Ruoning Yin** shot 71 in her opening round and sits at T45
- Amateur **Menghan Li** made a hole-in-one on No. 11 with an 8 iron
  - This is the 16th hole-in-one on the LPGA Tour this season and first since the FM Championship

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADER

| CATEGORY                          | Arpichaya Yubol |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2025 Race to CME Globe Rank       | 96              |
| 2025 LPGA Tour Wins               | 0               |
| 2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s            | 1               |
| 2025 Official Season Earnings     | \$239,774       |
| Career LPGA Tour Wins             | 0               |
| Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s | 5               |
| Career Official Money             | \$1,473,104     |

#### ABOUT THE LEADER

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 139 Arpichaya Yubol](#)

- Her third time playing the Buick LPGA Shanghai

- Best finish is T9 in 2024
- 2025: 12 cuts made in 20 starts with one top-10 finish
  - Finished T9 at the MEXICO Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba
  - Missed the cut in her last start at the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
- Career: Five career top 10s with \$1.5 million in official career earnings
  - Finished T45 at the 2022 LPGA Q-Series to earn Membership
- Has nine career victories on the Thai LPGA Tour
- Has one victory on the Taiwan LPGA Tour
- Turned professional in 2017

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 62, Hye-Jin Choi (R4, 2024) and Sei Young Kim (R1, 2024)

36 holes – 132, Sei Young Kim (2024)

54 holes – 198, Mao Saigo (2024)

72 holes – 263, Ruoning Yin (2024)

### QUOTABLES

*Arpichaya Yubol (1st, -8) on what stood out in her game today*

“So for me, today I think -- so for the score I think my putter is work today and then my short game, some hole I hit like close to make chance to make birdie. This week like I try to trust myself more for my iron. Normally I hit draw but this time I hit a little bit like cut fade. So it's have to think like some shot -- like trust myself like more than. Like normally I aim to the right but this time I aim to the left and just trust myself and then just keep going. And then it's work. It's feel good. And then I feel like any confident is many coming back..”

*Jeeno Thitikul (T2, -7) on the LPGA Tour having 26 different winners so far this season*

“I think it's just like tell us about how the Tour has been going, and then how the field has been so tough right now, because like it seem like -- is it a record yet? We tied the record, which is so amazing. I never seen. I don't know how the last record was in that year, but it's like not previous year. And I think it just the time of everyone showing off like the performance-wise of the players trying to play as best as possible that they can do, and then just showing us like it's not just like a small world anymore. It's a bigger world where everywhere you are and any nationality you are, you can win on LPGA Tour.”

*Minjee Lee (T2,-7) on her broomstick putter*

“Yeah, I think I just don't have as much pressure with it. Obviously it's freed me up a lot and gives me a lot freedom to stroke the putt. If that is -- if it goes in the hole or doesn't, like as long as I put a good stroke on it I have no other control outside of that. So I think in terms of the actual fundamentals of it it's quite simple, so I just like the fact that it is.”

*Ruoning Yin (T45, -1) on her first round*

“Well, I mean, like I say earlier, I wish I could shoot like a couple more less, but I mean, it's my first day back to the office, so definitely a lot -- I have a lot of things that need to be improved. But I just think golf is just is a game that you need to be humble with, so I do think my swing and everything else feels good. I just need to pick up my mind a little bit.”

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[After a tough start, Jeeno Thitikul carded 10 birdies and is in a tie for second after Round 1 at the Buick LPGA Shanghai 🧐](#)

[Minjee Lee gets her week going with a birdie 🙌](#)

[Amateur Menghan Li aces the 11th! ⚡](#)

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