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**Buick LPGA Shanghai**

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

**Third-Round Notes**

Oct. 11, 2025

**Media Contact:** [Carly Lyvers](#) +1 (386) 214-9105**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72, 6,512 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 70.477; R2: 70.926; R3: 70.496**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)**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	Minami Katsu	-17	70-61-68 – 199
T2	Minjee Lee	-15	65-71-65 – 201
T2	Jeenno Thitikul	-15	65-70-66 – 201
T4	Somi Lee	-14	68-67-67 – 202
T4	Jenny Bae	-14	65-69-68 – 202

**COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1st: **Minami Katsu** sits at 17-under par through three rounds
  - Made six birdies and two bogeys on Saturday
    - Bogeyed the first hole with a three-putt within 10 feet
    - Chipped in on the second hole for a birdie
    - Birdied Nos. 4, 7 and 8 on the front nine
    - Bogeyed No. 12 due to a three-putt
    - Birdied holes 13 and 17 on the back nine
  - Hit 13/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation with 29 putts
  - Has 81 putts through three days, T1 for the lowest amongst the field
  - Made 21 birdies through three rounds, T1 for the lowest amongst the field
  - Lowest three-day total of 199 or better since the 2024 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship

- This is her second post-round lead on the LPGA Tour
- T2: Multiple-time LPGA Tour winners **Minjee Lee** and **Jeeno Thitikul** sit two shots behind Katsu at -15
  - Lee made the most birdies across the field on Saturday (9)
    - Birdied five consecutive holes from Nos. 7-11
    - Hit 11/14 fairways, 17/18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
    - Ranked 3rd amongst the field for most greens in regulation hit through three rounds
    - Her 10th time this season being in the lead or within five shots of the lead entering the final round
      - In her last three instances, she finished in the top 3:
        - KPMG Women's PGA Championship – In lead entering final round, won
        - The Amundi Evian Championship – one shot from lead entering final round, T3
        - CPKC Women's Open – in lead entering final round, 2nd
  - Thitikul was one of 11 players to have a bogey-free round on Saturday
    - Hit every green in regulation in R3; one of two players to do so including **Mary Liu**
    - Made 20 birdies through three rounds, ranked 3rd amongst the field
    - Her 12th time this season being in the lead or within five shots of the lead entering the final round
    - Also her fourth time in consecutive starts that she is within five shots of the lead entering the final round
      - Kroger Queen City Championship – one shot from lead entering final round, 2nd
      - FM Championship – four shots from lead entering final round, 2nd
      - CPKC Women's Open – three shots from lead entering final round, T7
    - Finished 2nd in three of her last five starts on the LPGA Tour
- Amateur **Ying Xu** sits at T6 after a third-round 65
  - Earned her first two LEAP points after her individual victory at the World Amateur Team Championships last week
  - With a finish in the top 10 and ties at the Buick LPGA Shanghai, she could earn two more points
- Defending champion **Ruoning Yin** shot a second-round 72 and is at T32
- **Ilhee Lee** withdrew prior to the third round due to injury

## WITH A WIN

### Minami Katsu

- Would win her first LPGA Tour title and become a Rolex First-Time Winner
- Would be the 12th Rolex First-Time Winner this season
  - Would tie the record for most Rolex First-Time Winners in an LPGA Tour season, set in 2023
- Would be the 27th different winner through 26 events in the LPGA Tour's 2025 season
  - Would break the record for most different winners in a single season in the history of the LPGA Tour
- Would be the sixth player from Japan to win this season (**Akie Iwai**, The Standard Portland Classic; **Chisato Iwai**, MEXICO Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba; **Rio Takeda**, Blue Bay LPGA; **Mao Saigo**, The Chevron Championship; **Miyu Yamashita**, AIG Women's Open)
  - Would break the record for most wins by Japanese players in a season on the LPGA Tour

- Would be the first player from Japan to win the Buick LPGA Shanghai
- Would be the second player to win their first LPGA Tour title at the Buick LPGA Shanghai following **Angel Yin** (2023)

#### Minjee Lee

- Would earn her 12th win on the LPGA Tour and second of the season following the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- Would be the first multiple-time winner on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- Would be her third consecutive season with multiple victories
- Would be one win closer to passing **Jan Stephenson** (16 wins), the second most-winningest player from Australia
- Would be the first player from Australia to win the Buick LPGA Shanghai

#### Jeeno Thitikul

- Would earn her sixth win on the LPGA Tour and second of the season following the Mizuho Americas Open
- Would be the first multiple-time winner on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- Would earn her first victory as Rolex Rankings No. 1
- Would be her second consecutive season with multiple victories
- Would have her fourth consecutive top-10 finish
- Would be the first player from Thailand to win the Buick LPGA Shanghai

#### Somi Lee

- Would earn her second win on the LPGA Tour and second of the season following the Dow Championship with partner **Jin Hee Im**
- Would be the first multiple-time winner on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- Would earn the seventh victory by a player from the Republic of Korea this season, the most of any country this season
- Would be the 32nd player from the Republic of Korea with two or more victories on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the first player from the Republic of Korea to win the Buick LPGA Shanghai

#### Jenny Bae

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- Would be the eighth rookie to win on the LPGA Tour (**Rio Takeda, Ingrid Lindblad, Chisato Iwai, Akie Iwai, Lottie Woad, Miyu Yamashita, Miranda Wang**)
  - Would break the record for most wins by rookies in a season on the LPGA Tour

- Would be the fourth player from the United States to win this season and first since **Jennifer Kupcho** (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer)
- Would be the third player from the United States to win the Buick LPGA Shanghai following **Angel Yin** (2023) and **Danielle Kang** (2018, 2019)
- Would be the second player to win their first LPGA Tour title at the Buick LPGA Shanghai following **Angel Yin** (2023)

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Minami Katsu
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	27
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	5
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$1,375,967
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	9
Career Official Money	\$2,305,060

#### ABOUT THE LEADER

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 43 Minami Katsu](#)

- Her third time playing the Buick LPGA Shanghai
  - Best finish is T57 in 2024
- 2025: 18 cuts made in 21 previous starts with five top-10 finishes
  - Finished 3rd at last week's LOTTE Championship
  - Notably finished T2 at the season's last major, AIG Women's Open
- Career: Nine career top 10s with \$2.3 million in official career earnings
  - Finished 5th at the 2022 LPGA Q-Series to earn Membership
- Has eight victories on the JLPGA Tour
  - As an amateur, became the youngest winner in JLPGA Tour history at age 15
- Turned professional in 2017

#### 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

*Minami Katsu (1st, -17) 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 (T2, -15) on taking her %1 better mentality into the final round*

"Yeah, I can't control what anyone else is doing, so I'm just going to focus on what I can do and do it to the best of my ability. So, you know I'm just going to try and execute every single shot like 100% and just try and be super committed. Like I said, it's really hot out there, so just trying to be, you know, mentally focused and try to put one foot in front of the other is going to be important."

*Jeeno Thitikul (T2, -15) on her runner-up finishes*

"Take it just really good. It's just like people might value the winner and then people might remembering the winner, but I think for in my perspective I value every position the same. I mean, like getting the win should be really good, but after you get the win you be the same as well. So what I learning is the five win that I have on the LPGA is the past as well, so I don't like -- like I don't carry in my shoulder. I don't carry it in my head. If you told me I can get second in every tournaments in this year for the whole season, 30 something, I'll take it."

*Jenny Bae (T4, -14) on her finish in Friday's round*

"Today was definitely a little better than yesterday especially with how I finished yesterday. It was just really unfortunate lies. But my coach told me just forget it. It's just one bad hole. It's not going to define your entire round and your entire tomorrow. I just started today starting scratch and try to see what I can shoot."

*Somi Lee (T4, -14) entering the final round as an LPGA Tour winner*

"Yeas, I think this round boost my confidence for tomorrow. And I always want to play so well, but that mindset is always giving me trouble. So tomorrow I want to focus on one single shot at a time. The result, nobody will know the result. Yeah, just try to play well."

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[Minami Katsu bounces back from a bogey at the first with a chip in birdie at the second](#) 

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