

**Buick LPGA Shanghai**

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**Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes**

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**NOTABLE PLAYERS**

- **Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul**
  - Second appearance at the Buick LPGA Shanghai
    - Finished T5 in 2024
  - 2025: 16 cuts made in 17 starts with eleven top-10 finishes and a win
    - Finished 2nd in her last two starts – FM Championship and Kroger Queen City Championship
    - Won the Mizuho Americas Open
    - Leader in the Race to the CME Globe points (2,939.950) and Rolex Player of the Year points (132)
    - Also leads in several statistical categories including:
      - Putts per GIR average: 1.71
      - Scoring average per round: 69.16
      - Round 1 scoring average: 68.80
      - Round 3 scoring average: 68.71
      - Birdie or better percentage: 26.41%
      - Birdie or better average per round: 4.75
      - Bogey avoidance: 11.31%

- Par 3 scoring average: 2.90
  - Par 4 scoring average: 3.93
- Career: Five wins, 52 top 10s, \$12.9 million in official career earnings
  - In 2024, earned two wins and recorded 12 top 10s in 17 starts
    - Won the Dow Championship and the CME Group Tour Championship
    - Won the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
    - Broke Lorena Ochoa's single-season earnings record with a season total of \$6,059,309
  - 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
  - 2023 Vare Trophy recipient
  - Member of the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown teams and represented Thailand at the 2024 Paris Olympics
- **Rolex Rankings No. 4 Minjee Lee**
  - Fifth appearance at the Buick LPGA Shanghai
    - Best finish is 8th in 2024
    - One of seven players in the field that has played every edition of the event
  - 2025: 17 cuts made in 18 starts with six top-10 finishes and a major championship victory
    - Finished 2nd twice – CPKC Women's Open and Blue Bay LPGA
    - Won the season's third major championship, KPMG Women's PGA Championship
    - Leads the Tour in Official Money this season at \$3,629,430
    - Currently 2nd in Rolex Player of the Year points (113) and Race to the CME Globe points (2,340.295)
  - Career: 11 wins, 80 top 10s, \$18.4 million in official career earnings
    - 2022 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner
    - Represented Australia in the 2016 Rio Olympics (T7), 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T29), 2024 Paris Olympics (T22) and the 2014, 2016, 2018, 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crowns
    - Competed in the 2014 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown as an amateur, the only amateur in competition history
- **Rolex Rankings No. 7 Ruoning Yin**
  - Fourth appearance at the Buick LPGA Shanghai
    - Earned her fourth career victory here in 2024
    - Finished T38 in 2019 and T41 in 2023
    - One of 21 players from the People's Republic of China in the field this week
  - 2025: 11 cuts made in 13 starts with three top-10 finishes
    - Missed the cut in her last two starts – The Amundi Evian Championship and the AIG Women's Open
    - Finished T2 at The Chevron Championship and the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion
    - Did not make any starts in August or September
  - Career: Five wins, 20 top 10s, \$7.3 million in official career earnings

- Represented the People's Republic of China in the 2024 Paris Olympics (T10) and the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crowns
- In 2024, won three times including the Buick LPGA Shanghai, Maybank Championship and the Dow Championship with playing partner Jeeno Thitikul
- Won her first major championship at the 2023 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- Turned professional in 2020, playing on the China LPGA Tour
  - Won her first three events in a row on the CLPGA, a record for the tour
  - Recorded six top-10 finishes on the CLPGA in 2020

### **NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO**

- This is the fifth playing of the Buick LPGA Shanghai
  - Due to COVID-19, the event did not take place from 2020-2022
- There are 25 players making their first start at the Buick LPGA Shanghai this week
- There are four sponsor invites in the field including:
  - [Muni He](#)
  - 2018 and 2019 Buick LPGA Shanghai champion [Danielle Kang](#)
  - [Chih Yen Chang](#)
  - **Yu Yuan Jiang (a)**

### **2025 HANWHA LIFEPLUS INTERNATIONAL CROWN UPDATE**

- The 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown field will comprise teams from the United States, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Thailand, Sweden, Australia and the People's Republic of China
  - Countries were determined by the combined Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings of the top four players from each country as of the Rankings published after the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- See here for the most recent field update: [Team Updates for 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown](#)

### **SEASON-LONG INITIATIVES**

#### [Race to CME Globe](#)

*The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA Tour event to qualify for the season-ending tournament, the CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion." The top 60 points earners and ties earn a spot into the season finale with the entire field competing for a \$11 million purse, highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is the largest winner's prize in the history of women's golf.*

- 1st: [Jeeno Thitikul](#) continues her lead of the Race to the CME Globe with 2,939.950 points
  - Won the Mizuho Americas Open
  - Eleven top-10 finishes this season
- 2nd: [Minjee Lee](#) remains in second with 2,340.295 points
  - Won the 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - Six top-10 finishes this season

- 3rd: [Miyu Yamashita](#) is in third with 1,878.528 points
  - Won the AIG Women's Open
  - Nine top-10 finishes this season
- Additional moves following the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei:
  - **Hyo Joo Kim** moved up 2 spots from No. 7 to 5
  - **Akie Iwai** moved up 4 spots from No. 12 to 8
  - **Peiyun Chien** moved up 27 spots from No. 98 to 71
  - **Jessica Porvasnik** moved up 51 spots from No. 157 to 106

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 17, par 5 at Qizhong Garden Golf Club

*The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a unique, season-long competition on the LPGA Tour that highlights the game's best players as they navigate some of the most strategically challenging holes on tour. Players will take their best two scores from each Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winner will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 Million prize.*

- **Jeeno Thitikul** is in the lead at -0.900 average to par through 15 events played
- No. 17: Coming down the stretch, the 17th hole presents a key scoring opportunity if players can steer clear of water off the tee
  - Those who find the fairway are twice as likely to reach the green in two
  - In 2019, the hole proved pivotal, with top-10 finishers gaining nearly half a stroke on the field here alone
  - Club selection off the tee is critical, as the fairway's left side runs out around 240 yards
  - Staying short of the water leaves roughly 200 yards to the green, where players will have to navigate a blind shot with several tricky plateaus
- More information on No. 17 from this week's fact sheet is available [here](#)

CME Group Cares Challenge

*The CME Group Cares Challenge is a season-long charitable giving program that turns aces into donations. CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2025, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases.*

- There have been 15 hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
  - The last recorded ace was by **Ariya Jutanugarn** in the final round of the FM Championship on the 16th hole at TPC Boston
- The total for 2025 is now \$300,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital