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KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

Over the last two seasons at Qizhong Garden, players who finish inside the top 10 gained over 40% of their strokes with their putting:

Top 10 Finishers Strokes Gained by Category Buick LPGA Shanghai – Last 2 Seasons	
Off the Tee	16.4%
Approach	31.9%
Around the Green	9.3%
Putting	42.4%

Further emphasizing how paramount putting will be this week: each of the last two winners here ranked inside the top 5 in strokes gained in that category:

Strokes Gained Putting Buick LPGA Shanghai – Last 2 Winners		
	Strokes Gained Putting	Rank
2023 Angel Yin	+2.24	1st
2024 Ruoning Yin	+1.80	4th

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHTS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Jeeno Thitikul](#)

- One of just three players on the LPGA Tour this season to rank inside the top 50 in all four main strokes gained disciplines, joining Charley Hull and Sei Young Kim:

Stop 50 in All Four Strokes Gained Categories			
LPGA Tour – This Season			
	Charley Hull	Sei Young Kim	Jeeno Thitikul
Off the Tee	T13	48th	19th
Approach	T49	30th	T6
Around the Green	29th	T16	T47
Putting	T20	48th	5th

- [Defending champion Ruoning Yin](#)

- Gained more than 7 strokes on her way to victory at this event last season, her second highest total on the green in her LPGA Tour career:

Ruoning Yin Highest Strokes Gained Putting Totals		
LPGA Tour Career		
	Total SG Putting	Finish
2025 U.S. Women's Open	+8.14	T4
2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai	+7.22	Won
2025 Black Desert Championship	+7.19	T2
2024 FIR HILLS SERI PAK	+6.40	T8
2024 Maybank Championship	+5.97	Won

- [Major champion Minjee Lee](#)

- Her putting has been completely transformed this season with the switch to the broomstick putter, ranking near the top of the LPGA Tour in a few notable categories:

Minjee Lee Putting		
LPGA Tour – This Season		
		Rank
Strokes Gained Putting	+1.13	2nd
Putts Made of 10+ Feet	138	T2
Putting from 10-15 Feet	41.1%	3rd
Putts per GIR	1.75	T8

- [Major champion Miyu Yamashita](#)

- Has been excellent over her last 4 starts, a stretch that started with her breakthrough victory at the AIG Women's Open. Over that span, she has a scoring average below 69 and is gaining well over 2.5 strokes per round:

Miyu Yamashita Performance	
LPGA Tour – Last 4 Starts	
Top 10 Finishes	3
Scoring Average	68.9

Score to Par	-49
Bogey Avoidance	10.1%
Strokes Gained Total	+2.79

PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

Jeeno Thitikul

[Transcript](#)

Thitikul returning to the Buick LPGA Shanghai as No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings

"Yeah, I mean, like second time here in Shanghai, and I had really good time last year in Shanghai for the first time playing. And then also playing alongside Ronni and we had a lot of China fan. So I feel like every time I play in Asia I just love being in Asia; feel so good. The weather what we used to, and then just really being excited to be here again competing."

Ruoning Yin

[Transcript](#)

Yin on defending her title in the People's Republic of China

"It's meaningful playing for titles, but at home we have home crowd, home fans, so a lot of moments where it's going to be different."

Lilia Vu

[Transcript](#)

Vu on her performance this year

"Yeah, I would say I went through a lot this year with my body. At the beginning of the year I played in Thailand. I was in a lot of pain, back pain especially. I made a change this year kind of with different eating habits, gluten free, dairy free and that really helped my body, but also changed my body a lot. I feel a lot better. I have no pain. I mean, golf is rough for a couple months, but I'm just waiting for it all to translate. I feel really good in my body and just can't wait to have a fun week."

Minjee Lee

[Transcript](#)

Lee on what she enjoys most about the event as having played every edition of the tournament

"I mean, I've been here seven times so obviously I like it. But, no, I always love coming back. I think it fits really well in my schedule and the food is great, hospitality is always really nice. We just get looked after really well, so I really enjoy coming back and visiting."

Jennifer Kupcho

[Transcript](#)

Kupcho on what has changed since she last played in Shanghai

"Yeah, I think it's been six years since I've been here, but I think just in the six years, the competition out on the LPGA has gotten very stiff. A lot of young rookies, really good players, and really anybody can win any week. So I think it's just continuing to try to make myself better to go along with the rest of the competition. I think also, I continue to grow my game in the last six years so I'm just excited to be back."

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