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2025 Chevron Championship

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Over the last two years at Carlton Woods, players who have finished in the top-ten at the Chevron Championship have gained 21.4 percent of their strokes gained total from shots off the tee. The LPGA Tour average for top-ten finishers in that span is just 15 percent – a significant increase. A look at the other percentages compared to their LPGA Tour mean:

Percentage of Strokes Gained Total

Chevron Championship Top-10 Finishers – Prev. 2 Years

	Chevron	LPGA Tour Average
Off the Tee	21.4%	15.0%
Approach	33.0%	39.5%
Around Green	7.4%	7.9%
Putting	38.2%	37.6%

Major Championship Trends

*Among players with at least a dozen rounds in the majors last year, Lilia Vu had the best scoring average, at 70.50. Ally Ewing and Ayaka Furue (71.00) had the best among players to compete in all 20 major championship rounds played.

Best Scoring Average

Major Championships in 2024

		Rounds
Lilia Vu	70.50	12
Ally Ewing	71.00	20
Ayaka Furue	71.00	20
Nelly Korda	71.06	16
Haeran Ryu	71.15	20

*Minimum 12 rounds played

*Hyo Joo Kim leads all players in scoring in the majors since the beginning of 2021.

Best Scoring Average

Major Championships Since 2021

Hyo Joo Kim	70.81
Brooke Henderson	70.82
Nelly Korda	70.97
Ayaka Furue	71.08

*Minimum 40 rounds played in span



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*Over the last two major championship seasons, four qualified players have averaged 1.5 strokes gained or more per round with their ball striking – a statistic that combines performance off the tee and on approach shots:

Most SG Ball Striking Per Round Major Championships Last 2 Seasons

Minjee Lee	1.87
Akie Iwai	1.76
Megan Khang	1.58
Allisen Corpuz	1.54
Ruoning Yin	1.49

*Minimum 20 rounds played in span

*Since this championship's shift to Texas, Nelly Korda and Carlota Ciganda have the two most strokes gained total of any player.

Most Strokes Gained Total Chevron Championship – 2 Years at Carlton Woods

Nelly Korda	30.3
Carlota Ciganda	22.3
A Lim Kim	21.8
Jeenno Thitikul	20.8

*There's no time to dawdle in mediocre play in major championships, especially on this tour: over the last 20 years, the average first round score of major winners is under 68. Each of the last 29 major champions shot par or better in the first round and were within five shots of the lead.

Average Position After 1st Round Last 20 Major Championship Winners

1st Round Score	67.95
Position	6.8
Deficit	1.9

*Last 29 major winners shot par or better in opening round



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Nelly Korda

*Nelly Korda leads all players in birdies or better and strokes gained total in the two years since this championship has moved to Carlton Woods. She's also second in greens in regulation and in the top-ten among qualified players in strokes gained putting per round.

Nelly Korda

Chevron Championship – Last 2 Years

	Per round	Rank
Strokes gained total	+3.79	1st
Birdies or better	37	1st
Greens in regulation	74.3%	2nd
SG Off the Tee	+1.07	3rd
SG Putting	+1.33	9th

*Korda excelled in several different parts of her game in her victory here a year ago.

Nelly Korda

Field Ranks – 2024 Chevron Championship Win

		Field Rank
Par 4 scoring	3.95	T-1st
Greens in regulation	76.4%	2nd
GIR after hit fairway	88.1%	3rd
SG Around Green	+1.07	4th
SG Off the Tee	+1.02	6th

*Korda entered last year's Chevron Championship as the biggest story in the sport, having won four consecutive starts. A look at her performance on the LPGA Tour last year leading up to the season's first major championship, compared to what she has done to date in 2025:

Nelly Korda

2024 vs 2025 – Entering Chevron Championship

	2024	2025
Starts	5	5
Wins	4	0
Top 10s	4	2
Scoring average	69.32	68.13
SG Total	+2.74	+2.31



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Jeeno Thitikul

*Will this be the year Jeeno breaks through with her first major win? Thitikul has finished in the top-ten in majors seven times since 2021 but has not yet grabbed a victory.

Jeeno Thitikul

Best Major Championship Finishes

2022 KPMG Women's PGA	4th
2023 Chevron Championship	T-4
2021 Amundi Evian Champ.	5th
2024 U.S. Women's Open	T-6

*Since the beginning of 2021, only Nelly Korda (eight) has more top-ten finishes in major championships than Jeeno Thitikul (seven). She ranks fourth in strokes gained total per round in the majors in that same span, picking up 1.80 per round:

Jeeno Thitikul

Ranks in Majors – Since Beginning of 2021

		Rank
Top 10 finishes	7	2nd
SG Total per round	+1.80	4th
Rounds in 60s	21	T-4th

*Thitikul is gaining more than three strokes on the field per round since last September at the FM Championship. During that stretch, she leads the LPGA in strokes gained putting per round and is ranked seventh in strokes gained ball striking (performance off the tee + on approach shots):

Jeeno Thitikul

On LPGA Tour – Since 2024 FM Championship Began

		Rank
Scoring average	67.96	T-1st
SG Total	3.06	1st
SG Putting	1.82	1st
SG Ball Striking	1.29	7th



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Lydia Ko

*In two starts at Carlton Woods, Lydia Ko has missed the cut and finished in a tie for 17th place. She has lost more than two strokes on the greens here in six rounds, an uncharacteristic number to see from the 2016 winner of this event.

Lydia Ko

Chevron Championship at Carlton Woods

	2023	2024
Finish	Cut	T-17
Score to par	+3	-2
Front nine scoring	+3	-1
SG Approach	-2.41	+2.36
SG Putting	-1.75	-0.41

*Ko is looking more and more like herself on the greens. This season, she is ranked 17th on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting per round, her second season in a row in the top-20.

Lydia Ko

Strokes Gained Putting – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2023	0.01	72nd
2024	0.69	14th
2025	0.76	17th

Lilia Vu

*Don't sleep on 2023 Chevron Championship winner Lilia Vu – in just eight major starts the previous two seasons, Vu is the only player with more than two top-two finishes (she has four). In that span, she has beat the field scoring average in more than 82% of her rounds played in the majors:

Lilia Vu

In Major Championships – Previous 2 Seasons

Starts	8
Top-2 finishes	4*
Scoring average	71.14
Strokes gained total	+2.14
Pct rounds gaining strokes	82.1%

*Only player with more than 2 top-2 finishes in span



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Ayaka Furue

*Ayaka Furue is one of just six players to play all 20 major championship rounds last season. Her combined score to par of -8 tied Ally Ewing for best of that group:

Played All 20 Major Championship Rounds 2024 LPGA Season

	Score to par
Ayaka Furue	-8
Ally Ewing	-8
Haeran Ryu	-5
Akie Iwai	+16
Narin An	+22
Mi Hyang Lee	+30

Angel Yin

*Angel Yin leads all players in strokes gained putting per round in the major championships over the previous two seasons:

Most SG Putting Per Round Major Championships – Last 2 Seasons

Angel Yin	1.60
Minami Katsu	1.51
Anna Nordqvist	1.26
Yuka Saso	1.19
Lilia Vu	1.14

*Minimum 20 rounds played in span

Haeran Ryu

*Haeran Ryu finished solo fifth here last year, tied for her best career finish in a major (she also finished solo fifth later in 2024 at the Evian).

Haeran Ryu Career Performance in Majors

Starts	14
Top 10 finishes	4*
Missed cuts	4
Scoring average	72.29

*3 in 2024 (including Chevron Championship)



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*Haeran Ryu averaged 1.77 strokes gained approach per round in the majors last year, third-most of any player with 12 or more rounds played.

Most SG Approach Per Round Major Championships Last Season

Akie Iwai	2.00
Minjee Lee	1.84
Haeran Ryu	1.77
Rio Takeda	1.69
Jin Young Ko	1.42

*Minimum 12 rounds played

Charley Hull

*Charley Hull is up to 14th this season in strokes gained approach per round, a jump of 64 spots over just two seasons ago. A look at some of her ball striking ranks in recent seasons:

Charley Hull Strokes Gained Ranks – Last 3 Seasons

	2023	2024	2025
Tee to Green	42nd	44th	78th
Off the Tee	7th	5th	34th
Approach	8th	5th	14th

*Hull has had several close calls in majors, including a pair of runner-up results in 2023 at the AIG Women's Open and U.S. Women's Open:

Charley Hull Best Career Finishes in Majors

2023 AIG Women's Open	2nd
2016 Chevron Championship*	T-2
2023 U.S. Women's Open	T-2
2022 Amundi Evian Champ.	T-3

*At Mission Hills CC



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Lauren Coughlin

*It's almost impossible to overstate the incredible improvement in Lauren Coughlin's putting over the last two seasons. From 2022-23, Coughlin gained 1 stroke or more on the greens in 14.8% of her rounds. Since the beginning of 2024, that number is 40.4%.

Lauren Coughlin

Strokes Gained Putting – Since 2022

	2022-23	2023-24
Per round	-0.52	+0.59
Rounds gaining strokes	40.0%	63.6%
Rounds gaining 1+ strokes	14.8%	40.4%

*Coughlin broke through at this championship a year ago, finishing in a tie for third place. A look at her performance that week by the numbers:

Lauren Coughlin

2024 Chevron Championship – Field Ranks

Putts per GIR	2nd
Strokes gained putting	4th
Driving accuracy	T-9th
SG Tee to Green	15th

Ruoning Yin

*Ruoning Yin has seen a slight dip in her strokes gained approach average so far in 2025, but is still ranked in the top-20 in a statistic she has dominated in recent years:

Ruoning Yin

SG Approach – Last 3 LPGA Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2023	1.18	2nd
2024	1.19	3rd
2025	0.79	16th