



The Chevron Championship

The Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus Course) | The Woodlands, Texas | April 24-27, 2025

Completed Second-Round Notes

April 26, 2025

The second round resumed at 7:00 a.m. CT. and concluded at 7:53 a.m. on Saturday. The third round will begin at 8:52 a.m., with players teeing off Nos. 1 and 10.

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,759 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 73.039; R2: 72.599

Weather: Heavy fog in the morning that moved to partly cloudy skies with a high of 86 F and south to southeast winds peaking between 7-13 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 650 (winner)

Purse: \$8 million (winner's prize, \$1.2 million)

TV/Streaming Times: [How to Watch](#)

ESPN+ Third-Round Featured Groupings:

9:03 a.m. – Nelly Korda, Gigi Stoll, Amy Yang

9:14 a.m. – Cassie Porter, Stephanie Kyriacou, Ingrid Lindblad

10:53 a.m. – Gabriela Ruffels, Ryann O'Toole, Aditi Ashok

11:04 a.m. – Jeeno Thitikul, Frida Kinshult, Minami Katsu

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LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	To par	Score
1	Yan Liu	-7	65-72 – 137
T2	Lindy Duncan	-6	72-66 – 138
T2	Sarah Schmelzel	-6	70-68 – 138
T2	Mao Saigo	-6	70-68 – 138
T2	Hyo Joo Kim	-6	67-71 – 138
T6	Four players	-5	139

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- The second round was suspended due to darkness at 8:04 p.m. CT. on Friday and resumed at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday
 - The second round was completed at 7:53 a.m. on Saturday and the third round will begin at 8:52 a.m. with players teeing off Nos. 1 and 10
 - Three groups and nine players had to finish their second round Saturday morning
 - The afternoon wave of Round 2 was delayed one hour and 15 minutes due to a morning fog delay on Friday, which halted the start of Round 2 and the resumption of Round 1
- 81 players made the cut at +2
 - There were 63 players at +1 on the leaderboard at the end of Friday
 - Numerous players finished this morning that could have moved the cut line:
 - [Sophia Popov](#) was +2 Friday and made a birdie on her second to last hole to move to +1
 - [Benedetta Moresco](#) was +2 on Friday and made a bogey on one of her last two holes to finish +3 and miss the cut
 - [Jenny Bae](#) was +2 on Friday and made a double bogey on her last hole to finish +4 and miss the cut by two
 - [Gabriela Ruffels](#) was +1 on Friday and made a bogey on her last hole to still make the cut at +2
 - Notable players to miss the cut are 2025 Tour winner [Madelene Sagstrom](#) (+3), 2022 The Chevron Championship champion [Jennifer Kupcho](#) (+3), all but one amateur, Rolex Rankings No. 5 [Hannah Green](#) and Rolex Rankings No. 10 [Charley Hull](#)
- Of the 81 players who made the cut, there are:
 - Eight players in the Rolex Rankings Top 10
 - All but No. 5 Hannah Green and No. 10 Charley Hull
 - 10 states represented
 - **Cheyenne Knight** is the only Texan
 - 202 overall LPGA Tour victories
 - 33 total major champions22 Crown players
 - Seven The Chevron Championship past champions
 - Nelly Korda, Lilia Vu, Jennifer Kupcho, Jin Young Ko, Lydia Ko, Pernilla Lindberg, Lexi Thompson
 - 19 Solheim Cup players
 - 30 Olympians
 - Eight rookies
 - One mother (Popov)
 - One amateur (Clemente)
 - Four Girls Golf alums (Coughlin, Duncan, Matthews, Schmelzel)
 - Average age is 27.667
 - Youngest player is Gianna Clemente, 17
 - Youngest professional is Alexa Pano, 20
 - Oldest player is Alena Sharp, 44
- 1st: [Yan Liu](#) shot a second-round 72 (E) to remain at -7 and in the lead

- This is the first time since 2009 that the leading first- and second-round score to par at The Chevron Championship remained unchanged
- Liu made four bogeys, one birdie and an albatross on Friday
- Liu made an albatross on the par-5 No. 8, hitting her 7-iron 170 yards
 - It is the first albatross since the 2024 season, in which two were made
 - Grace Kim and Nanna Koertz Madsen both scored albatross in 2024, with Koertz Madsen's coming most recently at the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
- She hit 12 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens on Friday, with 32 putts
 - She is T1 in the field in greens in regulations, with 29 of 36 hit overall
- This is her first second-round lead on the LPGA Tour, and third post-round lead overall
 - She led after yesterday's first round at The Chevron and after the first round at last week's JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - She is the first player from the People's Republic of China to hold the second-round lead at The Chevron Championship
- T2: Four players are at -6 through two rounds
 - [Lindy Duncan](#) shot a 66 on Friday with eight birdies and two bogeys
 - Had back-to-back bogeys on No. 5 and 6 then finished her round with three consecutive birdies
 - Tied her career-low round at a major championship, previously shot in R1 of the 2017 AIG Women's Open
 - Her fifth appearance at The Chevron Championship; missing the cut in 2013 and 2019
 - Her best finish is T48 in 2018
 - Her lowest round since R4 of the 2025 Ford Championship
 - [Sarah Schmelzel](#) shot a 68 on Friday
 - Had six birdies and two bogeys hitting 11/14 fairways and 12/18 greens in regulation with 26 putts
 - Lowest round in a major championship since R2 the 2024 Amundi Evian Championship (68)
 - Her seventh appearance at The Chevron Championship; best finish is T25 in 2022
 - Has yet to miss a cut since the Dow Championship in June 2024
 - [Mao Saigo](#) shot a 68 in R2
 - Recorded six birdies and two bogeys
 - Third appearance at The Chevron Championship; missed the cut in 2024 as a rookie and placed 65th prior to becoming an LPGA Tour Member
 - Her best finish in a major championship is T3 at the 2022 Amundi Evian Championship, also prior to becoming an LPGA Tour Member
 - [Hyo Joo Kim](#) carded a 71 on Friday
 - Had two birdies and two bogeys on the front nine, and on birdie on the back nine (No. 13)
 - Her 10th appearance at The Chevron Championship; has two top-10 finishes in last nine starts
 - Her best finish was T8 at The Club at Carlton Woods in 2022
 - Kim is the only previous major champion currently within the top-10
 - Won the 2014 Amundi Evian Championship

- Defending champion [Nelly Korda](#) shot a second-round 68 and sits at +1 and within the cut line
 - Recorded six birdies and two bogeys on Friday
 - Korda has not missed the cut at The Chevron Championship since the 2014 and 2015 editions
- **Gianna Clemente** (a) is the only amateur that finished within the cut line
 - Finished two-under in the second round
 - Made a birdie on her second to last hole this morning
 - Secured at least one point in the LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway standings
 - If she finishes within the top 25 and ties after the final round, she will earn two points
- [Ashleigh Buhai](#) shot a 66 on Friday to land within the cut line after opening with a 79 on Thursday
 - Had a 13-shot difference between her two rounds

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Yan Liu
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	99
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$40,615
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	2
Career Official Money	\$639,894

ABOUT THE LEADER

[Rolex Rankings No. 195 Yan Liu](#)

- Second start at The Chevron Championship
 - Missed cut in 2024
- Fifth start on Tour in 2025, three cuts made
 - Season-best finish is T32 at last week's JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- Career: Two top-10 finishes, both in 2023
 - Has a career-best finish of third at the 2023 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
- Competed on Epson Tour in 2022
 - Made 17 cuts in 21 starts with four top-10 finishes
 - Finished ninth on the Epson Tour money list to earn LPGA membership for the 2023 season
- Won the 2019 EFG Hong Kong Ladies Open on the CLPGA

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

Championship Scoring Records (Overall):

18 holes – 62, Lorena Ochoa (2006) and Lydia Ko (2021)
 36 holes – 132, Sung Hyun Park and Pernilla Lindberg (2018)
 54 holes – 200, Jennifer Kupcho (2022)
 72 holes – 269, Dottie Pepper (1999)

Championship Scoring Records from The Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus):

18 holes – 64, Brooke Henderson (2024, R3)

36 holes – 136, A Lim Kim (2023), Jin Hee Im (2024) and Atthaya Thitikul (2024)

54 holes – 205, Haeran Ryu (2024)

72 holes – 275, Nelly Korda (2024)

QUOTABLES

Yan Liu (1st, -7) on her feelings headed into the weekend

“This is major. I know the course going to be harder, harder, so I think just I just stay in the patient, calm. Because I'm very emotional person, yes.”

Mao Saigo (T2, -6) on how she prepared for this week

“I changed my equipment and tried to put more spin on irons and new wood and everything to prepare for the event.”

Lindy Duncan (T2, -6) on what she has learned about major championship golf

“I just think pars are good a lot of times and just trying to, if you get out of position, try to get back in the fairway, give yourself a chance for par. If you can drop some of those par saves, that momentum is huge.”

Sarah Schmelzel (T2, -6) on how she would sum up her year

“Overall, it's been steady I guess you would say. It's been a little frustrating because I've been in the top 10 going into the weekend and even Sunday a lot, and kind of just haven't really gotten over the hump as much as I would like to. I have hit it really well at times; hit it not awesome at times. So it's just been kind of, I don't know, coming out of the offseason or just some offseason changes still really taking form over a four-day golf tournament. Overall I've been really happy with my demeanor and mental game on the golf course. I think that's been huge for me this year and why I've been so consistent. So good and bad.”

Minjee Lee (T11, -4) on her approach going into the weekend as a major champion

“I just want to play with freedom, so for me, I just want to see my shots really clearly. If it stays this soft I think I could be pretty aggressive on the holes where I can hit shorter clubs. So I think just try and take advantage of those opportunities and I think they're probably going to try and make it a little bit harder come the weekend because it is a major championship. I think just try and play smart, be patient when I have to be. Just try and take my opportunities when I get them.”

Lexi Thompson (T11, -4) on her bounce back from the first round to the second round

“I am very much. Coming into the week, if I'm being honest, I wasn't hitting it great coming off last week. Didn't really know what to expect. But Monday through Wednesday I don't think I've ever practiced that hard and like worked with my brother Curtis on the bag and my dad, and just going back and forth with things that could possibly work. Sometimes you just got to go out there and focus in on one thing and let it go. So I'm very proud of myself, and been having fun the last two days.”

Ashleigh Buhai (T46, +1) on her comeback six-under-par round

“I'm super proud. Obviously yesterday was not a good day. Kind of felt like I just lost my swing for a day. But the delay was almost a blessing in disguise. I was able to do some FaceTime work with my coach this morning who is in South Africa. Gave me one simple thought and it worked.”

Nelly Korda (T46, +1) on the emotions of the last two days

“Very up and down. Just my word today was have faith. That was my motto. So, yeah, I didn't really have much though after when I made two bogeys, but I just kept repeating it to myself, yeah.”

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