

The Chevron Championship

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

Partial First-Round Notes

April 24, 2025

The first round was suspended at 6:25 p.m. CT on Thursday due to dangerous weather conditions. Play will resume at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, with eight groups still to finish their first round.

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,797 yards

Scoring Average: R1: TBD

Weather: Partly cloudy with south to southeast winds increasing

near 7-13 mph and temperatures reaching 84 F

Race to CME Globe Points: 650 (winner)
Purse: \$8 million (winner's prize, \$1.2 million)

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<u>LEADERBOARD</u>				
Pos.	Player	To par	Score	
T1	Haeran Ryu	-7	65	
T1	Yan Liu	-7	65	
2	Hyo Joo Kim	-6	66	
T3	Five players	-4	68	

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Eight groups have still to finish their first round following the suspension of play on Thursday
 - The final groups are on holes 7 and 15

- The group of <u>Narin An</u>, <u>Gurleen Kaur</u> and <u>Dewi Weber</u> are on 7
- The group of <u>Lucy Li</u>, <u>Caroline Masson</u> and <u>Paula Reto</u> are on 15
- o Of the 24 players still on the course, Li has the best score
 - Li is -4 through 14 holes
 - In Gee Chun is -3 through 16 holes
- T1: <u>Haeran Ryu</u> and <u>Yan Liu</u> shot first-round 65s
 - Ryu went bogey-free with seven birdies
 - Hit 10 of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens with 24 putts
 - Had two sand saves to end her round, tied for most in the field
 - Her 65 is her low round of the 2025 season
 - Her 65 is the lowest score she has shot in her last three appearances at The Club at Carlton Woods
 - Is co-leading the field in birdies
 - First time that a player from the Republic of Korea has held a portion of the first-round lead since Na Yeon Choi (2013)
 - Liu is leading after the first round for the second consecutive week
 - She led after round one at last week's JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro, her first ever post-round lead on the LPGA Tour
 - She ultimately finished T32
 - On Thursday, Liu went bogey-free with seven birdies, tied for most in field
 - One of just three players to go bogey free on Thursday, along with Ryu and <u>Hye-</u> Jin Choi
 - Hit 13 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens with 27 putts
 - Her 65 is her second-lowest score of the 2025 season, following her first-round 63 in L.A.
 - Her 65 is her lowest round at The Club at Carlton Woods
- 3rd: Hyo Joo Kim shot five-under-par on Thursday
 - Recorded seven birdies and two bogevs
 - o Hit 13 of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens in regulation with 24 putts
 - Ties her career-low round at The Chevron Championship, tying her second round in 2022 (at Mission Hills)
 - Her best finish at The Chevron Championship is T6 in 2019
 - o Kim won earlier this season at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
- Defending champion <u>Nelly Korda</u> shot a first-round 77
 - o Her highest round since an 81 in R2 of the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- Jasmine Koo (a) is the lowest of the eight amateurs in the field after a first-round 70
 - Two amateurs did not finish their rounds: Asterisk Talley (+6 thru 16 holes) and Chayse Gomez (+7 thru 16 holes)
 - o Koo was the low amateur at the 2024 Chevron Championship
- Carlota Ciganda shot a 30 on the front nine in R1
 - Set the nine-hole tournament scoring record at The Club at Carlton Woods
 - Six players previously recorded 31 since the major championship moved to Texas
- Japan's Yuna Nishimura is T1 in birdies among the field, with seven birdies made in her first round
 - She is +3 overall, having scored seven birdies, five bogeys, two double bogeys and just four pars

CATEGORY	Haeran Ryu	Yan Liu
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	29	99
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	4	0
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$842,634	\$40,615
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	10	2
Career Official Money	\$1,882,918	\$639,894

ABOUT THE LEADERS

Rolex Rankings No. 12 Haeran Ryu

- Third start at The Chevron Championship
 - o Finished solo fifth in 2024
 - o Finished T56 in 2023
- Seventh start on Tour this season
 - o Four cuts made in 2025
 - o Has finished in the top 20 in all but one start this season
 - Best finish is T14, shot twice (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, Honda LPGA Thailand)
- Career: Two wins, 19 top-10s, \$4.5 million Career Official earnings
 - Won the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship as a rookie
 - Won the inaugural FM Championship in 2024
- Was named Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year in 2023
- Has five wins on the KLPGA

Rolex Rankings No. 195 Yan Liu

- Second start at The Chevron Championship
 - o 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
 - o 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 (T1, -7) on her seven-under round

"Today my driver is pretty good, pretty solid. So last week I do the pretty good, too, but not the driver. So this week I fixed my driver so it's feel very solid golf today. On the course I'm pretty confidence today. I just feel the weather is so good and temperature is perfect for me."

Haeran Ryu (T1, -7) on her putter change

"After the Match Play we have a week off, off week, only one week, so I was to practice a lot that putter. But I'm not sure to trust for that putter on the JM Eagle, so first round I'm not use that. But my score is too bad first round and I just change it on the second round. It's pretty good day again. Yeah, and then I can trust it. I can change the putter this week."

Brooke Matthews (T4, -4) on making her first start at The Chevron Championship

"Yeah, I hadn't heard too much. Obviously watched it on TV for the last couple years so I kind of knew a little bit, but it's never the same as when you get on site. Played last week in LA. Hit the ball really well; just didn't quite make the putts. I knew I had some good momentum coming even though I didn't get the best finish. But playing the practice rounds we got really good lines off the tee. I started hitting my driver really well like I said today. So the rest kind of set up from there."

Manon de Roey (T4, -4) on what she was working on heading into this week

"As a lot of golfers know, it can be very frustrating. One week can be very frustrating and one week goes really well and other week doesn't go so well. I played in Europe a long time and sometimes over here I feel a bit maybe not intimidated is not the right word, but I want to prove myself out here as well. And so I'm working really hard, getting everything right I think, and then it's not working out. So it's a bit frustrating, yes. I'm happy with the round I played today, yeah."

Hye-Jin Choi (T4, -4) on her swing thought today

"One focusing was I try keeping more -- like more concentrating more on my setup before I swing. When I take a backswing, I try more calm, don't like rush; so I do."

Georgia Hall (T10, -3) on playing with fellow country woman Lottie Woad

"Played with her in a practice round at U.S. Open last year. That's the last time I saw her. Saw her at St Andrews. I think it's great. She's eight years younger than me so it's great to have some English talent coming through. I think she's going to be a really strong player on the LPGA in the future years. I think her mindset is very, she looks very comfortable out there and very confident. Yeah, we had some chats. She doesn't come far from where I'm from. Really happy when I was paired with her."

"I think that's really helpful especially because the timing of Q-School in relation to the college season. I think it's really hard to get those 20 points within the three years. It's something that with a really good season, like Lottie is getting really close, it's very beneficial just to have that and not worry about Q-School and just have your card. It's another motivating factor in college."

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Yan Liu getting it done at Carlton Woods @

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