

**The Chevron Championship**

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

**Partial Second-Round Notes**

April 25, 2025

*The second round was suspended due to darkness at 8:04 p.m. CT. and will resume at 7 a.m. on Saturday. There are three groups and nine players still to finish their second round. The third round will begin at approximately 8:45 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: TBD

**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)

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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   | Five players    | -5     | 139         |

**COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

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  - The second round will resume at 7 a.m. on Saturday and the third round will begin at approx. 8:45 a.m. with players teeing off Nos. 1 and 10
  - Three groups and nine players have still to finish their second round
  - The afternoon wave of Round 2 was delayed one hour and 15 minutes due to a morning fog delay that halted the start of Round 2 and the resumption of Round 1
- The cut line is currently +2 with 82 players inside
  - There are 63 players at +1 on the leaderboard
  - Three players at +2 ([Sophia Popov](#) (on 7), [Benedetta Moresco](#) (on 16), [Jenny Bae](#) (on 9)) have still to finish their second round and one player at +1 ([Gabriela Ruffels](#) (on 9))
    - Should Ruffels bogey her final hole and three players at +2 would need to finish at +1 to move the cut line to +1
    - Should Ruffels make par or better, two of the players at +2 would need to finish at +1 to move the cut line to +1
  - 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](#)
  - Notable players at +2 and in danger of missing the cut are Rolex Rankings No. 2 [Jeeno Thitikul](#), 2024 Olympic silver medalist [Esther Henseleit](#), 2023 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally champion [Allisen Corpuz](#) and 2018 The Chevron Championship champion [Pernilla Lindberg](#)
- 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 within the current cut line
  - Is one-under through 15 holes of play
  - Should she stay within the cut, she will secure 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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