

**The Chevron Championship**

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Tuesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link available upon request; all times are Central Time and subject to change)

Wednesday, April 23

Approx. 1 p.m. – LPGA*USGA Girls Golf Ambassadors (**Gaby Lopez, Madelene Sagstrom, Sarah Schmelzel, Angel Yin**)

2 p.m. – **Jeeno Thitikul**, Rolex Rankings No. 2

Approx. 2:30 p.m. – **Carla Bernat Escuder**, sponsor exemption and 2025 Augusta National Women's Amateur champion

NOTABLE PLAYERS IN THE CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

- Rolex Rankings No. 1 **Nelly Korda**
 - Making 10th start at The Chevron Championship
 - 2024 – 1st; 2023 – 3rd; 2021 – T3; 2020 – T2; 2019 – T52; 2018 – T13; 2017, T42; 2015, MC; 2014 – MC
 - Picked up her fifth consecutive LPGA Tour title in 2024 at The Chevron Championship
 - Tied the record (5) for most Tour wins in consecutive starts and is the third player to do so since 1978
 - She matched **Annika Sorenstam** (2004 Mizuno Classic – 2005 Chevron Championship) and **Nancy Lopez** (1978)
 - Tied the record (4) for most consecutive Tour wins in scheduled events (won in consecutive starts without skipping an event)
 - She matches the record also set by **Kathy Whitworth** (1969), **Mickey Wright** (1962, 1963), **Annika Sorenstam** (2001 Welch's Circle K Championship – The Office Depot hosted by Amy Alcott) and **Lorena Ochoa** (2008 Safeway International – Ginn Open)
 - Became the first American player in 25 years to win five or more times in an LPGA season; Inkster won five in 1999
 - Became the youngest American player to win her second major championship since **Juli Inkster** in 1984
 - 2025: Four cuts made in six starts with two top-10 finishes
 - Two top-10 finishes including runner-up at Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and T7 at Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
 - Finished T16 at last week's JM Eagle LA Championship
 - Career: 15 wins, 68 top 10s, \$13.8 million Official Career earnings
 - In 2024, earned six wins including five in consecutive starts
 - 2024 Rolex Player of the Year, Rolex ANNIKA Major Award
 - Two-time major champion
 - Two-time Olympian, 2020 Gold Medalist
- World No. 2 **Jeeno Thitikul**
 - Third start at The Chevron Championship
 - 2024 – 12th; 2023 – T4; 2022 – T17; 2018 – T30
 - Made her return from injury at The Chevron Championship in 2024
 - 2025: Five cuts made in six starts with five top-10 finishes
 - Finished in the top-10 in each regular stroke-play event this season
 - Finished T5 at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - Has finished in the top-5 in nine of her last 13 Official starts on Tour
 - Has finished in the top-10 in 12 of her last 13 Official starts
 - Current leader in the Race for the CME Globe standings
 - Career: Four wins, 46 top 10s, \$10.4 million Official Career earnings
 - Won twice in 2024, including at the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship

- Broke **Lorena Ochoa's** single-season earnings record (\$4,364,994 in 2007) with a season total of \$6,059,309 in 2024
 - Won the Aon Risk Reward Challenge and the \$1 million winner's prize after finishing runner-up in both 2022 and 2023
 - Won twice in 2022, earning Rolex Rookie of the Year honors
 - Won the 2023 Vare Trophy
 - 2024 Olympian representing Thailand
- Rolex Rankings No. 3 **Lydia Ko**:
 - Thirteenth appearance at The Chevron Championship
 - Won the event in 2016 by one shot over **Charley Hull** and **In Gee Chun**
 - Two additional top-10 finishes in 2020 and 2021
 - Only missed cut in 2023
 - 2025: One win (HSBC Women's World Championship) and two additional top-10 finishes
 - Making her first start since the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
 - Recorded her 23rd career victory in Singapore
 - Is the 25th player with 23 or more LPGA Tour victories
 - Is less than \$2 million behind the Career Official Money List leader, **Annika Sorenstam**
 - Sorenstam has been the leader since she reached \$7 million in career earnings in 2001
 - Career: 23 wins, 3 majors, 114 official top-10 finishes
 - Member of the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - Only active player to be a Member of the LPGA Hall of Fame
 - Has won three times since her induction; most number of wins since LPGA Hall of Fame induction is 25 by **Annika Sorenstam**
 - Eleven-time LPGA Award winner
 - Three-time Olympic Medalist (2016, Silver; 2020, Bronze; 2024, Gold)
 - Has recorded at least one win (official/unofficial) since 2021
- Rolex Rankings No. 4 **Lilia Vu**
 - Fifth start at The Chevron Championship
 - Won the 2023 event for her first major championship win
 - Withdrew from the 2024 event due to injury prior to her start
 - 2025: Three cuts made in four events this season
 - Missed the cut in last week's JM Eagle LA Championship
 - Runner-up finish at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Career: Five wins, 20 top 10s, \$6.7 million Official Career earnings
 - One win in 2024, four wins in 2023
 - 2023 Rolex Player of the Year, Rolex ANNIKA Major Award
 - Two-time major champion
 - 2024 Olympian representing the United States

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the 54th official playing of The Chevron Championship
- There are eight amateurs exemptions in the field this week:
 - They are eligible to receive points toward the [LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway](#); two points for top 25 and ties, and one point for a cut made

- **Carla Bernat Escuder** – 2025 Augusta National Women’s Amateur champion
 - Plays collegiate golf at Kansas State University
 - From Castellon, Spain
 - Making her first start on the LPGA Tour and first major championship appearance
 - Has four LEAP points
- **Gianna Clemente** – sponsor exemption, 2024 AJGA Girls Player of the Year
 - Is 17 years old
 - Making her eighth start on the LPGA Tour and second this season following the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - Making her first start in a major championship
 - Has two LEAP points
- **Chayse Gomez** – highest-placing graduating senior from the 2024 Chevron Silverado Showdown
 - Is in her first season as an assistant coach at Cal State Fullerton
 - Played collegiately at Oregon State University
 - Participated in LPGA Q-Series, Pre-Qualifying Stage in 2024
 - Making her first start on the LPGA Tour and first major championship appearance
 - Does not have any points in the LEAP standings
- **Jasmine Koo** – sponsor exemption and low amateur at The Chevron Championship in 2024
 - Plays collegiately at the University of Southern California
 - Making her second start at The Chevron Championship, finished T13 in 2024
 - Has six points in the LEAP standings
- **Asterisk Talley** – 2024 U.S. Women’s Amateur runner-up
 - Is 16 years old
 - Is making her third LPGA Tour start and second major championship appearance
 - Played in the 2025 JM Eagle LA Championship last week (MC)
 - Played in the 2024 U.S. Women’s Open (T44)
 - Has three points in the LEAP standings
- **Clairsa Temelo** – 2025 Women’s Amateur Latin America champion
 - Plays collegiately at the University of Arkansas
 - Making her first start on the LPGA Tour and first major championship appearance
 - Has one point in the LEAP standings
- **Lottie Woad** – 2024 Augusta National Women’s Amateur champion
 - Plays collegiately at Florida State University, where she helped them win their first ACC title last week
 - Is making her fifth LPGA Tour start and fifth major championship appearance
 - Woad won the 2024 Augusta National Women’s Amateur, granting her a sponsor exemption into four major championships that year
 - Has 16 points in the LEAP standings; she is four points away from meeting the 20-point threshold required for LPGA Tour Membership
- **Jeneath Wong** – 2025 Women’s Amateur Asia-Pacific winner
 - Plays collegiate golf at Pepperdine University
 - Is making her third start on the LPGA Tour and second start in a major championship
 - Played in the 2023 Maybank Championship and 2023 U.S. Women’s Open
 - Has one point in the LEAP standings

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

- Over the last two years at The Club at Carlton Woods, players who have finished in the top-10 at The Chevron Championship have gained 21.4% of their strokes gained total from shots off the tee. The LPGA Tour average for top-10 finishers in that span is just 15% - a significant increase. A look at the other percentages compared to their LPGA Tour mean:

| Percentage of Strokes Gained Total | | |
|---|---------|-------------------|
| The Chevron Championship Top-10 Finishers – Prev. Two 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% |

- For more information, view the [pre-intelligence pack by KPMG Performance Insights](#)

SEASON-LONG INITIATIVES**Race to CME Globe**

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA Tour event to qualify for the season-ending tournament, the CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion." The top 60 points earners and ties earn a spot into the season finale with the entire field competing for a \$11 million purse, highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is the largest winner's prize in the history of women's golf.

- 1st: [Jeeno Thitikul](#) leads with 934.250 points
 - Thitikul has five top-10 finishes through six starts this season
- 2nd: [Angel Yin](#) is in second with 897.800 points
 - Yin won the Honda LPGA Thailand and has three top-10 finishes through the JM Eagle LA Championship
- 3rd: [A Lim Kim](#) is in third with 873.875 points
 - Kim remains in third after not competing in the JM Eagle LA Championship
- Following her win last week, [Ingrid Lindblad](#) leaped 93 spots to No. 14 in the Race to the CME Globe
 - [Akie Iwai](#) jumped 91 spots to No. 23 after her runner-up finish last week
 - [Esther Henseleit](#), who finished T3 her last time out, moved up 29 spots to No. 32

Aon Risk Reward Challenge: No. 18 at The Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus Course)

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a unique, season-long competition on the LPGA Tour that highlights the game's best players as they navigate some of the most strategically challenging holes on tour. Players will take their best two scores from each Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winner will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 Million prize.

- Five players lead the Tour following the JM Eagle LA Championship at -1.125: [Lydia Ko](#), [Peiyun Chien](#), [Gemma Dryburgh](#), [Elizabeth Szokol](#) and [Mary Liu](#)

- Four of the players competed last week: Chien (T47), Dryburgh (T16), Szokol (MC) and Liu (T20)
- Liu had the second hole-in-one of the 2025 season
- Ko did not compete last week
- No. 18: A challenging par-5 that tests decision-making with every shot
 - Hole features a tee shot framed by tall pine trees and a fairway bunker to the right
 - Water guards the entire left side from the fairway to the green
 - It is the most rewarding par-5 on the course for players with length off the tee
 - Drives over 290 yards gained an average of 0.28 strokes on the field
 - Drives under 250 yards lost 0.18 strokes
- More information on No. 18 from this week's fact sheet is available [here](#)

CME Group Cares Challenge

The CME Group Cares Challenge is a season-long charitable giving program that turns aces into donations. CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2025, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases.

- There have been two hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
 - [Madelene Sagstrom](#) made the first hole-in-one of the season during the first round of the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - [Madelene Sagstrom Posts First Ace of 2025 Season at JM Eagle LA Championship](#)
 - Mary Liu made the second hole-in-one in the final round of the JM Eagle LA Championship
- The total for 2025 is now \$40,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- In 2024: 29 aces counted towards the challenge, \$580,000 raised