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2025 CME Group Tour Championship

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Jeenoo Thitikul enters this week as the LPGA's season leader in both par three and par four scoring average. She is two-hundredths of a stroke behind Nelly Korda for first in par five scoring average. Only two women have led all three of those statistics in the same season over the last three decades: Annika Sorenstam (3 times) and Lorena Ochoa.

Season Leader in Par 3, Par 4 & Par 5 Scoring LPGA Tour Last 30 Seasons

2002 Annika Sorenstam
2004 Annika Sorenstam
2005 Annika Sorenstam
2008 Lorena Ochoa

*Thitikul: leads par 3 and par 4 (0.02 behind in par 5)

Jeenoo Thitikul

*Below are just a few of the statistics Thitikul leads the LPGA Tour in this season:

Jeenoo Thitikul LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

Scoring average	1st
Birdie or better average	1st
Bogey avoidance	1st
Strokes gained total	1st
Par 3 scoring	1st
Par 4 scoring	1st
Putts per GIR	1st

*Thitikul is a combined 50-under-par at this tournament over the last three years, best of any player in that span. Amy Yang ranks second at 44-under.

Best Cumulative Score to Par CME Group Tour Championship – Last 3 Years

Jeenoo Thitikul	-50
Amy Yang	-44
Nelly Korda	-41
Brooke Henderson	-37



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*Thitikul has shot scores in the 60s in 63.1% of her rounds played this season. If she cards three rounds in the 60s this week, she will break the single-season record Nelly Korda set in 2024 for highest percentage of rounds in an LPGA season below 70.

Highest Pct of Rounds in the 60s LPGA Single Season History

2024 Nelly Korda	63.2%
2025 Jeeno Thitikul	63.1%
2021 Nelly Korda	62.9%
2021 Jin Young Ko	62.0%
2017 Lexi Thompson	62.0%

*Minimum 50 rounds played

*Thitikul can become the first player in ten years to lead the LPGA in both birdie or better average and bogey avoidance in the same season. Lydia Ko was the last to do it, back in 2015.

Birdie or Better Avg & Bogey Avoidance Led LPGA Tour in Both – Single Season Since 2010

Rolex POY finish

2013 Stacy Lewis	3rd
2015 Lydia Ko	1st

*Thitikul leads both statistics entering this week

*She can also become the first player since Lorena Ochoa in 2006, 2007 and 2008 to lead the LPGA Tour in birdie or better average per round in three consecutive seasons:

Most Birdies or Better Per Round LPGA Last 3 Seasons

	Per round
2023 Jeeno Thitikul	4.49
2024 Jeeno Thitikul	4.64
2025 Jeeno Thitikul	4.98

*Last to lead 3 straight years: Lorena Ochoa (2006-08)



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Miyu Yamashita

*Miyu Yamashita has putted brilliantly all season, leading the LPGA Tour in 2025 in strokes gained putting per round and made putts of 10 feet or longer.

Miyu Yamashita Putting Ranks This LPGA Season

		Rank
SG Putting per round	+1.35	1st
Putting 10 to 20 feet	35.8%	1st
Made of 10+ feet	199	1st
Made or 15+ feet	96	T-1st

*Yamashita has made 35.8% of her putts from 10 to 20 feet this season on the LPGA Tour. When you combine every other player on Tour this season, their rate is less than half that (17.1%).

Putt Make Percentage – 10 to 20 Feet LPGA Tour This Season

Miyu Yamashita	35.8%
All other players	17.1%

*Yamashita has already clinched the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award for 2025.

Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year Winners From Japan

1990	Hiromi Kobayashi
2024	Mao Saigo
2025	Miyu Yamashita

*A 13-time winner on the LPGA of Japan Tour, Yamashita has seen her Rolex Ranking gradually ascend over the first several years of her pro career. She is 3rd this week in the rankings.

Miyu Yamashita Rolex Rankings Position

Entering 2023	23rd
Entering 2024	19th
Entering this year	13th
This week	3rd



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Minjee Lee

*Minjee Lee has been among the leaders in strokes gained ball striking at this tournament in recent seasons, gaining 1.66 strokes per round with her drives and approach shots:

Minjee Lee

At CME Group Tour Championship – Last 3 Years

		Rank
SG Approach	+1.27	2nd
SG Ball Striking	+1.66	3rd
Greens in regulation	81.5%	5th

*Minjee finished 54th in the Race to the CME Globe last season, snapping a streak of six consecutive seasons finishing in the top-10. No player has won the Race to the CME Globe the year after finishing outside the top-50 since the format was adopted in 2014.

Minjee Lee

Race to CME Globe Finishes Since 2019

2019	3rd	2022	4th
2020	6th	2023	5th
2021	9th	2024	54th

*Ranked 3rd entering this week

Rio Takeda

*Rio Takeda has been among the leaders on the LPGA Tour this season in several approach play statistics, including greens in regulation and proximity from key distance ranges:

Rio Takeda

LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

		Rank
SG Approach	+1.13	2nd
Greens in regulation	77.1%	2nd
GIR from fairway	83.3%	3rd
GIR after fairway miss	60.8%	2nd
Proximity 150-175 yards	28'0"	4th



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Hyo Joo Kim

*Hyo Joo Kim rattled off back-to-back top-ten finishes in October, a runner-up at the LOTTE Championship and a tie for tenth at the BMW Ladies Championship.

Hyo Joo Kim

2 LPGA Starts in October

Score to par	-31
Strokes gained total	+2.41
SG Ball Striking	+1.83
Greens in regulation	77.1%

*Finished 2nd and T-10th

*Kim is up from 50th last season in strokes gained tee-to-green per round to 11th this year.

Hyo Joo Kim

Strokes Gained Tee To Green

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2024	+0.38	T-50th
2025	+1.21	11th

Hye-Jin Choi

*Hye-Jin Choi is back into the top-ten this season in strokes gained putting per round.

Hye-Jin Choi

Strokes Gained Putting Since 2023

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2023	+0.98	8th
2024	+0.53	T-21st
2025	+0.84	9th

*Hye-Jin Choi has been playing better recently, fueled by that very putter:

Hye-Jin Choi

Last 10 Starts on LPGA Tour

	AIG thru LOTTE	Since Shanghai
Starts	6	4
Scoring average	70.5	68.2
SG Total per round	+0.91	+1.81
SG Putting per round	+0.13	+1.12



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*No player has more top-10 finishes without a victory this season than Hye-Jin Choi.

Most Top-10 Finishes Without Win LPGA Tour This Season

Hye-Jin Choi	9*
Nelly Korda	8
5 players with	6
*Includes 2 of last 3 starts	

Sei Young Kim

*At the BMW Ladies Championship, Sei Young Kim became the third wire-to-wire winner on the LPGA Tour in 2025. Nasa Hataoka joined her a couple weeks later in Japan:

Wire-to-Wire Winners LPGA Tour This Season

	Tournament
A Lim Kim	Hilton Grand Vacations TOC
Haeran Ryu	Black Desert Championship
Sei Young Kim	BMW Ladies Championship
Nasa Hataoka	TOTO Japan Classic

*Sei Young Kim ranks second in both scoring average and strokes gained total on the LPGA Tour since the Scottish Open back in July. The only player she trails in that span is Jeeno Thitikul.

Sei Young Kim On LPGA Tour Since Women's Scottish Open

		Rank
SG Tee to Green	+2.34	1st
Scoring average	68.52	2nd*
SG Total	+2.79	2nd*

*Only trails Jeeno Thitikul



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Nelly Korda

*Nelly Korda has been the best when it comes to gaining strokes off the tee at this tournament over the last three years.

Most SG Off the Tee Per Round

CME Group Tour Championship – Last 3 Years

		Rounds
Nelly Korda	1.00	12
Alison Lee	0.97	8
Linn Grant	0.84	8
Ruoning Yin	0.82	8
Jennifer Kupcho	0.64	12

*Only 2 players are ranked in the top-20 this season on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained off the tee, strokes gained approach and strokes gained putting: Korda and Jeeno Thitikul.

SG Off the Tee, Approach and Putting

Top-20 Ranking in Each Statistic

	KORDA	THITIKUL
Off the Tee	1st	19th
Approach	20th	T-6th
Putting	T-18th	4th

Charley Hull

*Charley Hull is the only player on the LPGA Tour this season ranked in the top-20 in strokes gained off the tee, strokes gained around the green and strokes gained putting.

Charley Hull

Strokes Gained Ranks – This Season

	Per Round	LPGA Rank*
Off the Tee	+0.64	T-10th
Around Green	+0.26	T-19th
Putting	+0.77	14th

*Only player in top-20 in all 3 statistics



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Angel Yin

*Angel Yin has been far-and-away the best putter on these greens in recent years:

Most SG Putting Per Round

CME Group Tour Championship – Last 3 Years

		Rounds
Angel Yin	2.94	8
Madelene Sagstrom	1.90	12
Lydia Ko	1.73	8
Jeeno Thitikul	1.40	12

*After an excellent start to the season, Angel has cooled off a bit since the late summer:

Angel Yin

On LPGA Tour This Season

	1st 12 Starts	Last 6 Starts
Top 10 finishes	6	0
Scoring average	69.75	72.25
SG Total	+1.89	-0.88
SG Putting	+1.40	+0.07

A Lim Kim

*Only two players have more top-10 finishes this season than A Lim Kim, with nine:

Most Top 10 Finishes

LPGA Tour This Season

Jeeno Thitikul	13
Miyu Yamashita	12
A Lim Kim	9
Sei Young Kim	9
Hye-Jin Choi	9

*A Lim Kim has vastly improved several important ball striking metrics in 2025:

A Lim Kim

LPGA Tour Ranks – Last 2 Seasons

	2024	2025
SG Tee to Green	T-42nd	6th
Greens in regulation	T-44th	T-16th
SG Total	T-46th	9th