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LPGA NEWS –**[Award Winners Recognized at 2025 Rolex LPGA Awards](#)***(16 individuals and the members of the LPGA Hall of Fame accepted awards at the 2025 Rolex LPGA Awards which took place before the LPGA Tour's season finale, the CME Group Tour Championship)***[Jennifer Kupcho Clinches \\$1 Million Aon Risk Reward Challenge Title in Final-Event Comeback](#)***(Kupcho surges to the top of the season-long standings showcasing exceptional resilience and clutch decision-making)***[2026 to Begin New Era of LPGA Tour Broadcast Coverage, in Partnership with FM, Golf Channel and Trackman](#)***(FM, LPGA partner on multi-year deal that will transform broadcast coverage. For the first time ever, all rounds to air live, with camera coverage increasing by 50%. Trackman tracing technology to quadruple in 2026)***[The LPGA Foundation Honors the Next Class of Leadership Academy Scholars](#)***(Five student-athletes awarded \$5,000 scholarships to pursue higher education and leadership in golf and beyond)*

ESPN+ Presents First-Round Featured Groups Coverage of CME Group Tour Championship

(More than 30 hours of live coverage over four days begins Thursday, Nov. 20, at approximately 8 a.m. ET)

LPGA Announces New Multi-Year Media Partnership with U-NEXT to Stream Exclusive Coverage in Japan Starting in 2026

(The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) today announced a new landmark multi-year media partnership with U-NEXT that will significantly expand the Tour's presence in one of its most passionate and influential fan bases: Japan)

LPGA Tour Announces 2026 Schedule

(Athletes to compete for the largest prize fund in Tour's history)

LPGA Announces 2025 Gold Driver Awards

(Tournament of the Year distinction awarded to FM Championship, first time honoree)

PRE-TOURNAMENT AVAILABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

LPGA Commissioner Craig Kessler

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Kessler on the biggest priority for 2026

"I think I mentioned earlier wanting to be an organization that people are proud to partner with, and one of the characteristics of that is we have to do what we say we will do.

So the first priority is executing on all of the good news that we've already announced. As we think about elevating the quality of the broadcast, we have to deliver for our fans. That will start next year at the Fortinet Founders Cup. And to be clear, I don't expect us to be perfect out of the gates. Every couple of weeks we'll sit down with our team, with the Golf Channel, and we'll talk about what do our fans like what do they not like. Continuous improvement is going to be a part of our culture.

So executing on what we said we would execute against priority No. 1. Right behind that is building deep connections between fans and athletes, building superstars. I think we have examples of where that's starting to happen, but frankly we've got a long way to go and you'll see our team leaning into that in a big way."

Rolex Rankings No. 1, Jeeno Thitikul

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Thitikul on her memories winning the CME Group Tour Championship last year

"Definitely playing the final round where, you know, I holed the final putts and then I got everyone on my side, my coach, my manager, my caddie, to hold the trophy together. I think it's going to be my last forever memories, you know, to get it done here in like a championship tour tournaments, which is more than I could ask for."

Rolex Rankings No. 2, Nelly Korda

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Korda on having a good season even without a win

"The competition is just getting better. Girls are just getting really good. You see that across all sports though. Everyone is getting better. The technology when it comes to that, the knowledge, whatever you want to point it to, it's just really tough to win anywhere."

Rolex Rankings No. 4, Minjee Lee

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Lee on the new broadcast partnership between the LPGA Tour, FM, Golf Channel and Trackman

"I mean, television partnership is everything really. Essentially we're entertainers, so if we don't have TV times, live TV times or the slots are when a lot of people are watching TV, it's hard to really build the Tour the way we want to build it. So I think it's great news that we're able to get more live TV time. TrackMan will be doing the ShotLink and that's really cool. I love seeing that. I'm sure all the fans will love that."

Rolex Rankings No. 5, Lydia Ko

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Ko on being honored at the 2025 Rolex Awards as a presenter and hall of fame member

"Yeah, obviously very honored to present both awards to Lindy and Stacy. When they both asked me I didn't really know or think that they would ask me, so kind of caught me by surprise. They're both so deserving in their own manner of the awards they received. I'm glad that other Tour members think of that and kind of have given them that recognition. And the Commissioner's Award with the rest of the Hall of Famers was a bit of a surprise. I think I was walking up on stage and wasn't really sure what was happening. None of us knew. So especially being the last Hall of Famer or last member to be in the Hall of Fame, it felt pretty surreal to be there on stage and Judy, Betsy, Nancy and Annika. I definitely felt like part of the cool kids club. Still makes me think I'm not really sure if I deserve that. It's such a special night and Rolex does an unbelievable job celebrating not only the players but our partners and the tournament staff and everyone that's really involved with our Tour year in, year out. So it's a great night and I think everybody had a fun time celebrating."

Rolex Rankings No. 10, Lottie Woad

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Woad on transitioning from amateur golf to professional golf

"Um, I mean, I haven't noticed a difference like from what I expected it was going to be. Like I don't feel any different, but I think getting used to coming over here and playing two, three weeks in a row and traveling between events. Like the first event was in Scotland and then the AIG. I had like my family there, friends there and stuff like that so I had more people there. Whereas out here some of weeks you're on your own and there's not many people traveling with you. I think it was getting used to that. And I was playing college golf before that, so I think it's just finding your own team out here as well, and just getting used to all that was probably the big thing for me."

Rolex Rankings No. 27, Grace Kim

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Kim on her personal highlights of 2025

"Obviously personally getting a major win under my belt is huge. I guess I didn't expect to come around that quickly. And the way I did it is also very special. And to get the International Crown title with the girls as well I think is a huge milestone for all of us. Yeah, it's just been I think a bit of a slow start to my year and a little bit of I guess mental doubts in there as well, but I am very grateful for the outcome."

Rolex Rankings No. 31, Jennifer Kupcho[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)

Kupcho on her mindset heading into the week of The ANNIKA knowing what she needed to do for the Aon Risk Reward Challenge

"I think, yeah, after Korea I had kind of known I was up in the running. I didn't play Malaysia or Japan and I was up almost every night checking when all of them made when I was at home. Couldn't sleep. Yeah, then just going into The ANNIKA I knew I needed to make an eagle, possibly two eagles, as well as a birdie. Whatever, I knew I needed a birdie and an eagle and possibly two eagles. Really just like it was just full-go basically for me on the 14th hole last week. Going into the practice rounds I basically was just looking at what was going to be the best way to make eagle. For me I realized that bunker was probably going to be the best place or obviously on the green. Chipping around that green wasn't nearly as easy. So that's pretty much how I looked at the hole and really just tried to make the best of it."

Rolex Rankings No. 45, Lindy Duncan[Video](#) | [Transcript](#)

Duncan on winning the Heather Farr Perseverance Award on Monday

"Yeah, that was an incredible honor. I was so shocked to receive that award and I was really excited about the process and very nervous because I didn't really know what to say. But spent a lot of time thinking about the speech and it was a great experience. It was a lot of fun."

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