



2025 Dow Championship

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Jeeno Thitikul and Ruoning Yin have averaged more than 2 strokes gained per round as a team this season, more than half a stroke higher than the next closest team in the field this week:

Average SG Total per Round Leaders Teams in the Field This Week

+2.27
+1.64
+1.61
+1.47

Jeeno Thitikul & Ruoning Yin

*Jeeno Thitikul had an unreal performance on the greens in round one last week at the KPMG Women's PGA, making nearly 200 feet of putts. She couldn't replicate that the rest of the week, however, making 170'11" of putts in the last 54 holes of the championship.

Jeeno Thitikul Putting This Week – KPMG Women's PGA

Feet made Made of 10+ feet

Round 1 199'5" 7 Rounds 2-4 170'11" 2

*No player has a better scoring average on the LPGA Tour over the last three seasons than Jeeno Thitikul. She has been great both with her ball striking (7th in that span) and putting (3rd).

Jeeno Thitikul LPGA Tour Ranks Since 2023

	LPGA Rank
69.44	1st
+2.28	1st
+1.18	7th
+1.08	3rd
	+2.28 +1.18





*The duo of Thitikul and Yin have the two best scoring averages over the last three seasons on the LPGA Tour among players in the field. Thitikul is first, while Yin is third – Nelly Korda, who ranks second, is not in the field this week.

Lowest Scoring Average on LPGA Tour Last 3 Seasons

Jeeno Thitikul	69.44
Nelly Korda	69.69
Ruoning Yin	70.14
Ayaka Furue	70.21
Jin Young Ko	70.24

Haeran Ryu & Rose Zhang

*Haeran Ryu has been arguably the best iron player on the LPGA Tour so far in 2025, leading all players in strokes gained approach, overall greens in regulation and GIR rate following a missed fairway. It's led to her leading the Tour in strokes gained tee to green, too:

Haeran Ryu LPGA Tour Ranks This Season

		Rank
SG Tee to Green	+2.12	1st
SG Approach	+1.40	1st
Greens in regulation	77.5%	1st
GIR after missed fairway	63.3%	1st

Rose Zhang KPMG Women's PGA Championship

Round 1	Rounds 2-4
Even	+19
66.7%	48.1%
+1.96	-1.90
3	24
	Even 66.7% +1.96

^{*}Rose Zhang opened up last week with a strong even par 72 but struggled the rest of the week at PGA Frisco. Over the closing three rounds she hit less than half of her greens in regulation and made 24 bogeys or worse:





Rio Takeda & Miyu Yamashita

*Rio Takeda is ranked second on the LPGA Tour this season in both strokes gained approach and greens in regulation percentage.

Rio Takeda Approach Play Ranks This Season

		Rank
SG Approach	+1.18	2nd
Greens in regulation	76.7%	2nd
Proximity 150-175 yards	28'4"	2nd
Proximity 175-200 yards	35'7"	5th
Greens in regulation Proximity 150-175 yards	28'4"	2nd

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Miyu Yamashita Putting This Season – LPGA Tour

	Rank
79	3rd
29.0%	10th
63.8%	12th
	29.0%

SG Approach Leaders 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship

Rio Takeda*	+1.76
Kumkang Park	+1.74
Mary Liu	+1.70
Miyu Yamashita*	+1.70
Moriya Jutanugarn	+1.62

*Teammates this week

^{*}Miyu Yamashita has been one of the best putters from 5 to 20 feet on the LPGA Tour in 2025.

^{*}Teammates Rio Takeda and Miyu Yamashita both ranked inside the top 5 in strokes gained approach last week at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship:





*Takeda and Yamashita have combined for 11 top 10 finishes on the LPGA Tour this season, the most of any team in the field this week:

Most Combined Top 10 Finishes Teams in Field – This Week

	Top 10s
Rio Takeda/Miyu Yamashita	11
Jeeno Thitikul/Ruoning Tin	10
Carlota Ciganda/Gaby Lopez	8
Jin Hee Im/Somi Lee	6

Akie Iwai/Chisato Iwai

*In just her rookie season, Akie Iwai has already established herself among the LPGA Tour's best with her approach play:

Akie Iwai Approach Play LPGA Tour – This Season

		Rank
SG Approach	+0.97	6th
Greens in Regulation	74.0%	7th
Proximity to the Hole	25.8 ft	13th

^{*}Chisato Iwai's play from tee to green has been excellent as of late, averaging more than 2 strokes gained per round in that area over her last 5 starts:

Chisato Iwai SG Tee to Green LPGA Tour – This Season

SG Tee to Green

First 7 Starts +0.50 Last 5 Starts +2.07

*With her win in Mexico earlier this season, Chisato Iwai became the third rookie to win on the LPGA Tour so far in 2025:

Rookie Winners LPGA Tour – This Season

Tournament

Rio Takeda Blue Bay LPGA

Ingrid Lindblad JM Eagle LA Championship Chisato Iwai Mexico Riviera Maya Open





Somi Lee/Jin Hee Im

*Somi Lee's excellent 2025 has been fueled by a massive improvement in her tee to green play:

Somi Lee SG Tee to Green LPGA Tour – This Season

	SG Tee to Green	Rank
2024	-0.66	122nd
2025	+1.22	15th

^{*}Jin Hee Im has 8 bogey-free rounds on the LPGA Tour this season, the most of any player -

Most Bogey-Free Rounds LPGA Tour – This Season

Jin Hee Im	8
Haeran Ryu	7
Miyu Yamashita	7
4 players tied*	6
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^{*}Includes teammate Somi Lee

Megan Khang & Lexi Thompson

*Only two players on the LPGA Tour have ranked inside the top 10 in strokes gained tee to green each of the last four seasons: Megan Khang and Nelly Korda.

Ranked in the Top 10 in SG Tee to Green LPGA Tour – Each of the 4 Seasons

	Megan Khang	Nelly Korda
2022	7th	6th
2023	4th	8th
2024	4th	3rd
2025	5th	2nd

^{*}Lexi Thompson has had her two best putting performances of the season in each of the last two weeks, gaining well over a stroke per round on the greens in each start:

Lexi Thompson Best SG Putting Weeks LPGA Tour – This Season

SG Putting	Tournament Finish
+1.98	T-4
+1.47	T-12
+1.08	T-14
	+1.98 +1.47





Lydia Ko & Danielle Kang

*Lydia Ko had a down season on the greens two years ago, dropping outside the top-75 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting per round. She's climbed upwards the last two seasons, though, and ranks in the top-ten so far in 2025.

Lydia Ko

Strokes Gained Putting – Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2023	+0.01	T-79th
2024	+0.75	14th
2025	+0.79	10th

^{*}Strokes gained short game adds together a player's shots gained on the field with greenside shots with their strokes gained putting. Lydia Ko ranks third in that metric so far in 2025:

SG Short Game Leaders LPGA Tour – This Season

Muni He	+1.84
Angel Yin	+1.62
Lydia Ko	+1.50
Minjee Lee	+1.31
Lilia Vu	+1.20

Sei Young Kim & Auston Kim

*Auston Kim led the field last week at PGA Frisco last week in strokes gained tee to green on her way to a runner-up finish:

SG Tee to Green Leaders KPMG Women's PGA Championship

	SG Tee to Green
Auston Kim	+2.81
Rio Takeda	+2.47
Yealimi Noh	+2.25
Dewi Weber	+2.25
Esther Henseleit	+2.21





*Already one of the strengths of her game, Auston Kim's driving has improved across the board this season from her rookie year:

Auston Kim Off the Tee LPGA Tour – This Season

	2024	2025
SG Off the Tee	+0.24	+0.87*
Driving Accuracy	60.1%	65.0%

Driving Distance 275.8 yards 285.1 yards*

Jennifer Kupcho & Leona Maguire

*After a rough stretch of four consecutive missed cuts, Leona Maguire had a strong performance in Texas last week, finishing in the top-20. She was fantastic on the difficult greens at PGA Frisco, gaining more than a stroke and a half per round putting.

Leona Maguire

Last 5 Starts on LPGA Tour

	Previous 4 Starts	Last week
Finishes	4 missed cuts	T-19
SG Total	-0.86	+2.00
SG Putting	+0.14	+1 59

^{*}Maguire ranked T-3 in the field at PGA Frisco in par 3 scoring among players who made the cut.

Leona Maguire

Field Ranks - KPMG Women's PGA

		Rank'
Par 3 scoring	2.94	T-3
Strokes gained putting	+1.59	5th
Scrambling	58.6%	T-13
*Among players to make	cut	

Jennifer Kupcho

KPMG Women's PGA Championship

	Rounds 1-3	Round 4
Strokes gained total	+1.65	+5.36
Score to par	+10	-3
Strokes gained approach	-3.06	+1.01

*Jennifer Kupcho closed out last week with a stellar round of 69:

^{*}Ranks 3rd on the LPGA Tour this season