



## Performance Insights

### Round 1 Recap: Dow Championship

#### Top Notes to Know From Round 1:

- \*Last 4 winners of Dow Championship each multiple shots back after round 1
  - \*19 teams within 3 shots of lead after round 1 (15 were last year)
  - \*Cassie Porter: leads LPGA Tour in strokes gained around the green this season
  - \*Lexi Thompson: 2.01 SG total, 3 top-15 finishes in previous 4 starts (Khang/Thompson 67 today)
- \*Cassie Porter and Gemma Dryburgh hold the opening round lead after an excellent 66 on Thursday. Their strength this season has been their play around the greens, where Porter leads the LPGA Tour in strokes gained and Dryburgh ranks inside the top 30:

#### SG Around the Green

##### Cassie Porter and Gemma Dryburgh – This Season

	SG	Rank
Cassie Porter	+0.78	1st
Gemma Dryburgh	+0.29	27th

\*Porter and Dryburgh have contrasting styles off the tee, with Porter leaning heavily on distance and Dryburgh relying more on her accuracy. They found the right mix in alternate shot in round 1, hitting 11 of 14 fairways on their way to the opening round lead:

#### Cassie Porter and Gemma Dryburgh Off the Tee

##### LPGA Tour – This Season

	Dryburgh	Porter
Driving Distance	129th	16th
Driving Accuracy	48th	127th

\*Hit 11 of 14 fairways in round 1

\*Four of the five winning teams in the history of this event trailed by multiple strokes after the opening round. The exception was last year's winners, Jeeno Thitikul and Ruoning Yin, who co-led after the opening round:

#### Winners Opening Round Position

##### Dow Championship – Last 4 Seasons

	Rd 1 Position	Deficit
2024 Jeeno Thitikul & Ruoning Yin	Co-leaders	-
2023 Cheyenne Knight and Elizabeth Szokol	T-18	5 strokes
2022 Jennifer Kupcho and Lizette Salas	T-7	3 strokes
2021 Ariya Jutanugarn & Moriya Jutanugarn	T-7	2 strokes
2019 Cydney Clanton & Jasmine Suwannapura	T-3	2 strokes



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\*Team Biggie Smalls (Lexi Thompson and Megan Khang) is off to a strong start after an opening 67. Thompson has been playing some excellent golf recently with 3 top 15 finishes in her last 4 starts, fueled by her putter where she is averaging over a stroke gained per round on the greens.

### Lexi Thompson Performance LPGA Tour – This Season

	First 3 Starts	Last 4 Starts
Top 15 Finishes	1	3
SG Total	+0.93	+2.01
SG Putting	+0.28	+1.23

\*Somi Lee and Jin Hee Im are in the group of teams in second place after opening with a 67 in round 1. Lee has been on a terrific stretch of golf as of late, with 5 top 15 finishes in her last 6 starts entering the week:

### Somi Lee Performance LPGA Tour – Last 6 Starts

Top 15 Finishes	5
Score to Par	-37
Scoring Average	70.2
Birdie or Better Pct.	25.5%
SG Total	+2.33

\*Leona Maguire and Jennifer Kupcho (Irish Goodbye) also opened with a 3-under 67 and are near the top of the leaderboard after round 1. Kupcho's tee to green play has vastly improved as the season has gone on, averaging over a full stroke gained per round in that area over her last 5 starts:

### Jennifer Kupcho SG Tee to Green LPGA Tour – This Season

	SG Tee to Green
First 6 Starts	-0.24
Last 5 Starts	+1.06