



Performance Insights

Round 2 Recap: Dow Championship

Top Notes to Know From Round 2:

- *Last 3 winning teams of this event trailed by multiple shots entering round 3
- *Jennifer Kupcho: held 36-hole co-lead with Ally Ewing at this event last year (finished 2nd)
- *Leona Maguire: T-19 finish last week at KPMG snapped streak of 4 straight MCs
- *Scoring average about 4 shots lower Friday than Thursday (four-ball format today)

*Each of the last 3 teams to win the Dow Championship trailed by multiple strokes through 36 holes:

Winning Team 36 Hole Position

Dow Championship – Last 3 Years

	Position	Deficit
2024 Jeeno Thitikul & Ruoning Yin	T-9	2 strokes
2023 Cheyenne Knight & Elizabeth Szokol	T-6	4 strokes
2022 Jennifer Kupcho & Lizette Salas	2nd	3 strokes

*This will be the second consecutive year Jennifer Kupcho has held the 36-hole lead/co-lead at this event, doing so with two different teammates:

Jennifer Kupcho

36-Hole Leads/Co-leads at Dow Championship

	2024	2025
Teammate	Ally Ewing	Leona Maguire
Score	-12	-13
Led by	Co-leader	1 stroke
Finish	2nd	?

*Leona Maguire made 6 birdies and an eagle on her own ball Friday, helping team Irish Goodbye to a second round 60 and the 36-hole lead. While that outburst can be partially attributed to a format that allows players to be more aggressive, it's nonetheless a promising sign for the Irishwoman, who has seen her birdie or better percentage decline in recent seasons:

Leona Maguire Birdie or Better Pct.

LPGA Tour – Last 5 Seasons

	Percentage	Rank
2021	22.7%	18th
2022	21.3%	26th
2023	20.3%	48th
2024	18.3%	95th
2025	18.8%	83rd

*Made 7 birdies or better on her own ball in round 2



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*Yahui Zhang's strength this season has been on the greens, ranking inside the top 10 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting. Her putting from distance in particular has been excellent, leading all players in putting from 25+ feet (min. 10 rounds played):

Putting from 25+ Feet

Yahui Zhang – This Season

	Make Percentage
Yahui Zhang	14.7%*
LPGA Tour Average	4.8%

*Leads all players this season (min. 10 rounds)

*Somi Lee's play has improved in all three categories that make up strokes gained tee to green this season, with her biggest improvement showing with her approach play:

Somi Lee Strokes Gained Ranks

LPGA Tour – Last 2 Seasons

	2024	2025
Off the Tee	57th	20th
Approach	135th	20th
Around the Green	135th	67th

*Ranks 15th in SG Tee to Green this season (+1.22)

*The team of Ina Yoon and Sung Hyun Park matched the low round of a day with a 10-under 60 in round two to catapult themselves into the top 10. Yoon has quietly been among the best ball-strikers on the LPGA Tour this season, ranking 3rd in strokes gained in that area:

Strokes Gained Ball Striking Leaders

LPGA Tour – This Season

Haeran Ryu	+2.19
Nelly Korda	+1.92
<i>Ina Yoon</i>	<i>+1.77</i>
Rio Takeda	+1.73
2 players tied	+1.46

*A quick comparison of the two rounds so far this week with two different formats:

Dow Championship

Scoring by Round This Week

	Format	Scoring Avg	Rounds in 60s
Round 1	Foursomes	71.46	19
Round 2	Four-ball	67.51	69