

**2025 Dow Championship**

Midland Country Club | Midland, MI | June 26-29, 2025

**First-Round Notes**

June 26, 2025

**Media Contact:** [Matt Jesus](#), +1 (402) 957-4674; [Annika Mayers](#), +1 (303) 910-8710**Course Setup:** 35-35—70, 6,187 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 71.459**Weather:** Mostly cloudy skies with temperatures peaking near 80F and north easterly gusts reaching between 15 mph**Race to CME Globe Points:** 410 (winners)**Purse:** \$3.3 million; winning team will split \$805,381 (winner's prize, \$402,691)**TV/Streaming Times:** [How to Watch](#)**QUICK LINKS**[Interview Transcripts](#)[LPGA Tour Online Media Center](#)[\(OMC\)](#)[Tournament Website](#)**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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**LEADERBOARD**

	Player	To par	Score
1	Gemma Dryburgh/Cassie Porter	-4	66
T2	Jennifer Kupcho/Leona Maguire	-3	67
T2	Megan Khang/Lexi Thompson	-3	67
T2	Jin Hee Im/Somi Lee	-3	67
T2	Jodi Ewart Shadoff/Heather Lin	-3	67
T2	Saki Baba/Yuri Yoshida	-3	67
T2	Yu Liu/Yahui Zhang	-3	67

**COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1st: **Gemma Dryburgh** and **Cassie Porter** (Kilted Koalas) shot a 66 in their opening round of alternate shot
  - Recorded five birdies and a bogey
    - Had four birdies in a five-hole stretch (Nos. 12-16)
  - Hit 11 of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens in regulation
  - Recorded 27 putts in their opening round
  - This is the second time in Porter's career that she has led or co-led after any round on the LPGA Tour
    - Her last time was following the second round of the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA

- This is the third time that Dryburgh has led or co-led after the first round of the LPGA Tour
  - The last time was at the 2024 Amundi Evian Championship
- First time paired together in the Dow Championship, Porter's first time competing in the Dow Championship
  - Dryburgh previously competed in 2022 (paired with **Charlotte Thomas**, missed cut) and 2021 (paired with **Jaclyn Lee**, missed cut)
- T2: Six players sit at 3-under
  - **Jennifer Kupcho** and **Leona Maguire** (Irish Goodbye) shot a first-round 67 playing alternate shot
    - Recorded four birdies and a bogey
    - Hit 11/14 fairways and 13/18 greens in regulation
    - Recorded 28 putts in their opening round
    - First time paired together in the Dow Championship
      - Kupcho's fourth time competing, previous best finish was a win in 2022 partnered with **Lizette Salas**
      - Maguire's second time competing, missed the cut with partner **Mel Reid** in her previous appearance
  - **Megan Khang** and **Lexi Thompson** (Biggie Smalls) shot a 67 in their opening round of alternate shot
    - This is their first time competing together at the Dow Championship
      - Thompson is making her sixth start at the Dow Championship with her best finish coming last season with partner **Brooke Henderson**, T8
      - Khang is making her fifth appearance at the Dow Championship; her best finish is T6 in 2019 with partner **Annie Park**
    - Had four birdies and just one bogey on Thursday
    - Hit 11 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
  - **Yuri Yoshida** and **Saki Baba** shot a first-round 67 on Thursday
    - Yoshida and Baba are making their first start as a duo at the Dow Championship this week
    - Yoshida is making her second start at this event after missing the cut last season
    - Recorded five birdies and two bogeys in their opening round
    - Hit nine of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens in regulation with 26 putts
  - **Somi Lee** and **Jin Hee Im** shot a first-round 67
    - Made six birdies and three bogeys
    - Hit 10 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
    - First time paired together in the Dow Championship
      - Im's first time competing
      - Lee's second time competing, previous best finish was T23 in 2024 with partner **Haeron Ryu**
  - **Jodi Ewart Shadoff** and **Heather Lin** also shot a first-round 67
    - Made five birdies and two bogeys
    - Hit eight of 14 fairways and nine of 18 greens in regulation with 23 putts
    - First time paired together in the Dow Championship
      - Lin's first time competing

- Ewart Shadoff's fourth time competing, previous best finish was T3 in 2023 with partner **Emma Talley**
- **Yan Liu** and **Yahui Zhang** are making their first start together at the Dow Championship
  - Liu is making her third start at Midland Country Club and has a career-best finish of 7th with **Muni He**
  - Zhang is making her first appearance
  - Recorded five birdies and two bogeys in their opening round of alternate shot
  - Hit 11 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens in regulation with 28 putts

### A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Gemma Dryburgh	Cassie Porter
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	84	65
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0	1
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$160,152	\$195,845
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	10	1
Career Official Money	\$2,100,015	\$195,845

### ABOUT THE LEADERS

#### [Rolex Rankings No. 157 Gemma Dryburgh](#)

- Third appearance at the Dow Championship
  - 2022: paired with **Charlotte Thomas**, missed cut
  - 2021: paired with **Jaclyn Lee**, missed cut
- Twelfth start of the 2025 season; seven cuts made
  - Two top-20 finishes
  - Finished T16 at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
  - Finished T17 at Blue Bay LPGA
- Career: One win, 10 career top-10 finishes, \$2.1 million in career official earnings
  - Won the 2022 TOTO Japan Classic
  - Member of the 2023 European Solheim Cup Team

#### [Rolex Rankings No. 177 Cassie Porter](#)

- First appearance at the Dow Championship
- Eleventh start of the 2025 season; 4 cuts made
  - One top-10 finish: Blue Bay LPGA (4)
- Finished 10th in the season-long Race for the Card on the Epson Tour in 2024 to earn LPGA Tour Membership for the 2025 season
- Competed on the Epson Tour in 2024; made 13 cuts in 17 starts
  - Had four top-10 finishes including a victory at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: (Foursomes/alternate shot) – 62, Cheyenne Knight & Elizabeth Szokol (2023, R3)

18 holes: (Four-ball/best ball) – 58, Celine Boutier & Yuka Saso (2024, R2); Minjee Lee & Jin Young Ko (2019, R4)

36 holes – 126, Ariya & Moriya Jutanugarn (2021); Pauline Roussin & Dewi Weber (2022)

54 holes – 192, Cheyenne Knight & Elizabeth Szokol (2023)

72 holes – 253, Cydney Clanton & Jasmine Suwannapura (2019)

## QUOTABLE

*Cassie Porter (1st, -4) on what her and partner Gemma Dryburgh did well today*

“From my point of view, we drove really nicely. We assigned the holes really well. I was on evens, and Gem was on odds. We drove the green on 12, which was nice, and that set up a really nice birdie for Gem. Yeah, we just rolled really well together.”

*Gemma Dryburgh (1st, -4) on how her and partner Cassie Porter compliment each other's games*

“Yeah, we obviously have different games. Cassie hits it further than me, and I'm nice and down the middle usually. Like Cassie kind of said, we kind of picked the right holes for each other, and I think we gelled really well. We complemented each other really nicely.”

*Lexi Thompson (T2, -3) on the highlights from today's round*

“I didn't put her in the best of position on some long holes, but she hit some amazing shots and hit some really great putts down the stretch especially.”

*Megan Khang (T2, -3) on the strategy for tomorrow's round*

“I told Lexi I wasn't going to be dumb-aggressive today for her. I might get a little dumb-aggressive if it calls for it. But again, probably not changing too much. It will be nice to play our own balls throughout and try to get into more of a groove. I think overall we played alternate shot pretty well. We kept it pretty loose out there, lots of fun. Definitely had a lot of smiles. I think we're both going to take turns giving each other the green light to go for certain shots that we probably normally wouldn't.”

*Jeeno Thitikul (T8, -2) on the condition of the course today*

“I think it's pretty soft out there after the rain a little bit. Like the greens play softer and also slower a little bit after the rain. Then a little windy and tough pin going, I think for front nine, though. Back nine it's not really, but front nine had -- like No. 2 hard to get in like close.”

*Ruoning Yin (T8, -2) on if they'll try to be a little more aggressive tomorrow*

“Yes, 100 percent. She just said to me on the last hole, if we play four ball I'll use pitching wedge. Yeah, so I think four ball is definitely going to be a little more aggressive because everybody's trying to get low scores.”

## TOURNAMENT NEWS

### [LPGA and Dow Launch Prestigious New Award Celebrating Character and Community Impact](#)

- The Dow Impact Award is a prestigious new annual platform that recognizes the gold standard in professional sports: athletes who excel in their sport while making extraordinary contributions to their communities.
- This year's nominees are the Jutanugarn sisters (Ariya and Moriya), Jennifer Kupcho, Gaby Lopez, Lexi Thompson and Rose Zhang.

- The award follows a rigorous selection process designed to identify athletes who truly embody Dow's three core criteria: Innovation, Inclusion, and Sustainability.
- From these five exceptional athletes, an Executive Selection Committee will select two finalists, with the ultimate winner chosen through a combination of committee evaluation and fan voting – ensuring that both expert judgment and community support determine the recipient.

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