



## DOW CHAMPIONSHIP



## 2025 Dow Championship

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

Second-Round Notes

June 27, 2025

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**Course Setup:** 35-35—70, 6,145 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 71.459; R2: 67.507

**Weather:** Partly cloudy skies with temperatures peaking in the mid-80s F. Scattered thunderstorms throughout the afternoon and southwest gusts reaching between 20 mph

**Race to CME Globe Points:** 410 (winners)

**Purse:** \$3.3 million; winning team will split \$799,020 (winner's prize, \$399,510)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Jennifer Kupcho/Leona Maguire	-13	67-60 – 127
2	Gemma Dryburgh/Cassie Porter	-12	66-62 – 128
T3	Sarah Schmelzel/Albane Valenzuela	-11	68-61 – 129
T3	Manon De Roey/Pauline Roussin-Bouchard	-11	68-61 – 129
T3	Yan Liu/Yahui Zhang	-11	67-62 – 129

## COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st: **Jennifer Kupcho** and **Leona Maguire** (Irish Goodbye) hold the solo lead after the second round
  - The duo shot a bogey-free 60 with an eagle and eight birdies in their first best ball round
    - They have just one bogey over 36 holes of play
  - Hit 11 of 14 fairways and 11 of 14 greens in regulation with just 18 putts on Friday
  - The two tied the lowest round of best ball of the week so far at 10-under
    - Ina Yoon** and **Sung Hyung Park** also shot 10-under today
  - This is the fourth time in Kupcho's and Maguire's career that they have each individually led/co-led after the second round
    - The last time Kupcho did so was at the 2022 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, where she went on to beat Maguire in a playoff

- The last time Maguire did was at the 2023 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, where she finished T11
- 2nd: **Cassie Porter** and **Gemma Dryburgh** (Kilted Koalas) shot 8-under in the second round
  - The two made nine birdies, including five in a row and one bogey
    - They have 14 birdies and two bogeys through two rounds
  - Hit 12 of 14 fairways and 15 of 18 greens in regulation with 25 putts on Friday
- T3: Three teams are tied for third at 11-under
  - **Sarah Schmelzel** and **Albane Valenzuela** (Sho Me the Doni) shot 9-under on Friday
    - They had nine birdies and went bogey-free in best ball
    - Hit 12 of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens in regulation with 21 putts
    - The two are making their first appearance as a team together at the Dow Championship
      - Schmelzel competed on the 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Team
  - **Pauline Roussin-Bouchard** and **Manon De Roey** (Double Trouble) also went bogey-free in their best ball round
    - Shot 9-under with nine birdies
    - Hit 12 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens in regulation with 22 putts
    - The two are teaming up together for the first time
      - De Roey is making her debut at the Dow Championship
  - **Yan Liu** and **Yahui Zhang** (Y & Y) shot 8-under in their best ball round
    - Went bogey-free with eight birdies on Friday
    - Hit nine of 14 fairways and 12 of 18 greens in regulation with 21 putts
    - The two are making their debut as a team at the Dow Championship
- 37 teams made the cut at 4-under or better
  - Based on a 37-team cut, the winner's portion of the \$3.3 million purse is \$799,020 (\$399,510 split between the two)
- Notables teams to miss the cut include:
  - 2021 Dow Championship winners **Ariya** and **Moriya Jutanugarn**
  - **Haeran Ryu** and **Rose Zhang**
  - **Lydia Ko** and **Danielle Kang**
  - **Maria Fassi** and **Stacy Lewis**

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Leona Maguire	Jennifer Kupcho
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	57	26
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0	1
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1	1
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$315K	\$505.7K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2	4
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	22	23
Career Official Money	\$5.0M	\$5.8M

#### ABOUT THE LEADERS

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 40 Jennifer Kupcho](#)

- Fifth start at the Dow Championship, all with different partners

- 2019 – MC (with Maria Fassi), 2021 – MC (with Mina Kreiter), 2022 – Won (with Lizette Salas), 2024 – 2nd (with Ally Ewing)
- Earned her third career victory at this event in 2022 and was her third of that season
- 2025: Nine made cuts in 12 starts with one win
  - Claimed her fourth career victory at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
- Career: Four career wins, 23 career top 10s, \$5.8 million in official career earnings
  - Won twice in 2022, The Chevron Championship and Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
  - Three-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team Member (2021, 2023, 2024)

#### Rolex Rankings No. 84 Leona Maguire

- Second start at the Dow Championship
  - 2022 – MC (with Mel Reid)
- 2025: 11 cuts made in 15 starts with one top-10 finish
  - Finished solo ninth at Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- Career: Two career wins, 22 career top 10s, \$5 million in official career earnings
  - Wins: 2023 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give and 2022 LPGA Drive On Championship at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club
  - Three-time European Solheim Cup Team Member (2021, 2023, 2024)
  - Represented Ireland in the 2016, 2020 and 2024 Olympics

#### **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**

*Leona Maguire (1st, -13) on the highlights of their second round*

“Yeah, the plan today was just to give ourselves as many chances as we could, try to get two chances on every hole. For the most part, we did that. It was nice to start off with a birdie and sort of an eagle very early on to get the ball rolling. Jen made a nice birdie on 18 to sort of keep the momentum going through the turn. Overall, quite a fun day.”

*Pauline Roussin-Bouchard (T3, -11) on the chip-in on No. 18*

“I was a little mad after 17 because I left a birdie putt short, and I just hate that. I used that momentum to just get a bit fiery on that 18th hole and show off for the crowd. That was pretty fun. Bringing good vibes into the weekend.”

*Sarah Schmelzel (T3, -11) on how their partnership came to be*

“We were in Japan two years ago in the fall, and we just honestly, like a pretty organic friendship just formed. We've known each other for a long time, but we went out to a lot of dinners and everything. We kind of from then planned on, hey, next year let's go play Dow together. We both set a lot of really big goals for ourselves

for last season, and it was really cool to accomplish them together. So we've just had a ton of fun being able to team up."

*Somi Lee (6th, -10) on if they are changing their strategy heading into the weekend*

"No. I think I believe in myself, believe in you."

*Megan Khang (T9, -8) on the team nature of the Dow Championship*

"I feel like we've been fortunate enough to play on Solheim Cups -- Lexi Olympics and International Crown; myself, just Solheim Cup. It's always different playing in a team format. I think it's so fun. I think it brings out a different side of us players. I think our personalities really shine through. Having a good friend out there, golf is already such a lonely sport; it's really cool having a format where you get to have a teammate, you get to have not just your caddie as your only partner out there. Let's say like in best ball, you have a bad hole, you've got your partner saying, you've got this. Dang straight I do. I for sure got this. This is light work. So just kind of having that different aspect of really staying positive, if not just for yourself, but for your partner. It's hard enough to stay positive on your own, but you'd hate to see your partner get down on herself. I think we do a pretty good job of staying positive out there."

*Chanettee Wannasaen (T7, -9) on their strategy for the day*

"Today we played aggressive because we have a lot of birdies and a lot of bogeys. When I make a bogey, she can make par for me. When she make a bogey, I can make par for her. So aggressive today, but I think I like it more than like separate shots because we can play like aggressive."

*Daniela Iacobelli (T17, -6) on the format of the Dow Championship*

"I think this is the coolest thing I've ever done in professional golf. This is so underrated. I've never done a team event, I've never done alternate shot, I've never done best ball. I feel like when you're out on the course with your friends you basically play best ball, so I was definitely ready for that one."

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