



## DOW CHAMPIONSHIP



## 2025 Dow Championship

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

Third-Round Notes

June 28, 2025

**Media Contact:** [Matt Jesus](#), +1 (402) 957-4674; [Annika Mayers](#), +1 (303) 910-8710**Course Setup:** 35-35—70, 6,083 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 71.459; R2: 67.507; R3: 69.622**Weather:** Decreasing clouds throughout the morning with sunny skies in the afternoon and temperatures peaking in the low 80s F. Sustained northwest winds throughout the day below 10 mph with gusts up to 15 mph in the early afternoon.**Race to CME Globe Points:** 410 (winners)**Purse:** \$3.3 million; winning team will split \$799,020 (winner's prize, \$399,510)**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	Sarah Schmelzel/Albane Valenzuela	-13	68-61-68 – 197
T2	Jin Hee Im/Somi Lee	-12	67-63-68 – 198
T2	Manon De Roey/Pauline Roussin-Bouchard	-12	68-61-69 – 198
T4	Brooke Matthews/Lauren Hartlage	-11	70-63-66 – 199
T4	Sung Hyun Park/Ina Yoon	-11	72-60-67 – 199
T4	Jennifer Kupcho/Leona Maguire	-11	67-60-72 – 199

## COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st: **Sarah Schmelzel and Albane Valenzuela** (Sho Me the Doni) hold the solo lead after the third round
  - The pair had four birdies and two bogeys in alternate shot
  - Hit eight of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens in regulation with 30 putts
  - The two are making their second appearance as a team together at the Dow Championship
    - They missed the cut in 2024
    - Schmelzel competed on the 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Team
    - Valenzuela competed on the 2024 European Solheim Cup Team
  - This is the third time in Schmelzel's career that she has led or co-led after the third round

- Previously led after the third round at the 2024 Ford Championship and 2024 Blue Bay LPGA
  - This is the first time Valenzuela has led or co-led after the third round
- T2: Two teams sit one shot behind the leaders at -12
  - **Somi Lee** and **Jin Hee Im** (BTI) shot a bogey-free third round
    - Recorded two birdies in alternate shot format
    - Hit 10 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens in regulations with 32 putts
    - Hit 47 of 54 fairways across all three rounds of competition
    - 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**
  - **Pauline Roussin-Bouchard** and **Manon De Roey** (Double Trouble) shot 69 in the third round
    - Made three birdies and two bogeys
    - Hit 11 of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens in regulation with 26 putts
      - The team has a combined 76 putts through three rounds of competition
    - The two are teaming up together for the first time
    - De Roey is making her debut at the Dow Championship
- T4: Three teams sit two shots behind the leaders at -11
  - **Brooke Matthews** and **Lauren Hartlage** (Woo Pig Louie) climbed from T14 to T4 on Saturday
    - Finished the day at 4-under after recording 4 birdies and a bogey free round in alternate shot
    - Hit 10 of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens in regulation with 27 putts
    - The two are teaming up together for the second time
      - Paired together for the first time in 2022, finished T10
      - Hartlage paired with **Maddie Szeryk** in 2024, MC, and 2023, 25th
  - **Ina Yoon** and **Sung Hyun Park** (2 dolla) finished round three at 3-under
    - Recorded five birdies and two bogeys in their alternate shot round
    - Hit eight of 14 fairways and 13 of 18 greens in regulation, recorded 27 putts
    - This is the first time the team is playing in the Dow Championship together
      - Yoon is an LPGA rookie and has not yet recorded a finish in the top-10
      - First time Park is competing in the Dow Championship, has seven LPGA wins
  - **Jennifer Kupcho** and **Leona Maguire** (Irish Goodbye) finished round three at T4
    - The duo recorded two birdies and four bogeys to finish the day 2-over in alternate shot
    - Hit nine of 14 fairways and 10 of 18 greens in regulation and recorded 29 putts
    - The team currently has one eagle, 14 birdies, 34 pars and five bogeys across three days of competition

## WITH A WIN

### Sarah Schmelzel and Albane Valenzuela

- Schmelzel and Valenzuela would earn their first LPGA Tour career victories respectively
- They would become the sixth and seventh Rolex First-Time winners of the 2025 season
  - Would join **Yealimi Noh**, **Rio Takeda**, **Ingrid Lindblad**, **Mao Saigo** and **Chisato Iwai**
- They would be the 17th and 18th different winners on the LPGA Tour in 2025

- They would become the first duo to each earn their first LPGA Tour victories at the Dow Championship
- Schmelzel would be the fourth American to win on the LPGA Tour in 2025 joining **Jennifer Kupcho** (ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer), **Yealimi Noh** (Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands) and **Angel Yin** (Honda LPGA Thailand)
- Schmelzel would earn her third top-10 finish of the 2025 season
  - Finished T6 at The Chevron Championship
  - Finished T5 at Blue Bay LPGA
- Schmelzel would cross the \$1 million threshold in official season earnings in a single season for the first time in her career with the winner's check (\$1,054,884)
- Valenzuela would become the first player from Switzerland to win on the LPGA Tour
- Valenzuela would be the first player from Europe to win the Dow Championship
- Valenzuela would earn her first top-10 finish of the 2025 season
  - Previous best finish in 2025 was a T13 at the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
  - Would be her first top-10 finish since the 2024 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G, T7
- Valenzuela would cross the \$2 million threshold in official career earnings with the winner's check (\$2,330,888)

#### Jin Hee Im and Somi Lee

- Both would become the Tour's sixth and seventh Rolex First-Time Winners of the 2025 season
  - Would join **Yealimi Noh**, **Rio Takeda**, **Ingrid Lindblad**, **Mao Saigo** and **Chisato Iwai**
- They would be the 17th and 18th different winners on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- They would become the first duo to each earn their first LPGA Tour victories at the Dow Championship
- Im and Lee would become the fourth and fifth players from the Republic of Korea to win on the LPGA Tour in 2025 joining **A Lim Kim** (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions), **Hyo Joo Kim** (Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass) and **Haeran Ryu** (Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion)
- Would be the 50th and 51st players from the Republic of Korea to win on the LPGA Tour
- Both would become the first players from the Republic of Korea to win the Dow Championship
- Im would earn her fourth top-10 of the 2025 season and her tenth career top-10 finish
- Im would surpass \$2 million in official career earnings with the winner's check (\$2,267,751)
- Lee would earn her third consecutive top-10 finish and fifth of her career
- Lee would surpass \$1 million in official season earnings with the winner's check (\$1,257,035)

#### Manon De Roey and Pauline Roussin-Bouchard

- De Roey and Roussin-Bouchard would earn their first LPGA Tour career victories respectively
- They would become the sixth and seventh Rolex First-Time winners of the 2025 season
  - Would join **Yealimi Noh**, **Rio Takeda**, **Ingrid Lindblad**, **Mao Saigo** and **Chisato Iwai**
- Would be the 17th and 18th different winners on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- Would become the first duo to each earn their first LPGA Tour victories at the Dow Championship
- Would be the first players from Europe to win the Dow Championship
- De Roey would be the second player from Belgium to win on the LPGA Tour and first since **Florence Descampe** won in 1992

- Roussin-Bouchard would be fifth player from France to win on the LPGA Tour and first since **Celine Boutier** won the 2023 Maybank Championship
- De Roey would earn her second career top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour
- Roussin-Bouchard would surpass \$1 million in official career earnings with the winner's check (\$1,216,701)

#### Lauren Hartlage and Brooke Matthews

- Both would become the Tour's sixth and seventh Rolex First-Time Winners
  - Would join **Yealimi Noh, Rio Takeda, Ingrid Lindblad, Mao Saigo** and **Chisato Iwai**
- Would be the 17th and 18th different winners on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- They would be the first team to both become Rolex First-Time Winners at the Dow Championship
- Would be the third duo of Americans to win the Dow Championship
  - 2023 – **Elizabeth Szokol** and **Cheyenne Knight**
  - 2022 – **Jennifer Kupcho** and **Lizette Salas**
- Both would earn their first top-10 finish of the 2025 season
  - It would be Hartlage's first since the 2024 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
  - It would be Matthews' first since the 2022 Dow Championship
- Hartlage would earn her first win in her 70th start on Tour
  - Her rookie year on the LPGA Tour was 2022
- Matthews would win in her 33rd start on Tour
  - She first earned Membership in 2022
- Matthews would pass the \$500,000 mark in official earnings in a single season for the first time in her career
  - Coming into the week, Matthews has amassed \$176,335 in earnings this season, the most of her career in a single season

#### Ina Yoon and Sung Hyun Park

- Yoon and Park would earn their first LPGA Tour career victories respectively
- Yoon would become the sixth Rolex First-Time winner of the 2025 season
  - Would join **Yealimi Noh, Rio Takeda, Ingrid Lindblad, Mao Saigo** and **Chisato Iwai**
- Would be the 17th and 18th different winners on the LPGA Tour in 2025
- Yoon and Park would become the fourth and fifth players from the Republic of Korea to win on the LPGA Tour in 2025 joining **A Lim Kim** (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions), **Hyo Joo Kim** (Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass) and **Haeran Ryu** (Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion)
- Yoon would be the 50th player from Korea to win on the LPGA Tour
- Both would become the first players from the Republic of Korea to win the Dow Championship
- Yoon would be the fourth rookie to win on the LPGA Tour in 2025 joining **Rio Takeda** (Blue Bay LPGA), **Ingrid Lindblad** (JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro) and **Chisato Iwai** (MEXICO Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba)
- Yoon would be the first rookie to be on the winning team at the Dow Championship
- Yoon would earn her first career top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour

- Park would earn her eighth LPGA Tour career victory and first since the 2019 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
- Park would surpass \$6 million in official career earnings with the winner's check (\$6,210,513)

#### Leona Maguire and Jennifer Kupcho

- Would be the third team comprised of two different countries to win the Dow Championship
  - 2024 – **Jeeno Thitikul** (Thailand) and **Ruoning Yin** (People's Republic of China)
  - 2019 – **Cydney Clanton** (United States) and **Jasmine Suwannapura** (Thailand)
- Maguire would earn her third career victory first since the 2023 Meijer LPGA Classic
- Maguire would be the 17th different winner on the LPGA Tour this season
- Maguire would earn her second top-10 finish of the 2025 season
  - Finished ninth at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- Maguire would be the first player from Europe to win the Dow Championship
- Kupcho would earn her fifth LPGA Tour career victory and second of the 2025 season
- Would be the 68th player from the United States to win five or more times on the LPGA Tour
- Kupcho would be the first multiple-time winner in the 2025 season
  - She won the 2025 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer last month
- Kupcho would be the first player to win the Dow Championship twice in their career
  - Kupcho won in 2022 with partner **Lizette Salas**
- Kupcho would surpass \$6 million in official career earnings with the winner's check (\$6,225,753)

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Sarah Schmelzel	Albane Valenzuela
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	33	86
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	2	0
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$655.4K	\$120.8K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	17	9
Career Official Money	\$3.4M	\$1.9M

#### ABOUT THE LEADERS

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 52 Sarah Schmelzel](#)

- Fifth start at the Dow Championship
  - 2024 – MC (with Albane Valenzuela), 2023 – T17 (with Lindsey Weaver-Wright), 2022 – T21 (with Maude Aimee Leblanc), 2021 – T12 (with Bianca Pagdanganan)
- 2025: 12 cuts made in 14 starts with two top-10 finishes
  - Finished T6 at The Chevron Championship and T5 at the Blue Bay LPGA
  - Coming off back-to-back missed cuts
    - Had previously not missed a cut all season
- Career: 17 career top-10 finishes, \$3.4 million in Official Career Earnings
  - Career-best finish was 2nd at the 2024 Blue Bay LPGA
  - 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup Team Member

- Had a career-high \$928,966 in official earnings in 2024
- Finished third at the inaugural LPGA Q-Series to earn Priority List Category 14 status for the 2019 season

#### Rolex Rankings No. 98 Albane Valenzuela

- Second start at the Dow Championship
  - 2024 – MC (with **Sarah Schmelzel**)
- 2025: Nine cuts made in 14 starts
  - Season-best finish of T13 at the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
- Career: Nine career top-10 finishes, \$1.9 million in Official Career Earnings
  - Has a career-best runner-up finish at the 2024 Honda LPGA Thailand
  - 2024 European Solheim Cup Team Member
  - Three-time Olympian representing Switzerland
    - Finished T21 in 2016 as an amateur, T18 in 2020 and T13 in 2024
  - Finished fifth at LPGA Q-Series to earn status for the 2020 LPGA Tour season

#### 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

*Albane Valenzuela (1st, -13) on how she and Sarah Schmelzel are able to complement each other*

“I feel like I bounce off Sarah's confidence, and just her whole game is just so solid it really helps me free it up out there. We made that bogey on 5. We try to take that as a fuel and a bounceback opportunity. We had a few birdies on the front nine. I feel like we do a really good job of keeping each other in it. Also because we're really good friends, and we just know each other so well. So I know when not to talk to her, I know when to talk to her. Overall, just really good vibes.”

*Manon De Roey (T2, -12) on the difficulties of going between the two formats*

“It's just like it's really hard to get into your rhythm. Sometimes you -- I mean, I didn't do a long putt until 18th hole, I feel like. Just for the momentum it's a bit tough sometimes. I feel like we still did pretty good. I'm very proud of us. We hang in there. We fought until the end. Yeah, I think we still did good.”

*Jin Hee Im (T2, -12) on what she's looking forward to about playing best ball tomorrow*

“We're just playing our play. She believe me; she believe her. Just same as second round. If someone make the par, so more aggressive putt. Mostly just focusing our play.”

*Brooke Matthews (T4, -11) on how she and Lauren Hartlage compliment each other's games*

“I feel like, at least this week, we're both hitting a lot of fairways and a lot of greens. Even in four ball it's just we were always in it. Alternate shot, I think we missed like a combined like three fairways, so we were never

that far out of it. We're a member of the same course in Florida for the winter, so we're so used to playing with each other. Every week we're playing practice rounds, so I think we're just comfortable."

*Leona Maguire (T4, -11) on gaining momentum from the last two birdies of their round*

"Yeah, I think they were huge. I think it gives us a chance going into tomorrow. Just really got nothing going today, but tried to stay patient tried to keep giving ourself chances; eventually did on the last holes. Jen holed two great putts."

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