

# The Amundi Evian Championship

Evian Resort Golf Club | Evian-les-Bains, France | July 10-13, 2025

# **First-Round Notes**

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**Course Setup:** 35-36—71, 6,298 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.924

Weather: Sunny skies with temperatures peaking at 26 C and

northeast winds reaching between 20-30 km/h

Race to CME Globe Points: 650 (winner) Purse: \$8 million (winner's prize, \$1.2 million)

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Tournament: @EvianChamp

(Instagram, TikTok, X)

<u>LEADERBOARD</u>						
	Player	To par	Score			
T1	Jennifer Kupcho	-6	65			
T1	Grace Kim	-6	65			
T1	Gabriela Ruffels	-6	65			
T1	Andrea Lee	-6	65			
T1	Leona Maguire	-6	65			
6	Minjee Lee	-5	66			

#### **COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- T1: There are five players tied for first at -6: Jennifer Kupcho, Grace Kim, Gabriela Ruffels, Andrea Lee and Leona Maguire
  - o Five first-round leaders are the most since The Amundi Evian Championship became a major in 2013
  - Kupcho shot a 65 on Thursday
    - Recorded one eagle, five birdies and one bogey
      - Eagled No. 9, one of two eagles on the day on that hole and one of 10 eagles overall on Thursday

- Hit 6/13 fairways and 14/18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
- 11th time leading or co-leading after the first round
  - Second time leading or co-leading after the first round of a major championship, joining her eventual victory at 2022's The Chevron Championship
- Matches her lowest round ever at the Amundi Evian Championship
  - Shot a third-round 65 in 2022 en route to a T31 finish
- Kim carded a bogey-free 65
  - Recorded six birdies
    - One of six players to be bogey free on Thursday
  - Hit 12/13 fairways and 13/18 greens in regulation with 27 putts
    - Her three sand saves co-lead the field; she holed out from the bunker on No. 2
  - Third time leading or co-leading after the first round
    - Joining the 2024 Dow Championship and the 2024 JM Eagle LA Championship
  - Her lowest career major round and fourth career major round in the 60s
    - Her lowest previous major round was her third-round 68 at the 2025 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - Tied for the second-lowest round of her LPGA Tour career
    - Previously shot 64 on two occasions
- o Ruffels also carded a bogey-free 65
  - Recorded six birdies
    - One of six players to be bogey free on Thursday
  - Hit 8/13 fairways and 16/18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
  - Her first time leading or co-leading after any round
  - Her lowest career Evian round and tied for the second-lowest round of her LPGA Tour career
    - Her career low round is a 64 at the 2024 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
- A. Lee carded a first-round 65
  - Made seven birdies and one bogey
    - Went birdie, bogey in her first two holes of the day
    - Birdied three of the next seven holes on the front nine
    - Birdied three of her last four holes
    - Recorded the most birdies of any player in the field on Thursday (7)
  - Hit 10/13 fairways and 15/18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
  - First time leading/co-leading after the first round on the LPGA Tour
    - Her first time leading/co-leading since the second round of the 2025 Mizuho Americas Open
- Maguire opened with a six-under round
  - Recorded a hole-in-one five birdies and a bogey in the first round
    - Bogeyed her first hole of the day, No. 10
    - Birdied four of the next eight holes on the back nine
  - Made a hole-in-one on No. 2 using an 8-iron from 164 yards
    - This is her first hole-in-one on the LPGA Tour
    - This is the 10th hole-in-one of the 2025 LPGA Tour season

- There is now a total of \$200,000 donated as a part of the CME Group Cares Challenge
- Her 65 is her second lowest round at The Amundi Evian Championship
  - Her lowest round was her final-round 61 in 2021; it is the third-ever 61 at a women's major
- First time leading or co-leading after the first-round
- 6th: Minjee Lee shot a first-round 66
  - Recorded the second-most birdies across the field on Thursday
  - o Is the most recent major champion winning the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - Won The Amundi Evian Championship in 2021
- Charley Hull withdrew due to illness after 13 holes
- Mirabel Ting shot a 78 in the first round of her professional debut
  - Was second in the LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway standings prior to teeing off

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Leona Maguire	Andrea Lee	<b>Gabriela Ruffels</b>	<b>Grace Kim</b>	Jennifer Kupcho
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	58	34	79	85	28
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0	0	0	1
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1	4	0	1	1
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$330.5K	\$663.7K	\$207.5K	\$205.5K	\$521.1 K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2	1	0	1	4
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	22	20	4	6	23
Career Official Money	\$5.0 M	\$4.0 M	\$1.1 M	\$2.0 M	\$5.8 M

#### **ABOUT THE LEADERS**

#### Rolex Rankings No. 38 Jennifer Kupcho

- Sixth start at the Amundi Evian Championship
  - o Best finish is T2 in 2019
  - Has never finished worse than 50th
- 14th start of the 2025 season; 10 cuts made
  - One victory at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
  - Best finish is ninth at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
  - Two additional top-20 finishes
  - Current 28th in the Race to CME Globe
- Career: Four wins, 23 career top-10 finishes, \$5.8 million in career official earnings
  - Four wins: 2025 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer, 2022 The Chevron Championship, 2022 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, 2022 Dow Great Lake Bay Invitational (with partner Lizette Salas)
  - Represented the United States on the 2021, 2023 and 2024 Solheim Cup Teams
  - o Finished second at the inaugural LPGA Q-Series to earn LPGA Tour status for the 2019 season

#### Rolex Rankings No. 99 Grace Kim

Fourth start at the Amundi Evian Championship

- Best finish is T15 in 2022
- Finished 62nd in 2024 and missed the cut in 2023
- 12th start of the 2025 season; eight cuts made
  - Best finish is ninth at the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zino
  - Current 85th in the Race to CME Globe
- Career: One win, six career top-10 finishes, \$2.0 million in career official earnings
  - o One win: 2023 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakelai
  - One career victory on the Epson Tour: 2022 IOA Golf Classic
  - Finished fifth on the Race for the Card to first earn LPGA Tour Membership for 2023

### Rolex Rankings No. 71 Gabriela Ruffels

- Second start at the Amundi Evian Championship
  - o Finished T55 in 2024
- 14th start of the 2025 season; nine cuts made
  - o Best finish is T14 at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
  - Current 79th in the Race to CME Globe
- Career: Four career top-10 finishes, \$1.0 million in career official earnings
  - Has three victories on the Epson Tour: 2023 Carlisle Arizona Women's Golf Classic, 2023 Garden City Charity Classic, 2023 Four Winds Invitational
  - o Finished first on the Epson Tour's Race for the Card, earning Player of the Year honors and LPGA Tour Membership for 2024

### Rolex Rankings No. 36 Andrea Lee

- Fourth start at the Amundi Evian Championship
  - o Best finish is T15 in 2022
  - Finished 62nd in 2024 and missed the cut in 2023
- 13th start of the 2025 season; 11 cuts made
  - Best finish is T3 at the Mizuho Americas Open
  - Three additional top-10 finishes
  - Current 34th in the Race to CME Globe
- Career: One win, 20 career top-10 finishes, \$4.0 million in career official earnings
  - One win: 2022 The Standard Portland Classic
  - Represented the United States on the 2023 and 2024 Solheim Cup Teams
  - One career victory on the Epson Tour: 2022 Casino Del Sol Golf Classic
  - Finished T30 at the LPGA Q-Series to earn status for the 2020 LPGA Tour season

#### Rolex Rankings No. 85 Leona Maguire

- Sixth start at the Amundi Evian Championship
  - Best finish is T6 in 2021
  - Also made the cut in 2015 (as an amateur), 2022 and 2023, with one missed cut in 2024
  - o In 2022's fourth round, became the third player in women's golf history to shoot a 61 in a major championship
- 16th start of the 2025 season; 11 cuts made
  - o Best finish is ninth at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions

- Three additional top-20 finishes
- Current 58th in the Race to CME Globe
- Career: Two wins, 22 career top-10 finishes, \$5.0 million in career official earnings
  - Five wins: 2023 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give, 2022 LPGA Drive On Championship at Crown Colony Golf and Country Club
  - o Represented Europe on the 2021, 2023 and 2024 Solheim Cup Teams
  - Represented Ireland in the 2016 Rio Olympics (T21), 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T23) and the 2024
    Paris Olympics (59)
  - o Two career victories on the Epson Tour: 2019 Symetra Classic, 2019 Windsor Golf Classic
  - Finished seventh on the Epson Tour's 2019 money list to earn LPGA Tour membership for the 2020 season
  - o One career victory on the Ladies European Tour: 2024 Aramco Team Series London

## **CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS (SINCE MAJOR ELEVATION IN 2013):**

18 holes – 61, Hyo Joo Kim (2014, R1), Jeongeun Lee6 (2021, R2), Leona Maguire (2021, R4)

36 holes – 127, Jeongeun Lee6 (2021)

54 holes – 194, In Gee Chun (2016)

72 holes – 263, In Gee Chun (2016)

#### **QUOTABLE**

Jennifer Kupcho (T1, -6) on her 2025 major season

"I haven't really started well with the majors this year, so kind of just all the same. Just kind of trying to stick with it and prepare the best that I can. This golf course is a little bit different than others, so I think definitely had some good bounces. You can have some bad bounces so I think it's just taking it and doing with it what you can."

Grace Kim (T1, -6) on how she prepped for the major

"I went home. Home-home to Sydney. So that was a good reset of the mind, being able to sleep in my own bed and see my coach and family back at home. So I think just the mental reset halfway through the season, and obviously there is a lot more to go, so, yeah, just did that. Played a couple money matches back at home as well so that probably helped."

Gabriela Ruffels (T1, -6) on visiting Wimbledon over the weekend

"I last went when I was 6 so I didn't really remember it. I wanted to go when I remembered and appreciated it. I went with my boyfriend and also we went kind of as guests of Todd Woodbridge who was a doubles champion and really good friends with my dad. My dad coached him throughout his whole career. So it was nice meeting up with them. He got us into the members only area which was so cool. It was such a cool experience. Yeah, it's just kind of like a perspective switch as well from golf to kind of get in the tennis world. Yeah, it was definitely a Bucket List thing to do and I'm glad we were able to tick that off."

Andrea Lee (T1, -6) on her first round

"It was a really solid round. Kind of ho-hum. Nothing was like incredible I thought, but I made quite a few putts. Hit some really good shots within 5, 6 feet, so took advantage of those. Played the par-5s really well today. They moved up 7, so managed to hit that one on in two and two-putt for birdie. Yeah, just overall

played super solid golf. And I mean, the weather is like phenomenal today, so I feel like we had to take advantage of the nice conditions."

Leona Maguire (T1, -6) on her hole-in-one on No. 2

"The pin was sort of in this little back-right bowl. You don't want to go over, but at the same time, it does land pretty soft hitting from like 30 yards down from there. So yeah, overall it was just a really nice shot. Looked good all the way. Then nice to be able to walk down this hill without a putter in your hand."

Minjee Lee (6th, -5) on Thursday's course conditions

"The first nine I think it was pretty similar to the practice round and even the pro-am yesterday. I definitely think it started drying out the front nine, which was my back nine. So, yeah, the front nine felt like the ball was releasing a little more on the greens, especially in the back parts of them. So, yeah, I just think every day it's going to get drier and drier, especially with the nice conditions for the next few days. So, yeah, maybe just get a little bit tougher each day especially being a major."

## **ON LPGA.COM**

Leona Maguire Makes Ace, Muscles Way to Opening 65 in France

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#### **SOCIAL SNAPSHOT**

Scrubadubdub @ @GabiRuffels posts a bogey free scorecard in the opening round

Frenchwoman Pauline Roussin-Bouchard feels at home here at @EvianChamp

Nelly Korda cards a birdie on 2 with a familiar voice on the call

@RyderCupEurope legend Colin Montgomerie is out at the @EvianChamp

The Irishwoman @leona\_maguire cards a sweet ace to kick off the week () )

We mic'd up Ayaka Furue and her caddie Mikey 🔗

A little pro-am closest to the pin competition with Stephen Malbon and Haeran Ryu 6

World No. 1 type of swing (∵) € #SloMo

Had to mic up power couple Lily He and @F1 racer @alex\_albon out on the course  $\mathscr{P}$