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The Amundi Evian Championship

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

Third-Round Notes

July 12, 2025

| | QUICK LINKS | |
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| Course Setup: 35-36—71, 6,285 yards | (OMC) | |
| Scoring Average: R1: 71.924; R2: 71.534; R3: 70.123 | Tournament Website | |
| Weather: Sunny skies with temperatures peaking at 28 C and light | | |
| and variable winds | SOCIAL MEDIA | |
| Race to CME Globe Points: 650 (winner) | LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia | |
| Purse: \$8 million (winner's prize, \$1.2 million) | (X), @Ipga_tour (Instagram, TikTok) | |
| TV/Streaming Times: <u>How to Watch</u> | Tournament: @EvianChamp | |
| | (Instagram, TikTok, X) | |

| LEADERBOARD | | | | | |
|-------------|------------------|--------|--------------|--|--|
| | Player | To par | Score | | |
| T1 | Cara Gainer | -11 | 68-70-64—202 | | |
| T1 | Gabriela Ruffels | -11 | 65-71-66—202 | | |
| Т3 | Minjee Lee | -10 | 66-71-66—203 | | |
| Т3 | Jeeno Thitikul | -10 | 68-68-67—203 | | |
| Т3 | Grace Kim | -10 | 65-68-70—203 | | |
| Т3 | Somi Lee | -10 | 67-65-71—203 | | |

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COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st: Two players sit at -11 through three rounds: Cara Gainer and Gabriela Ruffels
 - \circ $\,$ Gainer shot a third-round 64 to move from T18 $\,$
 - Had an eagle, six birdies and a bogey
 - Went -6 in her last 12 holes
 - Hit 12/13 fairways and 15/18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
 - T1 in fairways hit during Saturday's round
 - One of the three LET Members currently in the top 10
 - First post-round lead or co-lead on the LPGA Tour

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- Carded six birdies and a bogey
 - Bogeyed her first hole and followed with a birdie on her next hole

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- Made four birdies between holes 11-15
- Hit 7/13 fairways and 16/18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
 - T2 on greens in regulation hit on Saturday
- One of the three Aussies in the top 10 heading into Sunday
- Her first third-round lead or co-lead
- Her second post-round lead or co-lead of her LPGA Tour career
- T3: Four players are one shot behind leaders at -10: Minjee Lee, Jeeno Thitikul, Grace Kim, Somi Lee
 - M. Lee shot a 66 on Saturday
 - Aiming to become the first multiple winner of the Amundi Evian Championship since it became a major in 2013
 - Would be the first person to win consecutive major titles since 2013, when Inbee Park won The Chevron Championship, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and the U.S. Women's Open
 - Thitikul shot a third-round 67
 - One of three players with three rounds in the 60s, along with Casandra Alexander and Jenny Shin
 - Projected to move to No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings if she wins and Nelly Korda finishes fifth or worse
 - Korda is T44 heading into the final round
 - Kim shot a 70 on Saturday
 - Recorded the least amount of bogeys across the field through three rounds (two)
 - The last time she was one shot behind the leader entering the final day, she won the event (2023 LOTTE Championship, her sole LPGA Tour victory)
 - $\circ~$ S. Lee shot a third-round 71
 - Is the only player to record two eagles through three rounds this week
 - T2 in fairways hit throughout the week (32/39)
 - This is her second start at The Amundi Evian Championship
 - Won the Dow Championship in her last previous start on the LPGA Tour
 - Only join **Suzann Pettersen** (2013) as the only players to win The Amundi Evian Championship and their previous start
- Lottie Woad sits at T19, -6 overall
 - $\circ~$ Carded a third-round 70 and dropped to T19 ~
 - \circ $\,$ Now has a total of 19 points in the LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway $\,$
 - Needs a top-25 (and ties) to meet the 20-point threshold and become eligible for LPGA Membership
 - Will need to turn professional to join the LPGA; if Woad does so immediately, she will have status for the remainder of the 2025 season and all of 2026
 - Can also choose to accept membership for only the 2026 season, but Woad will only have status for that calendar year
 - <u>Woad Watch: Lottie Woad Secures 19th LEAP Point With Made Cut at Amundi Evian</u> <u>Championship</u>

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WITH A WIN

Cara Gainer

- Would earn the opportunity to take immediate LPGA Tour Membership
- If she takes immediate Membership, would become a Rolex First-Time Winner
 - Would be the second player to become a Rolex First-Time Winner at the Amundi Evian Championship, joining In Gee Chun (2016)
- Would become the third South African women's major champion
 - Joining Sally Little (1984 The Chevron Championship, 1988 du Maurier Classic) and Ashleigh Buhai (2022 AIG Women's Open)
- Would be the seventh player to earn her first major title at the Amundi Evian Championship

Gabriela Ruffels

- Would become a Rolex First-Time Winner
- Would become the second Australian winner of the Amundi Evian Championship, joining Minjee Lee
 - Karrie Webb (2006), Wendy Doolan (2004) and Rachel Hetherington (2001) won the Evian Masters before the event was elevated to major status in 2013
- Would become the fifth Australian woman to win a major championship
- Would be the second consecutive Australian woman to win a major championship, following **Minjee** Lee's victory at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship in June
- Would be the seventh player to earn her first major title at the Amundi Evian Championship
- Would be the second player to become a Rolex First-Time Winner at the Amundi Evian Championship, joining **In Gee Chun** (2016)

| CATEGORY | Cara Gainer | Gabriela Ruffels | | | | |
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| 2025 Race to CME Globe Rank | N/A | 79 | | | | |
| 2025 LPGA Tour Wins | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 2025 Official Season Earnings | 0 | \$207.5 K | | | | |
| Career LPGA Tour Wins | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s | 0 | 4 | | | | |
| Career Official Money | \$0 | \$1.1 M | | | | |
| Career LET Wins | 1 | 0 | | | | |

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

ABOUT THE LEADERS

Rolex Rankings No. 129 Cara Gainer

- Debut at The Amundi Evian Championship
- Is a Member on the Ladies European Tour (LET)
- 12th start of the 2025 season; one win and three additional top-10 finishes
 - \circ $\,$ Won the first event of the LET season, the Lalla Meryem Cup $\,$
 - Recorded a T3 finish at the Jabra Ladies Open, also played at Evian Resort Golf Club
- LET Career: One win, 10 career top-10 finishes, 661,705.05 €
- LPGA Career: Has five previous starts on the LPGA Tour

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- 2024 ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open T33
- 2023 FREED Group Women's Scottish Open T35
- 2023 AIG Women's Open T61
- 2023 ISPS Handa World Invitational MC
- 2022 ISPS Handa World Invitational T18

Rolex Rankings No. 71 Gabriela Ruffels

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- Second start at the Amundi Evian Championship
 - o Finished T55 in 2024
- 14th start of the 2025 season; 10 cuts made
 - o Best finish is T14 at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - \circ $\,$ 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
 - Finished first on the Epson Tour's Race for the Card, earning Player of the Year honors and LPGA Tour Membership for 2024

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

Cara Gainer (T1, -11) on her day overall

"I had a great par save on the first and that settled me down. I was pretty nervous on the first tee this morning. Playing with Celine as well, so home favorite, lots of big crowds out there. So I just tried to settle in. Then I rolled a few nice putts in the first five holes. Went from there."

Gabriela Ruffels (T1, -11) on having so many Australians in contention

"I'm not really surprised. We've all been playing pretty well. I think there is what, six to eight us out here now, so it kind of goes to show what Golf Australia is doing and their program and even Karrie Webb and what she's doing with her scholarship program."

Minjee Lee (T3, -10) on how her experience has helped her this week

"I think just being here over the years, like you know kind of a little bit where the breaks are going. I think in general being in this position before, being where I am probably by the end of today, I think it's just going to be nice to have that kind of experience under my belt and know like just being there and being patient and just hanging enough you have tough when it gets tough. Like you will still have a chance, and I think, yeah, just play each shot as it goes. It's Evian, so the course may give you some bounces that might not go in your favor. That's the way it is for everybody."

Jeeno Thitikul (T3, -10) on her mindset going into Sunday at a major

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"Majors should be tough Sunday like in each of major. I mean, like major you need to have really strong mindsets going to like the weekend. Tomorrow I know it's going to be a lot of people who chasing for that, so I trying to be that one, too, who trying to makes lots of birdie out there. It's makable here in Evian."

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Grace Kim (T3, -10) on her chances going into Sunday

"I think the leaderboard is still pretty stacked. Anyone can win this. Knowing that I still have a chance is always nice. To be able to carry that forward into tomorrow, just going to do the same thing. I know I'm a little bit under the weather, but I am going to try my best to just going to try to do my best to do the same thing. No doubting myself. Just, yeah, backing myself more than anything."

Somi Lee (T3, -10) on her Saturday play

"Today my tee shot first nine hole is fine. But my first nine hole, my tee shot is fine but my putter is not good because today I can't very tricky reads right. So I'm just mind control and then I go to back nine. My tee shot is so bad, but putter is better than first nine holes."

ON LPGA.COM

Yuri Yoshida Cards Career Low Round on Moving Day at The Amundi Evian Championship Somi Lee Leads the Way Heading into the Weekend at The Amundi Evian Championship Third Round Highlights | 2025 Amundi Evian Championship Gabriela Ruffels Third Round Highlights | 2025 Amundi Evian Championship Jeeno Thitikul Third Round Highlights | 2025 Amundi Evian Championship Cara Gainer Third Round Highlights | 2025 Amundi Evian Championship Minjee Lee Third Round Highlights | 2025 Amundi Evian Championship

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

<u>Jeeno's luuurrking</u> #SloMo <u>Champ Sunday here we come</u> <u>The colors of @EvianChamp</u> <u>NOT AGAIN</u> A fan picks up @NellyKorda's ball just like they did back in 2022.