

# 2025 Ford Championship Presented by Wild Horse Pass PRE-TOURNAMENT INTELLIGENCE PACK

# KPMG Insight of the Week

\*World number one Nelly Korda returns to action this week at the Ford Championship. In her victories last season, she gained more than 24% of her strokes against the field with shots off the tee. Since the beginning of last season, all other winners on the LPGA Tour have gained a significantly smaller portion of their strokes with the driver – just 14.1%.

#### Percentage of Strokes Gained Total LPGA Tour Winners – Last 2 Seasons

	Nelly Korda	All other winners
Off the Tee	24.1%	14.1%
Approach	26.1%	37.2%
Around Green	13.2%	9.8%
Putting	36.6%	38.9%

#### Nelly Korda

\*Nelly Korda finished 2nd and T-7 in her first two LPGA starts of the season. She has six consecutive top-seven results dating back to the end of last season, gaining nearly three strokes per round on the field during that excellent stretch of play.

#### Nelly Korda

#### Since 2024 AIG Women's Open Began

Starts	6
Wins	1
7th or better	6
Scoring average	68.3
Strokes gained total	+2.90

\*It's early in the 2025 LPGA Tour season, but Nelly Korda has again increased her strokes gained total average over the preceding campaign:

#### Nelly Korda Strokes Gained Total Per Round

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2023	+1.68	7th
2024	+2.44	1st
2025	+2.92	1st





\*Since the beginning of last season, Nelly Korda has nearly twice as many wins (seven) as finishes outside the top-20 (four).

#### Nelly Korda Since 2024 LPGA Tour Season Began

Starts	18
Wins	7*
Top-5 finishes	11*
Finishes outside top-20	4
SG Total per round	+2.52*
*Leads all players	

# Lydia Ko

\*Lydia Ko's victory at the HSBC Women's World Championship was her 23rd on the LPGA Tour, three more than any other player since the beginning of the 2012 season. Inbee Park ranks second in that time span, with 20.

#### Most LPGA Tour Wins Since Beginning of 2012

Lydia Ko	23
Inbee Park	20
Jin Young Ko	15
Nelly Korda	15

\*It was Ko's eighth LPGA Tour win by four strokes or more – most of any player since the beginning of 2013. Lydia's first win by four or more came at the 2013 CN Canadian Women's Open when she was an amateur.

#### Most Wins by 4 or More Strokes LPGA Tour Since 2013

Lydia Ko	8
Brooke Henderson	7
Inbee Park	5
Lexi Thompson	5
*Won 2013 CN Canadian	Women's Open by 5 as amateur (1st LPGA win by 4+)





#### Jeeno Thitikul

\*Since the Mizuno Americas Open last May, Jeeno Thitikul leads all players in scoring average, strokes gained total and strokes gained putting per round.

# Jeeno Thitikul Since 2024 Mizuno Americas Open

		Rank
Scoring average	69.1	1st
Strokes gained total	+2.62	1st
Strokes gained putting	+1.43	1st

\*Thitikul is off to a tremendous start with her iron play in 2025, ranking fourth on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained with her approach shots:

# Atthaya Thitikul

#### **Strokes Gained Approach Since 2023**

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2023	+0.49	28th
2024	+0.59	24th
2025	+1.35	4th

# Ayaka Furue

\*Ayaka Furue is ranked third on the LPGA Tour in scoring average since the beginning of the 2024 season. She leads all qualified players in greens in regulation percentage in that span:

#### Ayaka Furue LPGA Ranks Since Beginning of 2024

	Rank
69.98	3rd
+1.87	3rd
77.5%	1st
+0.85	8th
	+1.87 77.5%

\*Furue has finished in the top-three in her last 2 starts:

#### Ayaka Furue Performance This Season on LPGA Tour

	1st 3 Starts	Last 2 Starts
SG Total	+0.62	+3.02
SG Approach	+0.10	+1.51
Bogey average	2.17	1.75





# Haeran Ryu

\*Since the beginning of the 2024 LPGA season, Haeran Ryu has averaged a whopping 2.14 strokes gained ball striking per round, by far the most of any qualified player:

#### Most SG Ball Striking Per Round Since Beginning of Last Season

Haeran Ryu2.14Megan Khang1.63Ruoning Yin1.61Minjee Lee1.54\*Among 141 players with 40+ rounds in span

\*Ryu has started her season with three consecutive top-20 finishes. She ranks in the top-10 in strokes gained off the tee, approach and tee to green.

#### Haeran Ryu Strokes Gained Ranks This Season

	Per Round	LPGA Rank	
Tee to Green	+1.93	6th	
Off the Tee	+0.81	7th	
Approach	+1.06	7th	

# Jin Young Ko

\*Jin Young Ko hasn't quite met her extremely high personal standards this season when it comes to approach play. Ko is currently 22nd on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach per round, averaging 0.61 per 18 holes – significantly less than her averages in both 2023 (1.13) and 2024 (1.07).

# Jin Young Ko

Approach Play – Last 3 LPGA Seasons			
	2023	2024	2025
SG Approach	3rd	5th	22nd
Proximity to hole	4th	4th	7th
Greens in regulation	13th	48th	22nd





# Hannah Green

\*Hannah Green has improved her putting with each passing start so far this season. She led the field in strokes gained putting in her previous start, the HSBC Women's World Championship.

#### Hannah Green Strokes Gained Putting by Start This Season

Per Round	Field Rank	
-0.18	17th	
+1.59	4th	
+2.32	1st	
	Per Round -0.18 +1.59	

# Lauren Coughlin

\*What once was a weakness for Lauren Coughlin has evolved into an unquestionable strength. Coughlin is near the top-20 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting per round when two seasons ago she was significantly outside the top-100.

#### Lauren Coughlin

# Strokes Gained Putting Per Round

	2023	2024-25
Average	-0.58	+0.58
LPGA Rank	123rd	21st

# Megan Khang

\*Megan Khang ranks second among qualified players in strokes gained ball striking per round since the beginning of last season.

# Megan Khang Strokes Gained Per Round – Since Beginning of 2024

	Per Round	LPGA Rank*
Ball Striking	+1.63	2nd
Putting	-0.76	134th
*Of 141 qualified players		





# **Ruoning Yin**

\*Ruoning Yin ranks third on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained ball striking per round over the last three seasons, trailing only Minjee Lee and Haeran Ryu.

#### Most Strokes Gained Ball Striking Per Round – Last 3 LPGA Seasons

Minjee Lee	1.81
Haeran Ryu	1.77
Ruoning Yin	1.75
Megan Khang	1.50
Alison Lee	1.24
Nelly Korda	1.24

\*Since the beginning of the 2023 season, Yin is ranked in the top-three in several statistics:

#### Ruoning Yin Since Beginning of 2023 – LPGA Ranks

		Rank
Scoring average	70.08	3rd
SG Total	+1.81	3rd
SG Ball Striking	+1.73	3rd
Greens in regulation	74.6%	6th

# Rose Zhang

\*Rose Zhang is making just her second start of the season on the LPGA Tour. She finished tied for tenth at the Hilton Tournament of Champions two months ago, where her approach play and putting were sharp, but her play off the tee wasn't her best.

# Rose Zhang

Field Ranks – Hilton Tournament of Champions				
		Field Rank (of 32 players)		
SG Off the Tee	-0.35	22nd		
Greens in regulation	79.2%	T-8th		
SG Approach	+0.83	10th		
Scrambling	53.3%	22nd		
SG Putting	+0.27	12th		
*Tournament finish: T-10				