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### 2025 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass

Whirlwind Golf Club, Cattail Course | Chandler, Ariz. | March 27-30, 2025

#### Third-Round Notes

March 29, 2025

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**Course Setup:** 36-36—72, 6,449 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 70.239; R2: 70.756; R3: 69.948

**Weather:** Mixed skies to mostly sunny conditions with temperatures near 80F and light, southwest winds with gusts up to 20 mph

**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)

**Purse:** \$2.25 million; winner's prize is \$337,500

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#### LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	To par	Score
1	Lilia Vu	-18	66-64-68 – 198
T2	Charley Hull	-16	63-69-68 – 200
T3	Ayaka Furue	-15	66-68-67 – 201
T3	Nanna Koerstz Madsen	-15	64-68-68 – 201
T5	Five players	-14	202

#### COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- The last time [Charley Hull](#) and [Lilia Vu](#) played in the final group together was at the 2023 AIG Women's Open, where they entered the final round tied for first
  - Vu ultimately won the event by six strokes over Hull
- 1st: Vu (-18) shot a 4-under 68 in R3
  - Her three-day 198 is her second-lowest 54-hole score
    - Her low 54-hole score is 195, shot at 2023's The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican, where she won
    - Set new 54-hole scoring record at the Ford Championship
    - Previous record was 201 set by [Carlota Ciganda](#) (2024), [Hyo Joo Kim](#) (2024) and [Sarah Schmelzel](#) (2024) at Seville Golf and Country Club
  - Hit 12/14 fairways and 10/18 greens in regulation with just 23 putts
  - Scored eight birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey on Saturday
    - T1 in birdies on Saturday

- Leads the field in birdies with 22 overall
- Leads the field in putting, with just 72 putts overall
- Was bogey free through 41 holes before scoring her first bogey on No. 6 on Saturday
- First time holding a solo third-round lead on Tour
  - Co-led after the third round of the 2023 AIG Women's Open and 2022's The Standard Portland Classic
- [Lilia Vu Third Round Golf Channel Interview](#)
- [Lilia Vu Third Round Highlights](#)
- 2nd: **Charley Hull** (-16) shot a 4-under 68 in R3
  - Hit 8/14 fairways and 11/18 greens in regulations with 25 putts
  - Recorded six birdies and two bogeys
  - Her three-day 200 ties her second-lowest 54-hole score
    - Shot 198 at 2024 The ANNIKA and 200 at 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
  - Held the first-round lead following Thursday's round
  - [Charley Hull Third Round Highlights](#)
- T3: [Ayaka Furue](#) and [Nanna Koerstz Madsen](#)
  - Furue shot 67 in R3
    - Hit 11/14 fairways and 12/18 greens
    - Scored eight birdies and three bogeys
      - T1 in birdies on Saturday
    - 201 is second-lowest 54-hole score
      - Has shot 200 twice
    - Third LPGA Tour start in Arizona
      - Finished 13th at 2024 Ford Championship at Seville and third in 2023 Drive On Championship at Superstition Mountain
  - Koerstz Madsen shot 69 in R3
    - Hit 10/14 fairways and 14/18 greens in regulation with 29 putts
    - Had five birdies and two bogeys
    - Started her round with two birdies on Nos. 1 and 2 and finished with two birdies in her last three holes
    - Fifth start on the LPGA Tour in Arizona; in her last four playings, she has yet to finish in the top 10
    - The second time that she has been within five shots of the lead entering the final round of the Ford Championship; in 2024, she was five shots back and finished T30
- Five players are tied at T5 including:
  - 2025 Rookie [Yahui Zhang](#)
  - 2023 Rolex Rookie of the Year [Haeran Ryu](#)
  - 2022 Rolex Rookie of the Year [Jeenoo Thitikul](#)
  - Major champions [Hyo Joo Kim](#) and [Allisen Corpuz](#)
- Defending champion [Nelly Korda](#) shot a +1, 73 on Saturday
  - It was Korda's worst round since a third-round 75 at the 2024 AIG Women's Open
    - This is the first round since then that Korda has not broken par

## WITH A WIN

### Lilia Vu:

- Earns her sixth LPGA Tour victory and first since the 2024 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
  - Would earn her first win after holding the solo third-round lead; she has come from behind in all her previous victories save one, the AIG Women's Open, where she was tied for first
- Makes 2025 her third consecutive season with a win on Tour
- Would earn her 20th official top-10 finish in her LPGA Tour career
- Becomes the 61st American to earn at least six wins on Tour
- Becomes the third American winner of the 2025 season, joining **Yealimi Noh** and **Angel Yin**
- Becomes the sixth different winner of the 2025 season
- Earns her first win in her third LPGA Tour start in Arizona, and her second top-10 finish in the state
- Becomes the first Epson Tour graduate to win on the LPGA Tour since **Nelly Korda** won 2024's The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

### Charley Hull

- Earns her third LPGA Tour victory and first since 2023's The Ascendant LPGA benefiting Volunteers of America
- Would earn her 40th official top-10 finish in her LPGA Tour career
- Becomes the fourth English golfer with at least three wins on the LPGA Tour, joining **Trish Johnson** (three wins), **Alison Nicholas** (four) and **Laura Davies** (20)
- Becomes the first English winner on the LPGA Tour since **Jodi Ewart Shadoff** won the 2022 LPGA MEDIHEAL Championship one week after Hull won The Ascendant LPGA
- Becomes the sixth different winner of the 2025 season and first Englishwoman to win this season
- Earns her first win in her fifth LPGA Tour start in Arizona, and her second top-10 finish in the state

### Ayaka Furue

- Earns her third LPGA Tour victory and first since the 2024 Amundi Evain Championship
- Will cross the \$6 million mark in career earnings with the \$337,500 million winner's check
- Becomes the sixth player from Japan with at least three wins on the LPGA Tour, joining **Haru Moon**
- Becomes the second player from Japan to win on Tour this season, joining **Rio Takeda**
- Becomes the sixth different winner of the 2025 season
- Would win in her third LPGA Tour start in Arizona, and earn her second top-10 finish in the state

### Nanna Koerstz Madsen

- Would earn her second LPGA Tour victory and first since the 2022 Honda LPGA Thailand
- Would be 1,113 days since her last LPGA Tour victory
- Would be the first European to win on the LPGA Tour since Linnea Strom at the 2023 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
- Remains as the only player from Denmark with an LPGA Tour win
- Becomes the sixth different winner of the 2025 season
- Would win in her fifth LPGA Tour start in Arizona, and earn her first top-10 finish in the state

### Yahui Zhang

- Becomes a Rolex First-Time Winner in her second-ever LPGA Tour start, after just six rounds on Tour

- Would be the third player since 1980 to earn their first win in their second start on the LPGA Tour, joining **Sei Young Kim** (2015 Pure Silk Bahamas LPGA Classic) and **Karrie Webb** (1996 HEALTHSOUTH INAUGURAL)
- Becomes the second LPGA Tour Rookie to win in 2025, along with **Rio Takeda** (2025 Blue Bay LPGA)
- Becomes the 21st player under the age of 20 to win on the LPGA Tour
  - Would be the youngest player (19 years, 1 month and 16 days) to win on Tour since **Jeeno Thitkul** won the 2022 JTBC Classic presented by Barbasol at 19 years, 1 month and 7 days
  - Earns the 46th LPGA Tour win by a player under 20
- Becomes the third player from the Republic of China to win on Tour, following **Shanshan Feng** and **Ruoning Yin**
  - Earns the first win by a player from the Republic of China since Yin won the 2024 Maybank Championship
- Becomes the first Epson Tour graduate to win on the LPGA Tour since **Nelly Korda** won 2024's The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Lilia Vu
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	78
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$23,024
Career LPGA Tour Wins	5
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	19
Career Official Money	\$6,536,431
Epson Tour Wins	3

#### ABOUT THE LEADER

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 6 Lilia Vu](#)

- Second start at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
  - 2024, T21
- Third start playing in an LPGA Tour event in Arizona
  - 2024 Ford Championship (T21)
  - 2023 LPGA Drive On Championship at Superstition Mountain (T7)
  - \*Also participated in the Monday qualifier for the 2019 Founders Cup at Wildfire
- Played in Arizona for three Epson Tour events
  - 2021 Casino Del Sol Golf Classic (T4)
  - 2021 Carlisle Arizona Women's Golf (T58)
  - 2020 Founders Tribute at Longbow (MC)
- Third start of the 2025 LPGA Tour season
  - Honda LPGA Thailand (T61)
  - HSBC Women's World Championship (T29)
- Career: Five wins, two major championships
  - Two-time LPGA Award Winner (2023 Rolex Player of the Year, 2023 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award)

- Two-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team Member (2023, 2024)
- 2024 Olympian, representing the United States
- 2023 International Crown Participant, representing the United States
- Rookie year on the LPGA Tour was 2019
- Returned to Epson Tour in 2021 and finished first in the Race for the Card

#### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS (OVERALL):

18 holes: 61, Hannah Green (R2, 2024)\*

36 holes: 130, Lilia Vu (2025) and Hannah Green (2024)\*

**54 holes: 198, Lilia Vu (2025)**

72 holes: 268, Nelly Korda (2024)\*

\*2024 tournament scoring records took place at Seville Golf and Country Club

#### QUOTABLES

*Lilia Vu (1, -18) on her mindset heading into the final round*

"I think it kind of is a nostalgic feeling because I've done it before so I have that confidence going into tomorrow, but I'm just going to stick to my routine this week because clearly it's been working, and I'm not really thinking about golf. But golf is going well, so it's kind of a weird thing. So I'm just going to keep that one thing going."

*Charley Hull (2, -16) on her solid play through day three*

"I played pretty solid. Yeah, just the first hole it was a bit of a different game plan because the wind was a slightly different direction. The first two days I was getting quite close to the green, and it's quite narrow up there. I hit a 4-iron and the wind was quite gusty on my second shot and I just come up short. But was only a bogey - do you know what I mean - and then I bounced back on the second with a birdie, and then I played pretty solid from there. It was quite tricky out there today. Hit a really nice shot into I think it was the 14th hole. It was about 20 feet right of the pin, but it was just a very tricky putt and then three-whacked that. But it is what it is and it ain't what it ain't as players. But nice to finish with a birdie."

*Nanna Koerstz Madsen (T3, -15) on the keys to handling conditions changing in the afternoon*

"You have to stay patient out there. There is birdie chances out there. They're going to come to you if you just stay patient. Yeah, as long as you don't force any stupid mistakes out there, then yeah, the birdies will be there...don't know how the weather is going to be tomorrow, but I'm sure the greens will still be firm in the afternoon. I think it's the same as today; you've got to stay patient and let the birdies come to you. I'm hoping to make some more putts tomorrow, so I'm going to go and work on that now."

*Yahui Zhang (T5, -14) on a significant player that has helped her prepare to be out on the LPGA Tour*

"The [best] person is Shanshan Feng. This name is, I think all of your guys have heard this name before. She has taught me a lot of things, and she is also the one that [pushes] me into the Epson Tour and LPGA Tour. She told me that I think you can play. I think you can play on Epson. I think you can play on LPGA. I mean, she give me a lot of like confidence in China when I talk to her."

*Lydia Ko (T10, -13) on what it is like to play during the 75th anniversary season*

"Yeah, you know, it's obviously always an exciting thing to be a part of history. Thanks to our 13 founders, now I have the opportunity to live my dream and all those that came past them, all the pioneers. It's a huge honor."

It's an exciting time for women's sports and especially women's golf. It's cool to be in this era where there's been a lot of growth in the game, and I'm excited to see where it goes."

*Lindy Duncan (T10, -13) on her bogey-free round on Saturday, her first since the second round of the 2024 LOTTE Championship*

"I finished on 18 and John, my caddie, told me I hit every green, so I was pumped about that. I didn't know that. So, yeah, it was a solid day. My ball striking felt great. Yesterday was a little -- was hitting some poles and wasn't quite sure, and so I kind of worked on it in the warmup. Like didn't practice afterwards because it was just kind of a long, hot day. But, yeah, definitely kind of found a little thing in my setup and then I hit really good today."

*Gaby Lopez (T10, -13) comparing the different course conditions over 54 holes*

"I think they were very, very different. The first day almost no wind; second day a little bit more. But, yeah, I would feel that just how the course is just drying up so much, the ball is just getting very, very firm and you got to think about the releases on the drives. Even just around the greens it's very tough and very, very, very bouncy. It's hard to get the check and the spin enough to stop the ball, especially downwind. But, yeah, it's fun. It's a fun golf course. You got to think, especially when it's that firm."

*Angel Yin (T14, -12) as a Girls Golf Ambassador and inspiring the next generation*

"I love seeing young girls coming out, and if we can help inspire or at least be okay role models to them, that is just something that we all hope for. And we want to interact with them. Every single ambassador wants to interact with them and build a relationship to have them eventually come out to the LPGA and then keep growing the game, and so on."

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[Lydia Ko doing Lydia Ko things](#)

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