



2025 Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
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First-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-35—71, 6,332 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.174

Weather: Isolated areas of fog cleared by 8 a.m. with mostly sunny skies throughout the day; temperatures reaching into the 80s with light winds and gusts up to 15 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$2 million; winner's prize is \$300,000

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LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	To par	Score
T1	Nanna Koerstz Madsen	-6	65
T1	Jennifer Kupcho	-6	65
T3	Jin Hee Im	-5	66
T3	Angel Yin	-5	66
T3	Lauren Coughlin	-5	66
T6	Five Players	-4	67

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Co-Leader: [Nanna Koerstz Madsen](#) shot 6-under 65
 - Scored eight birdies, two bogeys
 - Started on Hole 10, made five consecutive birdies on Nos. 16-2
 - Leads field in birdies
 - Hit 6/14 fairways, 14/18 greens in regulation with 25 putts
 - Recorded two sand saves
 - Was 8-for-8 putting from 5-10 feet Thursday
 - 65 ties her lowest opening round on LPGA Tour
 - Last time she shot first-round 65, she won the 2022 Honda LPGA Thailand

- 65 is her lowest round since round two of 2024 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give; she shot 64
- First first-round lead or co-lead in LPGA Tour career
- In 2024, shot opening-round 66 at Bradenton Country Club; finished T23
- Watch her [post-round interview](#)
- Co-Leader: [Jennifer Kupcho](#) also shot 6-under 65
 - Recorded seven birdies and one bogey
 - Started on No. 1, recorded her lone bogey on No. 3; went bogey-free on the back-nine
 - Hit 9 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation with 26 putts
 - Recorded one sand save
 - Her 65 is her lowest opening round since the 2023 Honda LPGA Thailand
 - Her career-low is 63 at the 2022 Meijer LPGA Classic
 - Ninth time leading or co-leading after the first-round
 - When leading or co-leading after the first round, she has recorded six top-three finishes, including three wins
- T3: Americans [Angel Yin](#) and [Lauren Coughlin](#) and Korean golfer [Jin Hee Im](#) shot 66
 - Yin went bogey-free with five birdies
 - One of five players to go bogey-free Thursday
 - First bogey-free round of season and 26th in career
 - Made [20-foot par save on No. 14](#)
 - Hit eight approach shots to 15 feet or closer in round one
 - Birdied par-3 11th with [tee shot to 2 feet](#)
 - On 13, [hit approach shot within 1 foot for birdie](#)
 - Second start of season; finished T18 at last week's HGVTOC
 - Watch her [post-round interview](#)
 - Coughlin scored six birdies, one bogey
 - Hit all 14 fairways
 - Birdied No. 10 with [approach shot within 5 feet](#)
 - Second start of season; finished seventh at last week's HGVTOC
 - Is making first start with new caddie, Kurt Moskaly
 - Watch her [post-round interview](#)
 - Im had seven birdies and two bogeys
 - Bogeys her first hole of the day
 - Made five birdies in seven holes from Nos. 7-13
 - Scored three birdies in a row on 11, 12 and 13
 - Hit 17 of 18 GIR, tied for best in the field
- Six players are T6 including three-time Founders Cup champion [Jin Young Ko](#) (-4, 67)
 - Has won the Founders Cup at three different courses
 - Has won the Founders Cup every other year starting in 2019
- Bradenton native and Rolex Rankings No. 1 [Nelly Korda](#) shot -3, 68
 - Made four birdies and a bogey Thursday
 - Korda is the most recent winner at Bradenton Country Club
 - Won the 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship in a two-hole playoff against Lydia Ko
 - Hit 52 of last 56 GIR on this course following a hit fairway (92.9%)
 - In her last five rounds on this golf course, she has hit more than 85% of her greens in regulation overall

- Rolex Rankings No. 2 [Lydia Ko](#) shot a +3, 74
 - Finished runner-up to Korda at the 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship
 - Scored two double-bogeys, two bogeys and three birdies
 - Went bogey-free during first round in 2024
- Sponsor invites [Alexandra Swayne](#) and [Brittany Lincicome](#) finished at 2-over 73 and 2-under 69, respectively
 - Lincicome capped her round with back-to-back birdies to get to 2-under
 - Swayne is the first player to represent the U.S. Virgin Islands in LPGA Tour history

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Nanna Koerstz Madsen	Jennifer Kupcho
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	N/A	N/A
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0	0
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$0	\$0
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1	3
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	14	23
Career Official Money	\$3,364,185	\$5,320,545
Epson Tour/Ladies European Tour Wins	3/1	0/0

ABOUT THE LEADERS

[Rolex Rankings No. 86 Nanna Koerstz Madsen](#)

- Sixth start at Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands; best finish 26th in 2019 at Wildfire Golf Club in Phoenix
 - Has missed cut in last three Founders Cup appearances
- Second start at Bradenton Country Club; finished T23 at 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship
- First start of 2025 season
 - In 2024: 19 cuts made in 26 starts with five top-10 finishes

[Rolex Rankings No. 49 Jennifer Kupcho](#)

- Fourth start at Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands; best finish T17 in 2022 at Upper Montclair Country Club in Clifton, N.J.
 - Finished T46 last season and T21 in 2023
- Second start at Bradenton Country Club; finished T63 at 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship
- First start of 2025
 - In 2024: 24 cuts made in 27 starts with seven top-10 finishes

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS (OVERALL):

18 holes – 61, Anna Nordqvist (R3, 2017) at Wildfire Golf Club

36 holes – 129, Jee Young Lee (2013) and Sei Young Kim (2016) at Wildfire Golf Club

54 holes – 195, Anna Nordqvist (2017) at Wildfire Golf Club

72 holes – 261, Sei Young Kim (2016) at Wildfire Golf Club

SCORING RECORDS AT BRADENTON COUNTRY CLUB*:

18 holes – 64, Auston Kim (R3, 2024) and Maja Stark (R2, 2024)

36 holes – 132, Nelly Korda (2024)

54 holes – 200, Nelly Korda (2024)

72 holes – 273, Nelly Korda (2024) and Lydia Ko (2024)

**Scoring records from the 2024 LPGA Drive on Championship at Bradenton Country Club*

QUOTABLE

Nanna Koerstz Madsen (T1, -6) on having a good round in her first of 2025

“I was very pleased with the round. I didn't really know where my game would be at going into the round so I did have a little slow start just with pars, but I think my iron game was the better part today. I did make some good putts here and there, so, yeah.”

Jennifer Kupcho (T1, -6) on what her expectations were coming into this week

“I think just in general I'm not as good on bermudagrass as other grasses, so I think kind of last year I learned a little bit more how to chip, how to just better course manage. So I think I just took what I learned last year from all of the bermuda courses that I played how to play to this year.”

Angel Yin (T3, -5) on last competing last week and how she feels about her game

“Last week I just didn't score that well, so I kind of finished towards the bottom of the leaderboard. I know if I just keep the momentum up and start scoring and putts start dropping, everything starts to work together, I'll get a good score out of it. Obviously last week was a good, very good intro into the new season. Never played it and I had a lot of fun. Everybody was really cool. So honestly such a great tournament.”

Lauren Coughlin (T3, -5) on how she's to take all the success from last season into 2025

“I think a lot of it is just what I'm doing is working in a certain sense. There are definitely still things I need to work on and get better, but a lot of what I do in my full swing, like I've been able to keep it strong for a really long time. So just not making any changes in the stuff I was doing really well, but then working on the areas that I need to focus on and try to get better in those areas, but, again, not neglecting anything that I do really well. I didn't have much of an offseason so I don't think I had too much rust to be honest. My husband and I bought a house or townhouse in Jupiter so I spent the last three weeks down there. Played a lot of golf. We're good friends with Olly and Emily, Olly Brett and Emily Pedersen, so I played a bunch of golf. Just kind of was able to keep a lot of things going.”

Jin Hee Im (T3, -5) on how she carries over her success last season into 2025

“Last year I play well and I just think about my miss things, or most thing is the course management because that is all first new course for me. So I just think about that, more different management, like wind or something. So and then I just make my competence of the short putting, and I think swing thing is just make more good seconds. That's all.”

Nelly Korda (T12, -3) on how this tournament elevates Bradenton for the golf community

“It's such a big golf community. I think Florida as a whole. I mean, there is just so much more to see here. You have beautiful Sarasota, Bradenton, Longboat Key, Anna Maria Island. It's kind of like a hidden gem. Bradenton is actually really, really big. People ask me where I live and that I live 45 minutes away and I'm still in Bradenton. They are always very surprised. There is so much to do here I personally think. I was born in

Blake Hospital like five minutes down the road, born and raised here. I think it just puts more eyes on how great of a community Bradenton is.”

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