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2025 Founders Cup Presented by U.S. Virgin Islands

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Iron play was incredibly significant in 2024 for players who finished in the top-five at the LPGA Drive On Championship, held at this week's host venue, Bradenton CC. Top-five finishers gained 53% of their strokes vs the field with approach play, significantly more than the tour average for the season (38.9%). A breakdown below:

Percentage of Strokes Gained Total Top-5 Finishers at Bradenton CC in 2024

	Bradenton	LPGA Average
Off the Tee	10.7%	15.0%
Approach	53.0%	38.9%
Around Green	10.6%	7.6%
Putting	25.7%	38.5%

Nelly Korda

*Since the beginning of last season, Nelly Korda has finished in the top-five nearly three times as often (11 times) as she has finished outside the top 20 (4 times). That includes last week's runner-up finish at the Hilton Tournament of Champions.

Nelly Korda Since Beginning of 2024 LPGA Season

Starts	17
Wins	7
Top-5 finishes	11
Finished outside top-20	4

*Last week, Nelly saved her best putting performance for the final round. She made 119 feet of putts and holed five of ten feet or longer:

Nelly Korda Putting by Round This Week

	Made of 10+ Feet	Feet Made
Round 1	2	64'
Round 2	3	110'
Round 3	3	76'
Round 4	5*	119'



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*For the week, Korda led all players in strokes gained off the tee and ranked third in strokes gained putting. Korda ranked closer to the middle of the pack in strokes gained approach:

Nelly Korda

SG Ranks – Hilton Tournament of Champions

	Per Round	Field Rank
Off the Tee	+1.25	1st
Approach Green	+0.53	15th
Putting	+1.40	3rd

*Korda won at this venue last season when it hosted the LPGA Drive On. She was incredibly balanced throughout the bag that week, ranking inside the top 20 in all 4 major strokes gained categories:

Nelly Korda Strokes Gained

2024 LPGA Drive On Championship

	Per Round	Rank
Off the Tee	+1.11	2nd
Approach	+1.30	10th
Around the Green	+0.48	14th
Putting	+0.94	18th

*Hosted at Bradenton Country Club last season

Lydia Ko

*Lydia Ko will be happy to be back on Bradenton Country Club's greens this week, as she averaged +1.75 strokes gained per round on them last season. It was her second highest figure of the season, behind only her win at St. Andrews.

Lydia Ko Best SG Putting Weeks

2024 LPGA Tour Season

	Per Round	Finish
AIG Women's Open	+1.97	Won
LPGA Drive On*	+1.75	2nd
CPKC Women's Open	+1.67	T-8th
ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open	+1.44	9th

*Hosted at Bradenton Country Club



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*Lydia Ko was the only player at Bradenton Country Club last season to rank inside the top 10 in both strokes gained tee to green and putting:

Lydia Ko Strokes Gained 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship at Bradenton

		Rank
Tee to Green	+1.83	5th
Putting	+1.75	5th

*Only player to rank top 10 in each category

Jin Young Ko

*Jin Young Ko picked up more than 2 strokes with her approach play in the opening round last week at the Tournament of Champions. Ko has done that in 27.9% of her rounds played the last 3 LPGA seasons, the fourth-highest rate of any player:

Rounds With 2+ SG Approach Highest Percentage – Last 3 LPGA Seasons

Minjee Lee	38.3%
Haeran Ryu	31.6%
Ruoning Yin	28.7%
Jin Young Ko	27.9%
Ashleigh Buhai	26.1%

*Jin Young Ko led the LPGA Tour in 3-putt avoidance last season, doing so less than 2% of the time:

3-Putt Avoidance LPGA Tour Last Season

	3-Putt Pct
Jin Young Ko	1.88%
Hyo Joo Kim	2.17%
Stephanie Meadow	2.47%
Minami Katsu	2.50%
Azahara Munoz	2.55%



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Rose Zhang

*Standing on the 14th tee in last year's final round, Rose Zhang had a less than 10 percent chance of winning the golf tournament. She birdied four of her last five holes to win by two strokes. Of course, the 2024 Founders Cup was played at Upper Montclair Country Club in New Jersey.

Rose Zhang Win Probability in Final Round

14th tee	9.9%
15th tee	14.3%
16th tee	26.4%
17th tee	50.4%
18th tee	83.7%

*Rose Zhang gained a ridiculous 25 strokes on the field at the Founders Cup last season (albeit at a different venue), the most by any player in a single event since the beginning of 2022.

Most SG in a Single Event LPGA Tour – Since Beginning of 2022

	Tournament	Strokes Gained
Rose Zhang	2024 Founders Cup	+25.1
Minjee Lee	2022 US Women's Open	+23.5
Madelene Sagstrom	2024 Founders Cup	+23.1
Lauren Coughlin	2024 Women's Scottish Open	+22.1
Ruoning Yin	2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai	+20.9

*Rose got off to a bit of an inauspicious start to the season with her driver last week, losing more than one-third of a stroke per round off the tee.

Rose Zhang SG Off the Tee – Last 3 Seasons

	Per round
2023	+0.36
2024	+0.18
Last week	-0.35



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Ayaka Furue

*Ayaka Furue was the LPGA leader in scrambling last season, getting up and down after missing the green just over 66% of the time.

Scrambling Leaders LPGA Tour Last Season

Ayaka Furue	66.4%
Lydia Ko	65.5%
Lilia Vu	64.8%
Lindsey Weaver-Wright	64.7%

*That ability to save par is reflected in a number of different metrics. Furue, who led the tour in both bogey avoidance and bogey-free rounds:

Ayaka Furue LPGA Tour Last Season

		Rank
Bogey or worse Pct	11.17%	1st
Bogey-free rounds	15	1st

Megan Khang

*Nobody was better tee-to-green at this golf course last year than Megan Khang:

Megan Khang Field Ranks – 2024 LPGA Drive on at Bradenton

	Per Round	Field Rank
SG Tee to Green	3.23	1st
SG Approach	2.58	1st
Greens in regulation	87.5%	1st
GIR after hit fairway	90.7%	4th

*Khang ranked in the top-5 on the Tour last season in strokes gained ball striking and approach:

Megan Khang LPGA Tour Ranks Last Season

		Rank
SG Tee to Green	1.61	4th
SG Approach	1.10	4th
GIR after missed fairway	57.2%	8th



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Allisen Corpuz

*Allisen Corpuz didn't miss the fairway often last season – she led the LPGA Tour in driving accuracy in 2024. When she did miss, though, she hit the most greens in regulation of any player:

Allisen Corpuz

LPGA Tour Ranks Last Season

		LPGA Rank
Fairways hit	84.8%	1st
GIR after missed fairway	60.2%	1st

Yuka Saso

*Only 3 players last season ranked inside the top 25 in strokes gained off the tee AND putting: Nelly Korda, Jeeno Thitikul, and Yuka Saso.

Top 25 in SG Off the Tee and Putting

LPGA Tour Last season

	SG Off the Tee	SG Putting
Nelly Korda	1st	25th
Yuka Saso	9th	18th
Jeeno Thitikul	19th	2nd

Brooke Henderson

*Brooke Henderson gradually improved her approach play round-by-round at this golf course a year ago. She gained more than 2 strokes with her approaches in the final round:

Brooke Henderson

SG Approach by Round – 2024 LPGA Drive On at Bradenton

		Field Rank
Round 1	-0.64	80th
Round 2	-0.45	72nd
Round 3	-0.16	34th
Round 4	+2.14	9th