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Second-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-35—71, 6,332 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.174; R2: 70.857

Weather: Heavy morning fog delayed play but cleared to mostly sunny skies throughout the day; Temperatures in high 70s with light, variable winds

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
1	Jin Young Ko	-12	67-63 – 130
T2	Yealimi Noh	-10	68-64 – 132
T2	Minami Katsu	-10	67-65 – 132
T2	Angel Yin	-10	66-66 – 132
T2	Jin Hee Im	-10	66-66 – 132
6	Lauren Coughlin	-9	66-67 – 133

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Sixty-seven players made the cut at even
 - Notables to miss the cut are Canada's [Brooke Henderson](#), Swedes [Madelene Sagstrom](#) and [Maja Stark](#) and sponsor invites [Brittany Lincicome](#) and [Alexandra Swayne](#)
 - Five rookies made the cut ([Kate Smith-Stroh](#), [Rio Takeda](#), [Fiona Xu](#), [Miyu Yamashita](#), [Madison Young](#))
 - World No. 2 [Lydia Ko](#) made the cut on the number after shooting a +3 first round
- Leader: [Jin Young Ko](#)
 - First ever start at Bradenton Country Club
 - First time starting the season in the United States since the 2021 Gainbridge LPGA

- Went bogey-free with eight birdies on Friday
 - Has not recorded a bogey at this event
 - Since the third round of the HGVTOC, Ko has recorded 65 straight holes of bogey-free golf
 - She and [Angel Yin](#) are the only two players in the field to remain bogey-free'
 - Made six birdies in her last nine holes (Nos. 1-9)
- 63 set the course 18-hole scoring record at Bradenton C.C., bettering the 64s shot by Stark and [Auston Kim](#) in 2024 and matched by [Yealimi Noh](#) in today's round
- Her 130 also set the 36-hole scoring record at Bradenton C.C.; the previous record was 132, set in 2024 by [Nelly Korda](#) and tied in today's second round by [Jin Hee Im](#) and Noh
- Hit 11 of 14 fairways and missed just one green in regulation
- T2: Noh shot -7, 64
 - Just the fourth round of 64 or better in her LPGA Tour career
 - First round of 64 or better since the 2022 HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Tied the 18-hole scoring record at Bradenton Country Club, later broken by J.Y. Ko
 - Her 132 also tied the 36-hole scoring record at Bradenton Country Club, later broken by J.Y. Ko
 - Scored eight birdies and one bogey
 - Made four birdies in a row on Nos. 3-6; ties longest birdie streak
 - Leads field in birdies with 13 overall, along with [Lauren Coughlin](#) and [Mary Liu](#)
 - Hit 12/14 fairways and 17/18 greens on Friday
- T2: [Minami Katsu](#) shot -6, 65 to move to T2
 - Made bogey on 4, four birdies in a row from 5-8, then bogey on 9
 - Missed the cut at Bradenton C.C. in 2024
 - 132 is second-best 36-hole score in LPGA Tour career; best in 130
 - Fourth time shooting 65 or better on Tour
- T2: Im set a new career-best 36-hole of 132
 - Her lowest since 133 at 2024 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
 - Went bogey-free with five birdies
 - Has hit 34 of 36 greens in regulation, the most among the field
 - Missed the cut in 2024 start at Bradenton C.C.
- T2: Yin has recorded 36 holes of bogey-free golf this week
 - Recorded one eagle and three birdies Friday
 - Hit 10 of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens in regulation with 27 putts
 - Has the second-fewest putts among the field through 36 holes, with 55
 - Making her first start at Bradenton Country Club
- First-round co-leaders [Jennifer Kupcho](#) and [Nanna Koerstz Madsen](#) are T7
- Bradenton native and Rolex Rankings No. 1 Korda shot consecutive -3, 68s
 - Is T13 after two rounds
 - Made five birdies and two bogeys Friday
 - Korda is the most recent winner at Bradenton Country Club
 - Won the 2024 LPGA Drive On Championship in a two-hole playoff against L. Ko
 - Lead after the second round in her 2024 win
- [Cheyenne Knight](#) withdrew during the second round, citing wrist injury

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Jin Young Ko
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	4
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$115,392
Career LPGA Tour Wins	15
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	14
Career Official Money	\$13,805,916
KLPGA Tour Wins	10

ABOUT THE LEADER**Rolex Rankings No. 11 [Jin Young Ko](#)**

- Seventh start at the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands; three-time winner
 - Won the Founders Cup in 2019, 2021 and 2023, at three different courses
 - Led after the second round twice at the Founders Cup; she went on to win in both of those instances (2021, 2023)
- Second start of 2025 season; finished T4 at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - In 2024: 16 cuts made in 18 starts with seven top-10 finishes
- 15-time LPGA Tour winner, two-time major champion
 - Two-time Rolex Player of the Year, 2018 Rookie of the Year
 - Won at least once each season on Tour from 2017-2023
- Joined the LPGA Tour in 2018
 - Won the 2017 LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship as a non-Member and deferred Membership to 2018
- 10-time winner of KLPGA

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 – 63, Jin Young Ko (R2, 2025)

36 holes – 130, Jin Young Ko (2025)

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

Jin Young Ko (1, -12) on how good her day felt today

“I didn't know I was shooting 8-under today. After I scoring and I checked my score, oh, my God, I shooting like 8-under. Was pretty good. Yeah, I focused very well and I'm just trying to do my best. Like shot was very

consistency from the tee, from the second. But yeah, I had a lot of good birdie chance but I missed some putts, but still I played really nice. Really, yeah, fun to play with Nelly and Minjee of course. I'm looking forward on the weekend."

Minami Katsu (T2, -10) on her streak of four birdies today

"Felt like my wedge game right there was on point. All of them was mostly inside three -- was three-footer, so was able to make that birdie."

Angel Yin (T2, -10) on her eagle on No. 6

"Coming down the stretch I actually told Michelle (Simpson, her caddie), there is good news and bad news. The good news is I'm okay and playing. The other is that I'm dehydrated and need a drink of water. So I was kind of dizzy. It was good to be able to make an eagle when I'm not feeling that great. I was seeing two balls. So I'll drink more water. That's not good."

Yealimi Noh (T2, -10) on how Bradenton Country Club suits her game

"I think I'm hitting it really well right now. Yeah, just if you keep it in the fairways and on the greens, I mean, feel like it's good anywhere. Yeah, I love the golf course. It's in great condition this year. A little less windy, which is nice. Well, fingers crossed. Yeah, it's been good."

Jin Hee Im (T2, -10) on what part of her game really helped her today

"First important thing is I think the golf course management, and second thing is putt. I can read the grain well before than now, so that make more into the hole."

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