

2025 Honda LPGA Thailand

Siam Country Club, Old Course | Pattaya, Chonburi, Thailand | Feb. 20-23, 2025

Third-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,371 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.306; R2: 70.695; R3: 70.749

Weather: Partly cloudy skies with temperatures ranging between

78-87 F and south/southwest winds between 7-13 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner) Purse: \$1.7 million (winner's prize, \$255,000)

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<u>LEADERBOARD</u>				
	Player	To par	Score	
1	Angel Yin	-21	67-64-64 – 195	
2	Akie Iwai	-16	62-67-71 – 200	
T3	Jeeno Thitikul	-15	68-64-69 – 201	
T3	Moriya Jutanugarn	-15	66-66-69 – 201	
5	A Lim Kim	-13	71-66-66 – 203	

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st: Angel Yin shot a third-round 64
 - Had 8 birdies including 7 between holes 6-15
 - o Hit every green in regulation on Saturday, being one of two players to do so (Haeran Ryu)
 - Was one of 11 players to go bogey free in R3
 - o Tied her lowest 18-hole score recorded in an LPGA Tour event (64); the previous times were:
 - R4, 2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - R1, 2018 Indy Women in Tech Championship
 - Leads the field in most birdies through three rounds (23)
 - Leads the field in greens in regulation hit through three rounds (50/54)
 - o Tied the 54-hole tournament scoring record set by Nanna Koerstz Madsen in 2022 (195)
 - o Broke her 54-hole scoring record by four shots, besting a set of 199s from the 2024 Portland Classic and 2017 Founders Cup

- 2024 CME Group Tour Championship (2nd)
- 2023 Buick LPGA Shanghai (Win)
- 2023 The Chevron Championship (2nd)
- 2nd: Akie Iwai fell from the lead with a second-round 71
 - Had three birdies and two bogeys
 - Recorded less birdies, less fairways hit and more putts in R3 compared to R1 and R2
 - o Did not birdie any of the par 5s on Saturday
 - Set her new 54-hole scoring record (200), besting her previous 202 from the 2023 TOTO Japan Classic
 - Held the first and second round leads at the 2025 Honda LPGA Thailand
- T3: Jeeno Thitikul shot a third-round 69
 - o Had three birdies on Nos. 6, 8 and 18
 - Was one of 11 players to go bogey free in R3
 - Sits inside the top 10 and looks to continue her streak of top-10 finishes in consecutive starts
 - Thitikul has finished inside the top 10 in every start on the LPGA Tour since the 2024 FM Championship
- T3: Moriya Jutanugarn also shot a 69 on Saturday
 - Recorded 6 birdies and 3 bogeys in R3
 - o Started her round with birdies on first two holes
 - Finished her round with birdie, bogey, bogey, birdie
- Defending champion Patty Tavatanakit is T6 after a R3 65
 - Moved inside the top 10 with her third-round score
 - One of six players to hit every fairway in R3
 - Recorded three sets of birdies on holes 1 and 2, 10 and 11, and 15 and 16
 - Had 8 birdies in R3, tying for the most across the field on Saturday
- Both amateurs are currently within the top 40 and ties, and have the potential to earn a LEAP point following the conclusion of round 4
 - o Pimpisa Rubrong shot a 67 in R3 to move from T47 to T27
 - Ranked 1st across the field on Saturday with least amount of putts (24)
 - Gianna Clemente shot her second consecutive under-par round on Saturday and sits at T31
 - o Read more about the <u>LPGA's new LEAP program here</u>
- No. 9 (par 4) ranks as the hardest hole through 3 rounds with an average of 4.134
- No. 7 (par 5) ranks as the easiest hole through 3 rounds with an average of 4.569
- No. 15 was played as a reachable par-4 on Saturday at 277 yards
- There were only 3 eagles made on Saturday compared to 3 on Friday and 14 on Thursday
- Allisen Corpuz was the only player to record an eagle on par-5 No. 1

WITH A WIN

Angel Yin

- Would earn her second LPGA Tour victory and first since 2023 Buick LPGA Shanghai
- Would be the second consecutive American to win on Tour this year (Yealimi Noh, 2025 Founders Cup)
- Would be the fourth American to win the Honda LPGA Thailand (2023, Lilia Vu; 2018, Jessica Korda; 2016, Lexi Thompson)

• Would win in her fifth appearance at the Honda LPGA Thailand

Akie Iwai

- Would be the first sponsor invite to win since Rose Zhang at the 2023 Mizuho Americas Open
- Would be the fifth different player to win an LPGA Tour event as a sponsor invite since 2001
 - Hee Kyung Seo, 2010 Kia Classic (non-LPGA Tour Member)
 - o Lexi Thompson, 2011 Navistar LPGA Classic (non-LPGA Tour Member)
 - o Lydia Ko, 2012 CN Canadian Women's Open (as an amateur, non-LPGA Tour Member)
 - o Lydia Ko, 2013 CN Canadian Women's Open (as an amateur, non-LPGA Tour Member)
 - o Rose Zhang, 2023 Mizuho Americas Open (non-LPGA Tour Member)
- Would be the first winner from Japan since **Rio Takeda** (2024 TOTO Japan Classic)
- Would be the second Rolex First-Time Winner this season, joining **Yealimi Noh** (Founders Cup)
- Would be the first rookie to win since **Haeran Ryu** (2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship)
- Would be the youngest winner on Tour this season (22 years, 7 months and 18 days)
- Would be the second player from Japan to win the Honda LPGA Thailand (2010, Ai Miyazato)
- Would win in her third appearance at the Honda LPGA Thailand

Jeeno Thitikul

- Would earn her fifth career victory on the LPGA Tour
- Would claim her first LPGA Tour victory in the continent of Asia
- Would earn her second victory in consecutive starts on the LPGA Tour
 - Her last start on the LPGA Tour was the 2024 CME Group Tour Championship, where Thitikul took home the largest single prize in women's golf (\$4 million)
- Would earn her third victory in consecutive starts in professional golf
 - In addition to the 2024 CME Group Tour Championship, she also won last week's 2025 PIF Saudi Ladies International
- Would earn her eighth official top-10 finish in consecutive starts on the LPGA Tour
 - Her streak began at the 2024 FM Championship
- Would be the second consecutive Thai player to win the Honda LPGA Thailand
- Would be the third Thai player to win the Honda LPGA Thailand (2024, Patty Tavatanakit; 2021, Ariya Jutanugarn)
- Would be the first player since Ruoning Yin to win in their native country (excluding the U.S.)
- Would win in her sixth appearance at the Honda LPGA Thailand

Moriya Jutanugarn

- Would earn her fourth career victory on the LPGA Tour and first since the 2024 Portland Classic
- Would claim her first LPGA Tour victory in the continent of Asia
- Would be the second consecutive Thai player to win the Honda LPGA Thailand
- Would be the third Thai player to win the Honda LPGA Thailand (2024, **Patty Tavatanakit**; 2021, **Ariya Jutanugarn**)
- With sister Ariya, would be the first sisters to each win the Honda LPGA Thailand
- Would be the third Thai player with four or more victories on the LPGA Tour (12 wins, Ariya Jutanugarn; 4 wins, Jeeno Thitikul)
- Would be the first player since **Ruoning Yin** to win in their native country (excluding the U.S.)

Would earn a victory in her 15th appearance at the Honda LPGA Thailand

A Lim Kim

- Would earn her fourth career victory on the LPGA Tour
- Would earn her second victory of the 2025 season (Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions) and become the first multiple-time winner in 2025
- Would become her first season on the LPGA Tour with multiple victories
- Would be the fourth different player from the Republic of Korea to win the Honda LPGA Thailand (Amy Yang, Inbee Park, Hee-Won Han)
- Would become the 21st player from the Republic of Korea with four or more total wins on the LPGA Tour
- Would win in her fourth appearance at the Honda LPGA Thailand

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Angel Yin
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	16
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$71,908
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	32
Career Official Money	\$6,252,474
Ladies European Tour Wins	1

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 17 Angel Yin

- Fifth appearance at event; 2022, T47; 2021, T3; 2019, T23; 2018, T44
- Third start of 2025 season
 - o Finished T18 at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Earned first top 10 of season at Founders Cup (10th)
- In 2024: 13 cuts made in 20 events
 - Earned 7 top-10 finishes including a runner-up finish at the CME Group Tour Championship
 - Made her first start of the 2024 season at the T-Mobile Match Play in April due to injury
- Ninth season on the LPGA Tour
 - o One career victory at the 2023 Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - 2023 Aon Risk Reward Challenge Winner
 - o Three-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member
- Has one win on the LET (2017 Omega Dubai Ladies Classic)

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 62, Akie Iwai (R1, 2025), Yuka Saso (R4, 2022) and Jessica Korda (R2, 2018)

36 holes: 128, Nasa Hataoka (2022), Su Oh (2022), Patty Tavatanakit (2021) and Jessica Korda (2018)

54 holes: **195, Angel Yin (2025)** and Nanna Koerstz Madsen (2022)

72 holes: 262, Nanna Koerstz Madsen and Xiyu Lin (2022)

QUOTABLE

Angel Yin (1st, -21) on what she is going to work on before tomorrow

"Water, eat, putt, hit, great mindset. I'm a dreamer."

Angel Yin (1st, -21) on Tom, her caddy for the week

"Yeah, Tom. It's been great because he's actually a really -- like a professional caddie. He caddies on the Senior Japanese Tour and the Asian Tour for his player. Got a lot of experience and he knows exactly what's going on. He knows the course really well and speaks Thai, so it's perfect. I couldn't have asked for a better backup caddie, honestly."

Akie Iwai (2nd, -16) on playing in the final grouping today

"So I'm looking forward to today, so was good. (Through translation.) Actually looking forward to this situation because this is why I came to LPGA Tour, so I enjoy that."

Jeeno Thitikul (T3, -15) on what it means to be a role model to young Thai golfers

"Yeah, saw a lot of the kids here, and then just really trying to inspiring them to, you know, one day -- I used to be that. I used to be standing outside the rope and watching all the LPGA players doing the things inside. I'm here; it's like a dream come true. I think they see and then they have like more motivation to be good, to be like here, which is really, you know, what we -- what golf and what we did for."

Moriya Jutanugarn (T3, -15) on her memories of playing Honda LPGA Thailand when she was younger with her sister

"I mean, we always had big support from Thai fans and of course from Japanese and a lot of like international fans. I don't remember -- I feel I'm too old now, but we are so young and we are almost like little kids out there like trying to finish 18 hole and not making a mess."

A Lim Kim (5th, -13) on her emotion and energy on the golf course

"Honestly, I think too much adrenaline, so that reason. Because I am really fun on the course, but honestly I'm really introvert. So everybody don't trust that, but, yeah, I'm shy."

Patty Tavatanakit (T6, -12) on what it has been like to defend and have the fan support

"It's always been great to see all the Thai fans coming out to support all of us. It's just a nice feeling, you know, like after hitting a shot to know that you have a lot of people supporting you."

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Akie Iwai drains the 60-footer and extends her lead 🕱 🗘

A long birdie gives @angelyinlol control of the lead on Moving Day 👀

Defending champ Patty Tavatanakit with a sweet chip in for birdie 🖒