



Performance Insights

2025 LOTTE Championship Presented by Hoakalei

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KPMG Insight of the Week

*Approach play will be crucial at Hoakalei CC this week – players who finished inside the top 10 at this event last season gained over 45% of their strokes on the field in that area:

Top 10 SG by Category 2024 LOTTE Championship

Off the Tee	13.0%
Approach	45.7%*
Around the Green	11.3%
Putting	30.0%

*LPGA season average: 35.2%

Nelly Korda

*Outside of her play around the green, Nelly's strokes gained ranks in 2025 are almost identical if not slightly better than her 7-win 2024 season:

Nelly Korda Strokes Gained Ranks LPGA Tour – Last 2 Seasons

	2024	2025
Off the Tee	2nd	1st
Approach	T-22nd	T-21st
Around the Green	4th	56th
Putting	34th	T-24th
Tee to Green	3rd	T-4th

*Nelly has now made the same number of starts in 2025 as she did in her historic 2024 season (16 each). A look at how her numbers stack up:

Nelly Korda Season Comparison 2024 vs. 2025

	2024	2025
Starts	16	16
Wins	7	0
Top 10 Finishes	11	7
Missed Cuts	2	0
Scoring Average	69.56	69.78
SG Total	+2.86	+2.30



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Charley Hull

*Charley Hull has been on fire on the greens over her last 5 starts on the LPGA Tour, averaging well over a stroke gained putting per round over that span:

Charley Hull SG Putting

LPGA Tour – This Season

	SG Putting
First 6 Starts	+0.23
Last 5 Starts	+1.34

*Overall, Hull's game has elevated in 2025 beyond her already lofty standards. The Englishwoman is averaging more than two full strokes gained per round to date this season:

Charley Hull

Strokes Gained Total – LPGA Tour

	Per Round	Season Rank
2022	+1.54	14th
2023	+1.36	14th
2024	+1.42	10th
2025	+2.06	4th

*When Hull's putter gets hot, watch out. She has finished T-2 or better in 6 of the 7 events she has gained over 2 strokes per round with the putter on the LPGA Tour since 2022, including each of her last 2 starts:

Charley Hull 2+ SG Putting Per Round

LPGA Tour – Since 2022

	SG Putting	Finish
2022 The Ascendant	+2.94	Won
2025 AIG Women's Open*	+2.42	T-2
2023 US Women's Open	+2.37	T-2
2022 Walmart NW Arkansas	+2.35	T-5
2025 Kroger Queen City Champ.*	+2.27	Won
2023 Kroger Queen City Champ.	+2.11	2nd
2023 AIG Women's Open	+2.05	2nd

*Last 2 starts



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Miyu Yamashita

*No one has been better on the greens this season than Miyu Yamashita, who leads all players on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting:

Most SG Putting Per Round

LPGA Tour – This Season

	SG Putting
Miyu Yamashita	+1.23
Minjee Lee	+1.13
Anna Nordqvist	+1.11
Lydia Ko	+1.06
Jeeno Thitikul	+1.04

*Yamashita has made 134 putts of 10+ feet in length this season, trailing only Minjee Lee for the most of any player:

Most Putts Made of 10+ Feet

LPGA Tour – This Season

Minjee Lee	138
Miyu Yamashita	134
Jin Hee Im	131
Hye-Jin Choi	117
Celine Boutier	116

*Yamashita's prowess on the greens is perhaps most evident on mid-range attempts, where she has holed putts at a significantly higher rate than the LPGA Tour average:

Miyu Yamashita Make Percentage

LPGA Tour – This Season

	M. Yamashita	LPGA Tour Average
5-10 Feet	66.7%	56.2%
10-15 Feet	44.2%	28.8%
15-20 Feet	25.6%	17.2%



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*Miyu Yamashita currently holds a narrow lead over fellow countrywoman Rio Takeda in the Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year race. If either were to go on to win, it would mark just the third time a Japanese woman has won the award:

Rookie of the Year Winners from Japan LPGA Tour History

1990 Hiromi Kobayashi

2024 Mao Saigo

*Miyu Yamashita: leads rookie of the year standings

*Yamashita is one of five qualified players averaging at least two strokes gained total per round this season on the LPGA Tour. The other four players currently doing that are all ranked in the top-40 in driving distance. Yamashita is 146th out of 161 qualified players.

Strokes Gained Total Leaders Per Round – LPGA Tour This Season

	Per Round	Driving distance rank
Jeeno Thitikul	2.88	35th
Minjee Lee	2.45	38th
Nelly Korda	2.30	15th
Charley Hull	2.06	17th
Miyu Yamashita	2.01	146th

Megan Khang

*Megan Khang is currently the only player on the LPGA Tour to average a full stroke gained or more per round with their approach play in each of the last 3 seasons. That's good news for this week, where approach play is statistically more valuable than usual on the LPGA Tour.

Megan Khang SG Approach LPGA Tour – Last 3 Seasons

	SG Approach	Rank
2023	+1.07	6th
2024	+1.14	4th
2025	+1.14	3rd

*Only player to average 1+ stroke gained in all 3 seasons



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Rio Takeda

*No player this season has been better from tee to green than Rio Takeda, who leads the LPGA Tour in strokes gained in that category. However, her putter has held her back from even greater success in 2025, ranking 140th in strokes gained:

Rio Takeda SG Tee to Green and Putting LPGA Tour – This Season

	SG	Rank
Tee to Green	+2.01	1st
Putting	-0.53	140th

*Takeda's approach play has been stellar so far this season, leading all players on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained approach and greens in regulation:

Rio Takeda Approach Play LPGA Tour – This Season

		Rank
SG Approach	+1.28	1st
Greens in Regulation	76.4%	1st
Proximity from 150-175 yards	27' 11"	3rd

A Lim Kim

*A Lim Kim was incredibly balanced throughout the bag on her way to victory at this event last season, ranking inside the top 20 in all four strokes gained disciplines:

A Lim Kim Strokes Gained 2024 LOTTE Championship

	SG	Rank*
Off the Tee	+0.71	T-8th
Approach	+0.90	16th
Around the Green	+0.65	7th
Putting	+1.24	6th

*Among players to make the cut



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Hye-Jin Choi

*Will this be the week Hye-Jin Choi finally breaks through? She has 27 top 10 finishes on the LPGA Tour since her rookie season in 2022, 8 more than any other player without a win over that span:

Most Top 10 Finishes Without a Win LPGA Tour – Since 2022

	Top 10s
Hye-Jin Choi	27
Sei Young Kim	19
Ariya Jutanugarn	18
Lexi Thompson	17
Xiyu Janet Lin	17

*Choi's consistency lies in her strength on the greens, ranking inside the top 10 in strokes gained putting in 3 of her 4 full seasons on the LPGA Tour:

Hye-Jin Choi SG Putting LPGA Tour – Since 2022

	SG Putting	Rank
2022	+0.84	7th
2023	+0.98	8th
2024	+0.53	21st
2025	+0.86	10th

Andrea Lee

*Andrea Lee has five top-20 finishes in her last six starts (not counting the one round and subsequent cancellation of play in Arkansas). During that span, she is 8th in strokes gained total per round and 10th in scoring average:

Andrea Lee LPGA Tour Ranks Since July 1

		Rank
Strokes gained total	+2.02	8th
Scoring average	69.64	10th
SG Approach	+0.95	13th
SG Short Game*	+1.14	10th

*Combines around the green shots and putting