



## Performance Insights

### Round 1 Recap: LOTTE Championship

#### Top Notes to Know From Round 1:

- \*Akie Iwai: 115 feet of made putts, 4 made of 10+ feet in 1st round 64
- \*A Lim Kim: 4.21 SG Total per round in last 5 rounds at this event (24-under-par)
- \*Nasa Hataoka: 7 birdies, 73 feet of putts made on last nine holes Wednesday
- \*Gabriela Ruffels: 5.69 SG Total today; +0.31 per round in previous 6 starts

\*Akie Iwai opened with a round of 64 or lower for the third time this season on the LPGA Tour to take a 1-stroke lead into the second round. On each of the first two occasions, she would go on to finish inside the top 5 but did not go on to win:

#### Akie Iwai Opening Rounds of 64 or Lower LPGA Tour – This Season

	Score	Rd 1 Position	Finish
Honda LPGA Thailand	62 (-10)	Led by 3	2nd
CPKC Women's Open	64 (-7)	Led by 2	4th
LOTTE Championship	64 (-8)	Led by 1	?

\*Iwai made well over 100 feet of putts in the opening round:

#### Akie Iwai Putting LOTTE Championship – Round 1

Total Putts	27
Feet of Putts Made	115'
Putts Made of 10+ Feet	4
Putting from 5-10 Feet	4-for-5

\*A Lim Kim looks to have carried over the form she displayed at Hoakalei CC last season on her way to victory, opening with a 66 in her title defense. Over her last 5 rounds here, she is now a combined -24, making birdie or better over a third of the time and averaging more than 4 strokes gained per round:

#### A Lim Kim Scoring LOTTE Championship – Last 5 Rounds

Score to Par	-24
Scoring Average	67.2
Rounds in the 60s	5
Birdie or Better Pct.	36.7%
SG Total	+4.21



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\*Gabriela Ruffels had been scuffling a bit entering this week, averaging 3.6 birdies or better per round in her last six official events. Wednesday, she birdied all four par five holes on her way to an opening round 65.

### Gabriela Ruffels Last 7 Official LPGA Events

	Previous 6	Wednesday
Scoring average	71.3	65
Birdie or better average	3.6	8
Greens in regulation	69.7%	88.9%
Par 5 scoring average	4.74	4.00
SG Total per round	+0.31	+5.69

\*Nasa Hataoka made the turn Wednesday and proceeded to catch fire on the greens, making six putts of five feet or longer in her last nine holes.

### Nasa Hataoka 1st 9 Holes vs Last 9 Holes – Round 1

	1st 9 Holes	Last 9 Holes
Nine	Back	Front
Birdies	1	7
Feet of putts made	30'	73'
Made of 5+ feet	2	6

\*Patty Tavatanakit has had a rough time this season in opening rounds – she went nearly eight months between carding opening rounds in the 60s on the LPGA Tour. But in her last two full events (Kroger Queen City and this week) she's started with 66's.

### Patty Tavatanakit Opening Round Performance This Season

	Entering Kroger	Since
Rounds played	13	2
Rounds in 60s	1	2
Scoring average	72.3	66.0
SG Total per round	+0.28	+4.76