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AMERICAS OPEN

Mizuho Americas Open
Liberty National Golf Club | Jersey City, New Jersey | May 8-11, 2025

First-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,564 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.44

Weather: Partly cloudy skies give way to increasing clouds throughout the day with temperatures peaking in the mid-70s F and SE winds with gusts around 15 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$3 million (winner's prize, \$450,000)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Jeeno Thitikul	-8	64
T2	Celine Boutier	-6	66
T2	Hye-Jin Choi	-6	66
T4	10 players	-5	67

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- First: [Jeeno Thitikul](#) went bogey-free in her opening round, her third bogey-free round of the season
 - It is her second bogey-free round at Liberty National Golf Club
 - In 2024, she went bogey-free with seven birdies in her second round
 - She recorded eight birdies, the most among the field
 - This is her fourth lead after the first round of play and first since the Dow Championship
 - Her opening-round 64 is her lowest 18-hole first round score in the 2022 BMW Ladies Championship, 63
 - 64 is her lowest 18-hole score this season, last done in R2 of the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - She is one of seven players to go bogey-free in their opening round

- T2: [Celine Boutier](#) and [Hye-Jin Choi](#)
 - Boutier recorded seven birdies in her opening round, including six on her back nine holes
 - 66 is Boutier's best opening round score of the season
 - This is the second-straight week she has started a tournament with a 66
 - She has played in every event on the calendar so far this season and has missed just one cut at The Chevron Championship
 - She finished T5 at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards, her best finish of the season
 - Choi recorded her second-bogey free round of 2025
 - She carded seven six birdies
 - She hit just nine fairways but missed only two greens in her first round
 - This is the fifth time this season she has started a tournament with a round in the 60s
 - 66 ties her lowest 18-hole score of the season, first done in R4 of the Ford Championship
- T4: Ten players are tied at 5-under
 - [Esther Henseleit](#) recorded six birdies and a bogey in her opening round
 - [Jennifer Kupcho](#) also carded six birdies and a bogey
 - [Lindy Duncan](#) had seven birdies and two bogeys
 - Her seven birdies are tied for the second-most among the field
 - [Ruixin Liu](#) turned in six birdies and a bogey in her first round
 - [Julia Lopez Ramirez](#) had an eagle, five birdies and two bogeys
 - She is one of five players to record an eagle in her opening round
 - [Haeran Ryu](#) recorded six birdies and a bogey in her first round
 - [Pajaree Anannarukarn](#) carded seven birdies and two bogeys
 - [Carlota Ciganda](#) recorded six birdies and a bogey in her opening round
 - [Yealimi Noh](#) carded six birdies and a bogey
 - [Jenny Bae](#) had seven birdies and two bogeys on her scorecard
- Defending champion [Nelly Korda](#) finished T14 after her opening round 68
 - She recorded five birdies and two bogeys
 - Just the fourth time this season she opened a tournament in the 60s
- **Avery McCrery** leads the AJGA field with 40 points in the Stableford format
 - McCrery ranks third on the Rolex AJGA Rankings
 - In her last start on the AJGA, she finished T9 at the 2025 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley
 - **Asterisk Talley** and **Donina Zhou** are in second with 37 points
 - Defending champion **Gianna Clemente** is T4 with 36 points
- Sponsor invites **Yana Wilson** and **Erika Hara** finished T77 and T62, respectively
 - Wilson ended her day 1-over with four bogeys and three birdies
 - Wilson is coming off her first career victory at the Reliance Matrix Championship presented by Epson on the Epson Tour
 - Wilson won the AJGA portion of the Mizuho Americas Open in 2023
 - Hara carded one birdie and one bogey to finish at even-par 72
 - This is Hara's 13th start on the LPGA Tour; her best finish is a tie for 23rd at the 2023 LOTTE Championship

- Hara has five victories on the JLPGA Tour and is currently playing full-time on the Epson Tour; she has top-10 finishes this year at the Atlantic Beach Classic presented by Access Golf (T6) and the IOA Championship presented by Morongo Casino Resort and Spa (T6)

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Jeeno Thitikul
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	2
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	5
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$681,769
Career LPGA Tour Wins	4
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	46
Career Official Money	\$10,472,839
LET Wins	5

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 2 [Jeeno Thitikul](#)

- Third appearance at Mizuho Americas Open (2024, T7; 2023, T4)
- Eighth start of 2025 season; has made every cut, season-best finish of T2 at the HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Has five top-10 finishes and has not finished worse than T24
- First joined LPGA Tour in 2022, when she earned Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year honors
- Has four career LPGA Tour victories, most recently at the 2024 CME Group Tour Championship
- Represented Thailand at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown (winners) and the 2024 Paris Olympics (T18)
- Won the 2023 Vare Trophy, for the season's low scoring average, and the 2024 Aon Risk Reward Challenge
- Has four wins on the Ladies European Tour; won the LET Order of Merit and Rookie of the Year titles in 2021, following her two wins, three runner-ups and nine additional top-10 finishes
 - The youngest ever Order of Merit winner and the fourth player to win the Rookie of the Year and Order of Merit titles in the same season
- In 2017, won the Ladies European Thailand Championship as an amateur, making her the youngest person ever to win a professional golf tour event at 14 years, four months and 19 days old

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 63, Hannah Green (R3, 2024)

36 holes: 135, Jeeno Thitikul (2024)

54 holes: 203, Nelly Korda (2024)

72 holes: 274, Nelly Korda (2024)

QUOTABLE

Jeeno Thitikul (1, -8) on working on her putting during her off-week

"I definitely kind of stress about my putting on week off. I found out I have been doing good. I had a good stroke but just didn't drop in, so I just trying to make like hand-eye coordination is right and the speed to

matching the line. So that's pretty much it. Because I don't want to overthinking and then kind of, you know, confusing things up around."

Celine Boutier (T2, -6) on the challenge of playing Liberty National Golf Club

"I think it's a great course. It's very demanding from the tee shot to the green, so I think it's a great test. I feel like it can be played in so many different ways, especially depending on the weather conditions. Especially when it's firm it can be really hard and it's hard to get close to the green. Then makes a huge difference what direction the wind is coming from. So it's very interesting. Keeps you on your toes definitely 1 to 18."

Esther Henseleit (T4, -5) on feeling at home at Liberty National Golf Club

"I think it's a ball-strikers golf course for sure. It's pretty tight off the tee on some holes and you definitely have to hit it into the right spots on the greens to give yourself some chances. But, yeah, overall I really like it here. As I said, the greens kind of feel like home. Grass is just like we get in Germany most of the time. So I really like it here."

Jennifer Kupcho (T4, -5) on finishing a four-week stretch of competition

"I'm a little bit tired I think, but after missing the first two cuts of this four-week stretch, really just proud of myself for coming back last week and really looking like I was going to miss it in the second round, early in the second round and turned it around. Yeah, nice to make that cut and kind of carry that momentum into this week."

Lindy Duncan (T4, -5) on AJGA leader Avery McCrery, who will attend Duncan's alma mater Duke University

"I had lunch with Avery McCrery; she's going to Duke. She's playing great, so I hope she has a great day tomorrow. I would love a chance to play with her on the weekend. That would be so much fun. But it was really cool to get to know her. We have quite a few Duke players out here, and we hang out a lot. We go to Duke dinners and it's really nice to have that common bond. ... My perspective on my college experience was that I wish that I had enjoyed it a little bit more. Not worried so much about school and she's super smart so I think the school is going to be probably easier for her than it was for me. To just enjoy it. It's such a cool part of your life. Team golf, once it's over it's kind of over. My advice was just enjoy it."

Haeran Ryu (T4, -5) on simplifying her swing thoughts to play in the wind

"I think that key is more my mindset more easier. Like so hard to read the wind, but I just want to think about just keep fairway so easier than think about my swing. That's my key for three weeks in a row. ... I thought not too much thinking, so I just thinking for my swing and my arms. I just want to try to more consistence for my arms with my swings. That's it."

Yealimi Noh (T4, -5) on the AJGA element of the Mizuho Americas Open

"I think it's awesome. I grew up playing AJGA as a crucial part of my junior career and to be where I am right now. I think it's awesome that we get to play with them and they have this opportunity to play with the pros. I would've loved it in my junior days as well. I think it's really fun and I'm really looking forward to it."

Nelly Korda (T10, -4) on attempting to defend her 2024 Mizuho Americas Open title

"Just got to focus on what my game plan was last year: That was one shot at a time. Not to get ahead of myself. I know at the beginning of the year I had a lot to defend, but I think that instead of putting pressure on

myself I should be happy that I was in that moment, that I did achieve all that great success. So just go out here and do what I love.”

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