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

Second-Round Notes

May 9, 2025

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,448 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.416; R2:

Weather: Showers throughout the day with temperatures reaching the uppers 50s and lowers 60s F; NNE winds persist throughout the day between 15-20 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
T1	Somi Lee	-8	69-67 – 136
T1	Nelly Korda	-8	68-68 – 136
T1	Andrea Lee	-8	68-68 – 136
T4	Six players	-7	137

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Fifty-six players made the cut at -1
 - This week's cut was made to the top-50 players and ties, as all 24 AJGA juniors will play the weekend paired alongside LPGA professionals
 - In rounds three and four, the final group will consist of the first and second place LPGA Tour pros paired with the first place AJGA junior; Second-to-last group would be third and fourth place pro paired with second place junior; and so on until all juniors have been paired with two pros
 - LPGA professionals who missed the 36-hole cut, but are within the low 65 players & ties will receive CME Points and Official Money based upon their finish after 36 holes
 - Notable players to miss the cut include:

- 2023 Mizuho America Open winner **Rose Zhang**, Canada's winningest golfer **Brooke Henderson**, and Epson Tour winner and sponsor invite **Yana Wilson**
- T1: Defending champion [Nelly Korda](#), [Andrea Lee](#) and [Somi Lee](#) are -8 overall
 - Korda shot 4-under in her second round with six birdies and two bogeys
 - She has 12 birdies through 36 holes, tied for the most among the field
 - This is the sixth time she has led or co-led after the second round
 - When leading or co-leading after the second round, Korda has two wins and three additional top-five finishes
 - She has led or co-led at the Mizuho Americas Open for three of the six rounds she has played at this event
 - This is the third event this season she has started with back-to-back rounds in the 60s
 - A. Lee went bogey-free with four birdies in her second round
 - She was the only player to go bogey-free in the second round
 - This is her first bogey-free round of the 2025 season and her 18th career
 - This is the second time in her career she has led or co-led after 36 holes
 - The first time since the 2022 season
 - 136 is her lowest 36-hole score at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - S. Lee had seven birdies and two bogeys on her card after round two
 - She has 12 birdies through 36 holes, tied for most among the field
 - This is the first time she has led or co-led after the second round in her career
 - The third time this season she has started a tournament with back-to-back rounds in the 60s, second-straight week
 - 136 is her best 36-hole score at this event
- T4: Six players are tied at 7-under
 - [Stephanie Kyriacou](#)
 - Kyriacou eagled No. 6, also making four birdies and three bogeys
 - [Julia Lopez Ramirez](#)
 - Lopez Ramirez carded five birdies and three bogeys
 - [Carlota Ciganda](#)
 - Ciganda made four birdies and two bogeys
 - [Jenny Bae](#)
 - Bae had three birdies and one bogey in the second round
 - [Celine Boutier](#)
 - Boutier carded four birdies and three bogeys on Friday, hitting all 14 fairways
 - [Jeeno Thitikul](#)
 - Thitikul's second round included three birdies and four bogeys
- **Aphrodite Deng** and **Alice Ziyi Zhao** co-lead the AJGA field with 71 points in the Stableford format
 - Deng currently ranks second on the Rolex AJGA Rankings
 - Her last time out, she won the 2025 Junior Invitational at Sage Valley
 - She is a native of Short Hills, N.J.
 - Zhao currently ranks 17th on the Rolex AJGA Rankings
 - She has played in 11 events and has three runner-up finishes
 - Defending champion **Gianna Clemente** is T7 with 68 points
- Sponsor invite **Yana Wilson** missed the cut in her first start at the Mizuho Americas Open as a professional

- She recorded two birdies and two double-bogeys in her second round
- Sponsor invite **Erika Hara** carded five birdies and a bogey on Friday
 - 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)
- **Gigi Stoll** withdrew during the second round due to injury

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Somi Lee	Nelly Korda	Andrea Lee
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	75	1	56
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0	2	1
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$239,395	\$470,704	\$158,386
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0	15	1
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	1	68	17
Career Official Money	\$239,395	\$13,799,907	\$3,448,662
LET Wins	0	3	0

ABOUT THE LEADERS

Rolex Rankings No. 75 [Somi Lee](#)

- Second appearance at Mizuho Americas Open (2024, T28)
- Ninth start of 2025 season; has made every cut, season-best finish of T12 at the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion
- First joined LPGA Tour in 2024
- Has five wins on the KLPGA Tour

Rolex Rankings No. 1 [Nelly Korda](#)

- Second appearance at Mizuho Americas Open (2024, won)
- Seventh start of 2025 season; has made every cut, season-best finish of second at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Has four top-20 finishes and has not finished worse than T28
- First joined LPGA Tour in 2017
- Has 15 career LPGA Tour victories, including major titles at 2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship and 2024 The Chevron Championship
- In 2024, recorded a historic season with seven wins and an additional four top-10 finishes
 - Won six times in her first eight starts of the 2024 season after winning the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Just fourth player in LPGA Tour history to win six or more times in a season before the end of May, and second player to do so in the last 70 years on the LPGA Tour
 - Earned five victories in consecutive starts on Tour, from the LPGA Drive On Championship to The Chevron Championship

- Tied the record for most wins in consecutive starts on Tour, also held by **Annika Sorenstam** and **Nancy Lopez**
 - Earned both the Rolex ANNIKA Major Award and Rolex Player of the Year honors
- Represented the United States at the 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024 Solheim Cup; the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown; and the 2020 and 2024 Olympics
 - Won the gold medal at the 2020 Olympics
- 2016 graduate of the Epson Tour
- Has three wins on the Ladies European Tour

Rolex Rankings No. 56 [Andrea Lee](#)

- Third appearance at Mizuho Americas Open (2024, T14; 2023, T21)
- Eighth start of 2025 season; one missed cut, season-best finish of T10 at the Black Desert Championship presented by Greater Zion
- First joined LPGA Tour in 2020
- Has one career LPGA Tour victory, coming at the 2022 AmazingCre Portland Classic
- Represented the United States at the 2023 and 2024 Solheim Cup
- An alumna of the Epson Tour, where she won the 2022 Casino Del Sol Golf Classic

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

Nelly Korda (T1, -8) on changing momentum mid-round

"After making two bogeys in a row you have to reset and just know that you have nine more holes to go and there is some opportunities out there even with the tricky conditions. So just had a little bit of a mental reset and it worked."

Andrea Lee (T1, -8) on positive momentum in her game

"I think my game is trending in the right direction for sure. This is my fourth week in a row playing, and I feel like every week I've definitely improved. Last week had my first top 10 this year, so, yeah, definitely seeing a lot of positive things in my game and really happy about that. So just trying to gain some momentum come into this week, and I feel like I put myself in contention for the weekend, so I'm just pretty happy about that."

Julia Lopez Ramirez (T4, -7) on bouncing back from a recent appendectomy

"I think I put the work that I had to put, especially after coming with my appendix. I think I work really hard getting back to it. My game is in a really good position right now, so that give me the positive and confident to come into the weekend and just be very excited for what comes."

Carlota Ciganda (T4, -7) on Liberty National Golf Club and today's weather

"It was playing longer for sure. I think with the temperature drop and, yeah, all those changes from yesterday, maybe like one, one and a half clubs more today I thought. The greens were softer. Some front pins we had to

hit like past the pin and then coming back. Yeah, I thought the course, yeah, it's a fun course to play. You have to hit it good. I like it's soft and it's good for long hitters, but still you still have to put the ball in the hole."

Celine Boutier (T4, -7) on the changing afternoon weather

"I thought it was tough but I was expecting it to be a lot tougher. I think especially the front nine we didn't play with any rain, so I feel like that was pretty positive. When it came down it came down pretty hard, so that was a bit tough. I think the toughest part was how cold it got at the end. Definitely the hands were getting pretty stiff and cold, so it was a little bit harder there. But overall, I think I was expecting the day to be challenging, so I think when you know what you're going to get you just stay more patient and you also manage your expectations a little bit better. Just try and make pars."

Chisato Iwai (T13, -5) on her rookie experiences on the LPGA Tour

"Every week I so nervous, so but I'm good. It's good for me (to be) nervous. My good nervousness feeling was being put out onto the field, so it was a good day, good feeling."

Lydia Ko (T13, -5) on playing in the morning's difficult conditions

"First nine holes everything was soaked. Paul, my caddie, had to take his hat off. His yardage book weighs almost like a dumbbell. So it was a lot of moisture that we got today, and obviously the last six, seven holes it's been nice for that to die down. I'm not sure what the forecast is for the rest of the day, but we definitely got it difficult side of the draw if it does stay like this. It's golf, right? Half the field gets one way and half the field gets another. You just have to play the best in the conditions you have in front. Yeah, I think just a lot of solids outside of what score I posted."

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