



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

Third-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,363 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.416; R2: 72.805; R3: 73.215

Weather: Sunny and windy conditions throughout the day

with gusts ranging from 20-28 mph out of the NW and

temperatures reaching the lowers 70s F Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner) Purse: \$3 million (winner's prize, \$450,000)

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| <u>LEADERBOARD</u> | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|--------|----------------|--|
| | Player | To par | Score | |
| 1 | Jeeno Thitikul | -14 | 64-73-65 – 202 | |
| 2 | Celine Boutier | -13 | 66-71-66 – 203 | |
| T3 | Nelly Korda | -12 | 68-68-68 – 204 | |
| T3 | Andrea Lee | -12 | 68-68-68 – 204 | |
| 5 | Yealimi Noh | -11 | 67-71-67 – 205 | |

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- First: Jeeno Thitikul shot 7-under 65 in her third round
 - o This is the sixth time she has held a lead heading into the final round
 - First since the 2024 CME Group Tour Championship
 - When holding a third-round lead, Thitikul has two wins and two runner-up finishes
 - She leads the field in birdies with 20 overall
 - o In her third round, she had nine birdies and a double-bogey
 - It is just the fourth double-bogey or worse score for Thitikul this season
 - Set new 54-hole scoring record at Mizuho Americas Open with her three-day 202
 - Beat Nelly Korda's previous record of 203, shot in 2024

- In 2024, Thitikul set 36-hole scoring record at Liberty National GC with a two-day 135
- Second: Celine Boutier birdied three of her last four holes to finish solo-second
 - o She has 18 birdies through 54 holes, the second-most among the field after Thitikul
 - She leads the field in fairways hit (39/42), and is T1 greens in regulation (42/54) with Yealimi
 Noh
 - This is the first time she has entered the final round in the top five on the leaderboard this season
 - First time since the 2024 Maybank Championship
- T3: Andrea Lee went bogey-free on her back-nine to keep herself in contention
 - On the back nine, she recorded five birdies, on the front she had two bogeys and an additional birdie
 - Lee and Korda are the only two players to record all three rounds in the 60s this week
 - Lee has not started with three rounds in the 60s since the 2024 Portland Classic
 - Lee has never shot all four rounds in the 60s in her Tour career
 - She has needed just 78 putts this week, the fewest among the field
 - Lee has 16 birdies on the week, T5 among the field
 - She has just four bogeys heading into Sunday, tied for the fewest among the field with Kristen Gillman
 - She was the only player to go bogey-free in the second round
- T3: Nelly Korda is in position to defend her first title of 2025
 - This is her fourth title-defense opportunity of the 2025 season
 - She shot three consecutive rounds of 68 at Liberty National GC
 - She recorded five birdies and one bogey in her third round
 - o Korda has 17 birdies through 54 holes of play, tied for the third-most among field
 - This is the fourth time this season that she is within the top-five heading into the final day of play
 - She has finished T16, T7 and runner-up in her previous three instances this season
 - Korda has finished inside the top-five after five of the seven rounds she has played in at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - This is the third time this season she has recorded three-straight rounds in the 60s to start a tournament
 - She has not shot all four rounds in the 60s since her win at the 2024 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- Fifth: Yealimi Noh recorded her fourth eagle of the 2025 season in her third round
 - She chipped in for eagle from left of the green on No. 16
 - Along with her eagle, she carded five birdies and two bogeys
 - Noh has hit 42/54 greens in regulation, tied for the most among the field
 - She's hit 38 of 42 fairways, tied for the third-most among the field
 - This is just the fourth time Noh is inside the top five heading into the final round of play
 - The last time she was, she won her first career victory at the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
 - o 205 is her lowest 54-hole score since the Ford Championship earlier this season
- <u>Elizabeth Szokol</u> (T10, -7) recorded the fourth ace of 2025 on the LPGA Tour, and the second of her career
 - It is the first hole-in-one she has carded since the 2019 Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic

- O She hit her 9-iron 131 yards on the No. 14 par 3
- CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2025, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and lifethreatening diseases
 - The donation total is now \$80,000
- Rio Takeda (T7, -8) holed out from the fairway for eagle on her final hole
 - She used her pitching wedge
 - She had four birdies, two bogeys and an eagle Saturday, moving from T19 to T7 on the leaderboard
- Alice Ziyi Zhao leads the AJGA field with 107 points in the Stableford format
 - She scored 36 points on Saturday, tie for most in the AJGA field with Jude Lee (4th)
 - Zhao currently ranks 17th on the Rolex AJGA Rankings
 - 4x Rolex Junior All-American (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)
 - Junior All-Star Team Member (2021)
 - 2x Wyndham Cup Team Participant (2023, 2024)
 - 3x AJGA Champion
 - New Jersey native Aphrodite Deng is in second with 106 points
 - o Lily Peng is in third at 105 points

WITH A WIN

Jeeno Thitikul

- Would earn her fifth career victory on the LPGA Tour
- With the \$450,000 winner's check, would move from 27th to 25th on the Career Money List with \$10,922,839 in Official Earnings
- Would be the first Thai player to win on the LPGA Tour this season
 - Would be the first Thai player to win on Tour since herself at the 2024 CME Group Tour
 Championship
- Would be the second player from Thailand to win at least five times on Tour, joining Ariya Jutanugarn
- Would be the first Thai player to win the Mizuho Americas Open

Celine Boutier

- Would earn her seventh career victory on the LPGA Tour and first since the 2023 Maybank Championship
- With the \$450,000 winner's check, would become the 45th player to break the \$8 million Official Earnings threshold with \$8,408,820
- Would be the first French player to win on the LPGA Tour this season
- Would be the first French player to win the Mizuho Americas Open

Nelly Korda

- Would earn her 16th career victory and join **Jan Stephenson** as the only players with 16 career victories
- Would successfully defend her 2024 Mizuho Americas Open title

- Would be the first successful title defense since Hannah Green won the 2023/2024 JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- With the \$450,000 winner's check, would become the 14th player to break the \$14 million Official Earnings threshold with \$14,249,907
 - o Would move from No. 15 to No. 13, passing Juli Inkster and Sei Young Kim

Andrea Lee

- Would earn her second LPGA Tour victory and first since The Standard Portland Classic in 2022
 - o Would be 2 years, 7 months and 23 since her last win on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the third consecutive American to win the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Nelly Korda won in 2024 and Rose Zhang won in 2013
- Would be the 129th American to win at least two times on the LPGA
- Would surpass the \$500,000 mark in career earnings in a single season for the fourth time in her career with the \$450,000 winner's check

Yealimi Noh

- Would become the first multiple winner of the 2025 LPGA Tour season
 - Became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the Founders Cup presented by U.S. Virgin Islands
- Would be the third consecutive American to win the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Nelly Korda won in 2024 and Rose Zhang won in 2013
- Would be the first player to win twice in the same season she became a Rolex First-Time Winner since **Lauren Coughlin** in 2024
- Would win in her third start at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - She has missed the cut her last two starts
- Would earn her fourth top-10 finish of the 2025 season and first since the Ford Championship
- Would secure her most profitable season on the LPGA Tour with \$930,319 in season career earnings with the \$450,000 winner's portion
 - Her most profitable season came in 2024 where she earned \$826,304 in career earnings

Carlota Ciganda

- Would earn her third LPGA Tour victory and first since she won twice in 2016
 - Would be a span of 8 years, 5 months, 28 days since she won the 2016 Lorena Ochoa Invitational
 - Would join Beatriz Recari as the winningest Spanish players in LPGA Tour history
- Would earn her first LPGA Tour victory in the United States, joining wins in the Republic of Korea and Mexico
- At age 34, would be the oldest LPGA Tour winner since Amy Yang won the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- With the \$450,000 winner's check, would pass **Laura Davies** for 32nd on the Career Money List with \$9,619,071 in Official Earnings
- Would be the first Spanish player to win on the LPGA Tour this season
- Would be the first Spanish player to win the Mizuho Americas Open

LPGA

| 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 |
| Ladies European Tour 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: 202, Jeeno Thitikul (2025) 72 holes: 274, Nelly Korda (2024)

QUOTABLE

Jeeno Thitikul (1st, -14) on putting together a -7 round in windy conditions:

"I exactly don't know how. At the driving range before going out today, I just told myself that I'm just going to be really patient today. I'm trying to keep the ball on the fairway and then also on the green. Shooting evenpar, it's good enough for me today, that's what I thought to myself before I went out. It turned out to be really good on like I have a really good start, like birdies, 1-under, 2-under when I started, and just kept me going and going. I know I have been doing a good job out there. I'm just waiting for the putts to drop."

Celine Boutier (2nd, -13) on her three consecutive brides on Nos. 15-17:

"I think I made a really good putt on 14 and was able to hit it close on 15 and 16. So I feel like that was very helpful. They moved the tee up on 16, which was kind of fun even though it was straight up into the wind. Yeah, it was a nice setup today. I feel like it was challenging with the wind, but the setup made it possible to have some chances if you were hitting good."

Nelly Korda (T3, -12) on her gameplan coming into a windy third round:

"I walked onto the putting green, and Jason told me the word of the day is acceptance. Not really a game plan, but knowing that I'm going to make mistakes, the wind's going to blow my ball a different direction than I want it to, and just have to have a positive mindset. That was kind of the main thing that I focused on."

Andrea Lee (T3, -12) on her solid putting this week, needing just 78 putt overall:

"I feel like I'm just visualizing the putts go in pretty well this week. Just trusting my reads and making decisive, committed putts and good strokes. Yeah, the putting"

Yealimi Noh (6th, -11) on what she's focusing on heading into Championship Sunday:

"Again, focusing on hitting the fairways and keeping it on the green. I have been having some really good iron shots this week, and just some good days with the putter. Yeah, just keeping calm throughout the round tomorrow. Just happy to be in this position here. Haven't had the best finishes at this course, but really happy how I'm playing and hope it continues tomorrow."

Elizabeth Szokol (T10, -7) on her hole-in-one on No. 14:

"It was pretty great. I hit a little 9-iron. It was into the wind and wind was off the left. Started a little bit further left than I thought but the wind hit it, got a great kick, and went in. Probably one of the coolest holes to have a hole-in-one on with the views of New York City. I had a double on hole before so it was pretty special."

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Jeeno Thitikul Regains the Lead at Liberty National with Nelly Korda on Her Heels

Ace Vaults Elizabeth Szokol Into Top 10 at Mizuho Americas Open

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SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

#Hole-in-one alert! Elizabeth Szokol hit this from 131 yards with a 9-iron 😭 Jeeno Thitikul's 65 scorecard

Rio Takeda holes it from the fairway

@YealimiNoh chips in for eagle on No. 16 🛠

Long birdie putt for Celine Boutier on 12 puts her one stroke off the lead

Andrea Lee creeps up the leaderboard with long putt on No. 12

@NellyKorda drains birdie putt on 14 to move one back of the lead

@carlotagolf sinks this putt from the fringe for eagle <<