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T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

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Third-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 37-35 – 72; 6,577 yards

Weather: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies with increasing north to northwest winds between 12-16 mph and gusts up to 24 mph.

Temperatures up to 70 F

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$2 million (winner's portion \$300,000)

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The Format

SOCIAL MEDIA

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COMPETITION FORMAT

64 players, divided into 16 groups of four; after three days of round-robin matches, competition moves to a 16-player, single-elimination bracket

SCORING

Win – 1 point, Tie – ½ point, Lose – 0 points

ROUND THREE SUMMARY

- The round of 16 matches for Saturday include:
 - o No. 32 Ariya Jutanugarn vs. No. 48 Narin An
 - No. 25 Brooke Henderson vs. No. 24 Maja Stark
 - o No. 29 Sei Young Kim vs. No. 13 Lauren Coughlin
 - O No. 37 Stephanie Kyriacou vs. No. 21 A Lim Kim
 - o No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul vs. No. 50 Nataliya Guseva
 - o No. 26 Mao Saigo vs. No. 10 Angel Yin
 - o No. 30 Carlota Ciganda vs. No. 46 Madelene Sagstrom
 - o No. 38 Ashleigh Buhai vs. No. 11 Celine Boutier
- Average age of round of 16 participants is 28.375 years old with the youngest players being Nataliya
 Guseva and Jeeno Thitikul (22) and Ashleigh Buhai (35)
- **Jeeno Thitikul** is the only player in the top 10 of the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings to advance to the round of 16

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Nelly Korda	1	1-1-1	1.5	4-1-1
Ariya Jutanugarn	32	3-0-0	3	8-3-2
Jennifer Kupcho	33	1-0-2	1	5-2-5
Brittany Altomare	64	0-1-2	0.5	3-1-6

- Jennifer Kupcho def. Brittany Altomare, 3 and 2
- Ariya Jutanugarn def. Nelly Korda, 1-up

Of Note:

- Defending champion Korda recorded her first match play loss of her career
- Jutanugarn is advancing to the round of 16 for the first time since 2021
 - Jutanugarn made it to the semifinals in 2021, losing to the ultimate champion Ally Ewing

GROUP 2

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Jeeno Thitikul	2	3-0-0	3	4-0-2
Hye-Jin Choi	31	1-0-2	1	4-0-3
Gaby Lopez	34	2-0-1	2	5-1-6
Danielle Kang	63	0-0-3	0	5-1-8

Round 3 Results:

- Jeeno Thitikul def. Hye-Jin Choi, 5 and 3
- Gaby Lopez def. Danielle Kang, 5 and 4

Of Note:

- Thitikul advances to the round of 16 in her second start at match play
 - o In 2022, she went 1-0-2 in group play and failed to advance
- Thitikul's closest match was her 2 and 1 victory against Lopez
- Against Choi and Kang, Thitikul never made it past the 15th hole

GROUP 3

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Lydia Ko	3	1-0-2	1	1-0-2
Carlota Ciganda	30	2-0-1	2	8-1-5
Gabriela Ruffels	35	1-1-1	1.5	1-0-1
Hira Naveed	62	1-1-1	1.5	1-0-1

Round 3 Results:

- Carlota Ciganda def. Lydia Ko, 2-up
- Gabriela Ruffels and Hira Naveed tied

Of Note:

- Ciganda advances to the round of 16 for just the second time in her match play career
 - o In 2023, she lost in the quarterfinals to Pajaree Anannarukarn 3 and 2
- In her third-round match, Ciganda never trailed and only lost two of the 17 holes she played

GROUP 4

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Ruoning Yin	4	0-1-2	0.5	0-1-2
Sei Young Kim	29	3-0-0	3	6-3-2
Chanettee Wannasaen	36	1-1-1	1.5	11-1
Yuna Nishimura	61	1-0-2	1	1-0-2

Round 3 Results:

- Sei Young Kim def. Ruoning Yin, 3 and 1
- Chanettee Wannasaen def. Yuna Nishimura, 3 and 2

Of Note:

- Kim makes it out of the first three rounds of play for the second-straight season
- In 2024, she made it to the semifinals before losing to Leona Maguire 3 and 2
- This is the first time Kim has gone undefeated in group play

GROUP 5

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Ayaka Furue	5	1-0-2	1	12-1-4
Nasa Hataoka	28	2-0-1	2	4-1-1
Stephanie Kyriacou	37	2-1-0	2.5	2-1-0
Auston Kim	60	0-1-2	0.5	0-1-2

Round 3 Results:

- Stephanie Kyriacou tied Auston Kim
- Nasa Hataoka def. Ayaka Furue, 3 and 2

Of Note:

- Kyriacou advances to the round of 16 for the first time in her match play career
- She went undefeated in group play after failing to advance to match last season after stroke play
- This is the first time in the match play format that Furue has not advanced to the round of 16
 - She also failed to make the round of eight after stroke play last season
- It is the first time in her match play career that Furue has had a losing record in group play

GROUP 6

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Charley Hull	6	1-1-1	1.5	2-2-2
Esther Henseleit	27	2-0-1	2	3-1-5

Ashleigh Buhai	38	2-1-0	2.5	5-3-1
Alexa Pano	59	0-0-3	0	0-0-3

- Ashleigh Buhai def. Alexa Pano, 4 and 3
- Esther Henseleit def. Charley Hull, 5 and 4

Of Note:

- Buhai moves on to the round of 16 for the first time in four starts
- In 2022, she went 2-1-1 but failed to reach the round of 16
- In both of Buhai's wins this week, she has had to come back from a 1-down deficit

GROUP 7

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Haeran Ryu	7	2-0-1	2	4-0-2
Mao Saigo	26	2-0-1	2	2-0-1
Andrea Lee	39	1-0-2	1	6-2-5
Linnea Strom	58	1-0-2	1	1-0-5

Round 3 Results:

- Haeran Ryu def. Mao Saigo, 1-up
- Andrea Lee def. Linnea Strom, 3 and 2
- Mao Saigo def. Haeran Ryu with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff

Of Note:

- Saigo advanced to the round of 16 in her first start at Shadow Creek
 - She was one of 11 players making their debut at match play this week
- Ryu won their third-round match but ultimately lost on the first hole of a playoff between the two
- Saigo joins Minami Katsu and Ayaka Furue as the only other Japanese players to advance out of the first three rounds

GROUP 8

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Jin Young Ko	8	0-1-2	.5	2-1-3
Brooke Henderson	25	3-0-0	3	5-1-3
Leona Maguire	40	1-1-1	1.5	9-2-4
Peiyun Chen	57	1-0-2	1	3-0-3

Round 3 Results:

- Jin Young Ko conceded her match to Brooke Henderson
- Leona Maguire def. Peiyun Chen, 2 and 1

Of Note:

• Henderson moves on to the round of 16 for the first time in her career

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- This is the first time she has also gone undefeated in the group play stage of match play
- Henderson has only played 36 holes of golf between three rounds
- This is the first time Maguire has not advanced weekend play since the 2021 season

GROUP 9

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Hyo Joo Kim	9	2-0-1	2	5-0-4
Maja Stark	24	3-0-0	3	6-0-1
Nanna Koerstz Madsen	41	1-0-2	1	4-0-5
Bailey Tardy	56	0-0-3	0	0-0-3

Round 3 Results:

- Maja Stark def. Hyo Joo Kim, 2 and 1
- Nanna Koerstz Madsen def. Bailey Tardy, 1-up

Of Note:

- Stark trailed for nine of her first 10 holes before tying the match on No. 11 and taking the lead the following hole
- Stark is advancing out of group play for the second time in three starts
 - o In 2023, she was defeated by Ayaka Furue in the round of 16
- Stark is a perfect 6-0-0 in group play

GROUP 10

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Angel Yin	10	2-1-0	2.5	5-2-4
Jin Hee Im	23	1-0-2	1	1-0-2
Pajaree Anannarukarn	42	1-1-1	1.5	8-4-4
Moriya Jutanugarn	55	0-2-1	1	4-3-4

Round 3 Results:

- Angel Yin def. Jin Hee Im, 4 and 3
- Pajaree Anannarukarn and Moriya Jutanugarn tied

Of Note:

- Yin never trailed in her third match and lost just two holes
- She is advancing to weekend play for the third-straight season
 - o In 2024, she lost to **Nelly Korda** in the quarterfinals
 - o In 2023, she lost to **Celine Boutier** in the round of 16

GROUP 11

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Celine Boutier	11	3-0-0	3	10-0-2
Allisen Corpuz	22	1-0-2	1	4-2-4
Sarah Schmelzel	43	2-0-1	2	4-1-7

Somi Lee

- Celine Boutier def. Allisen Corpuz, 1-up
- Sarah Schmelzel def. Somi Lee, 1-up

Of Note:

- Boutier recorded her 10th career match play victory
 - She trailed Corpuz 1-down on No. 15 after surrendering a 3-up lead through 11 holes
- Boutier is advancing to the round of 16 for the second time in four starts
 - o In 2023, she lost to **Ayaka Furue** in the quarterfinals
- Boutier has not lost in group play since the second round of 2021

GROUP 12

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Amy Yang	12	0-0-3	0	0-0-3
A Lim Kim	21	3-0-0	3	3-3-3
Jenny Shin	44	2-0-1	2	9-1-5
Grace Kim	53	1-0-2	1	1-0-2

Round 3 Results:

- A Lim Kim def. Amy Yang, 2-up
- Jenny Shin def. Grace Kim, 2-up

Of Note:

- A.L. Kim trailed for 10 of her first 12 holes before taking the lead on No. 14
- A.L. Kim advanced to the round of 16 for the first time in her career
- Kim went undefeated in group play for the first time in her career
 - o Coming into this week, she was 0-3-3 in group play

GROUP 13

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Lauren Coughlin	13	2-0-1	2	4-0-2
Ina Yoon	20	1-0-2	1	1-0-2
Mi Hyang Lee	45	1-0-2	1	1-1-4
Lucy Li	52	2-0-1	2	2-0-4

Round 3 Results:

- Lucy Li def. Mi Hyang Lee, 2 and 1
- Lauren Coughlin def. Ina Yoon, 1-up

Of Note:

• Coughlin and Li both ended group play with 2 points and went to a playoff for a spot in the round of 16

 Coughlin won the first playoff hole to advance to the weekend at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

GROUP 14

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Minjee Lee	14	1-0-2	1	5-1-5
Patty Tavatanakit	19	2-0-1	2	5-1-2
Madelene Sagstrom	46	3-0-0	3	7-1-3
Jasmine Suwannapura	51	0-0-3	0	2-0-7

Round 3 Results:

- Madelene Sagstrom def. Jasmine Suwannapura, 4 and 2
- Patty Tavatanakit def. Minjee Lee, 1-up

Of Note:

- Sagstrom is one of nine players to go 3-0 over pod play
- Sagstrom is making her fourth start at the event; her best finish is making it to the quarterfinals in 2022
- Tavatanakit led the majority of the match before Lee made a comeback on the back nine to prolong the match

GROUP 15

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Rose Zhang	15	0-1-2	0.5	0-1-3
Megan Khang	18	2-0-1	2	3-3-3
Albane Valenzuela	47	1-0-2	1	7-1-6
Nataliya Guseva	50	2-1-0	2.5	2-1-0

Round 3 Results:

- Rose Zhang conceded the match against Megan Khang
- Nataliya Guseva def. Albane Valenzuela, 1-up

Of Note:

- Zhang conceded her third-round match against Khang due to injury
- Guseva trailed Valenzuela from holes 1-16 and won the last three holes to finish 1-up
- Guseva is one of two players making their tournament debut to advance to the round of 16
- Guseva won the 18th hole to avoid a playoff with Khang

GROUP 16

Player	Seed	2025 Record (W-H-L)	Points	Career Match Play Record (W-H-L)
Yealimi Noh	16	2-0-1	2	2-0-4
Yuka Saso	17	1-0-2	1	1-0-2
Narin An	48	3-0-0	3	5-2-1
Hinako Shibuno	49	0-0-3	0	0-0-3

- Yealimi Noh def. Yuka Saso, 1-up
- Narin An def. Hinako Shibuno, 2-up

Of Note:

- An won her third consecutive match
- An was one of nine players to go 3-0 this week
- An advanced to match play in last year's T-Mobile Match Play, losing to Nelly Korda in the semifinals

QUOTABLES

Nataliya Guseva on what pushed her through the match

"I think it was something inside of me. I just knew, I was like, okay, I kind of don't really want to go home, back to Florida. My boyfriend came from the tournament and he's like, well, yeah, whatever. If it's not going to go your way I'm going to see you soon. I'm like, no, I don't want to see you soon. I want to go and play the round of 16. Like I don't care. I'm just going to fight until the end and be out here and enjoy and have fun in the matches."

Lauren Coughlin on her perseverance throughout her match

"I think it's just what I always do. It's what I've always done throughout my whole career. I kind of always stay in it and fight until I can't anymore. So I think, yeah, I just kind of, like I said, just stayed in it every single day. I didn't get it done yesterday, but I was able to get it done today."

Celine Boutier on her strategy in match play

"I think it's a little bit of both. I feel like sometimes you can focus too much on what the other person is doing and that doesn't really help me actually. So I feel like sometime it's good to know like what they're doing, but I feel like on this course especially a lot of time some pars are going to win holes. You just got to stay in your own lane sometimes and just hit the green and make pars, and then, yeah, then see how it goes. Definitely a little bit of both. Kind of depends."

Angel Yin on how she feels about her game compared to last year

"I think I was hitting it better last year for some reason. Maybe because I was resting for so long because that I had so much energy and my ball striking was good. I think the same. I came in last year with so much energy and course is still hard to walk, even if I'm healthy."

A Lim Kim on what her and Amy Yang talked about during their round as close friends "We want to play dinner bet. So I won, I pay dinner. That's all."

Sei Young Kim on what she enjoys at Shadow Creek Golf Course

"Yeah, this is my -- when I play the pro-am the peoples ask me what's your favorite golf course and I'm always say Shadow Creek because this golf course is phenomenal. Yeah, when you walk the course, hole 9 it's beautiful view. You need a lot skill though. I heard this golf course is really expensive for the player, yeah."

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<u>Day Three Results 2025 T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards</u> <u>Lauren Coughlin Continuing On to Round of 16 at T-Mobile Match Play</u>

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

Can't get over this Charley Hull hole out 😉

Clockin' in for round **T**

Grinded out their final matches to get some points on the board 🖒

3 wins brings @BrookeHenderson to the final 16 @