

**TOTO Japan Classic**

Seta Golf Course | Otsu-shi, Shiga, Japan | Nov. 6-9, 2025

Third-Round Notes

Nov. 8, 2025

Media Contact: [Matt Jesus](#) +1 (402) 957-4674**Course Setup:** 35-37 – 72; 6,466 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 70.791; R2: 70.778; R3: 71.236**Weather:** Clear to mostly sunny conditions with gradual cloud coverage into the afternoon with highs reaching the upper 60s F**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)**Purse:** \$2.1 million USD; winner's portion is \$315,000**TV/Streaming Times:** [How to Watch](#)**QUICK LINKS**[Interview Transcripts](#)[LPGA Tour Online Media Center \(OMC\):](#)
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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Yuna Araki	-15	70-66-65 – 201
T1	Nasa Hataoka	-15	65-68-68 – 201
3	Miyu Yamashita	-14	65-69-68 – 202
4	Shuri Sakuma	-12	69-66-69 – 204
5	Ai Suzuki	-11	68-67-70 – 205

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Nasa Hataoka** and **Yuna Araki**
 - Hataoka recorded five birdies and one bogey in her third round
 - She leads the field in birdies through 54 holes with 20
 - Her 12th time leading after the third round
 - This is the third time she has held a lead heading into the final round of this event
 - Finished T8 in 2023 and won in 2018
 - This is the first time she has held a lead after all previous rounds since the 2023 CME Group Tour Championship, finished T2
 - This is her first start at this event since 2024
 - Her 18-hole score of 65 is her lowest since the first round of 2023, 64

- Araki carded eight birdies and a bogey in her third round
 - She led the field with eight birdies in the third round
 - She led the field in birdies after the second round as well with seven
 - Second among the field in total birdies with 19
 - Her two bogeys are tied for the second-fewest
 - She had need just 83 putts, tied for the sixth-fewest needed
 - Araki is making her first appearance at this event
 - She is a rookie on the JLPGA Tour and has one win in 2025
- Third: **Miyu Yamashita**
 - She is tied for the third-most bogeys among the field with 17
 - She has needed just 79 putts this week as well, the third fewest needed
 - Her 202 ties the lowest 54-hole score of her career, done two other times before
 - Her lowest 54-hole score at this event is 204
 - Her opening round 65 is her best 18-hole score at this event as well
- Fourth: **Shuri Sakuma**
 - Sakuma recorded four birdies and a bogey in her third round
 - She has carded 15 birdies (sixth) and just three bogeys (T7) through 54 holes
 - Is tied for sixth in driving distance with an average of 263.2 yards
 - She is the No. 1 ranked player on the JLPGA Tour in 2025
 - She has four wins this season, most recently at the Nobuta Group Masters GC Ladies in October
 - Sakuma is making her fourth start at this event and has a career-best finish of T22 in 2022
 - She has made two other appearances on the LPGA Tour, both at the AIG Women's Open (T60, 2024 and MC, 2025)
- Fifth: **Ai Suzuki**
 - Recorded six birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey in her third round
 - She leads the field in fewest putts needed with 77
 - She has 17 birdies so far, tied for the third-most
 - She is a 21-time winner on the JLPGA including once in 2025
 - She won this event in 2019
 - She is eighth on the all-time career money list for the JLPGA Tour with ¥1,061,314,161
- Defending champion **Rio Takeda** is T21 heading into Sunday
 - She turned in five birdies and a bogey in her third round
 - Through 54 holes she has 12 birdies and six bogeys
- **Ariya Jutanugarn** withdrew during the first round due to injury
- **Yan Liu** withdrew prior to the second round due to injury

With a Win:

- Yuna Araki
 - Would be the third-straight JLPGA member to win the TOTO Japan Classic
 - Would join **Mone Inami** (2023) and **Rio Takeda** (2024)
 - Would be able to accept automatic LPGA Tour Membership and earn official money and Race to the CME Glob Points

- Would be the second non-member to win this season joining **Youmin Hwang** who won the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
- Would claim her second win in 2025 on the JLPGA Tour
- Would win in her first start at the TOTO Japan Classic
- Would be the sixth different Japanese winner on Tour this season
 - Joins **Akie Iwai, Chisato Iwai, Mao Saigo, Rio Takeda and Miyu Yamashita**
- Would be the 28th different winner on the LPGA Tour this season
- Would be the third non-American to win in their home country this season
 - Would join **Sei Young Kim** (BMW Ladies Championship) and **Brooke Henderson** (CPKC Women's Open)
- Nasa Hataoka
 - Would claim her seventh career victory and first since 2022
 - Would earn her second TOTO Japan Classic victory, first since 2018
 - Would be the Tour's 28th different winner in 2025
 - Would move one win closer to being the second-winningest player from Japan in LPGA Tour history
 - Would need two more victories to catch Ai Miyazato (nine wins)
 - Ayako Okamoto is the winningest player from Japan with 17
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 - Would be the third-straight Japanese winner of the TOTO Japan Classic
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 - Would join **Sei Young Kim** (BMW Ladies Championship) and **Brooke Henderson** (CPKC Women's Open)
- Miyu Yamashita
 - Would mathematically clinch the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award with a ninth place or worse finish from Rio Takeda
 - Would earn her third career victory
 - Would be the first player to win at least three times in 2025
 - Would be the first rookie to win three times in their first year on Tour since Sei Young Kim in 2015
 - Would earn her 14th career victory on the JLPGA Tour
 - Would be the first player to win in back-to-back starts on Tour since Nelly Korda last season
 - Korda won four-straight starts in 2024
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A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Nasa Hataoka	Yuna Akari
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	23	N/A
2025 LPGA/JLPGA Tour Wins	0	1
2025 LPGA/JLPGA Tour Top 10s	6	11
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$1,004,999	¥64,609,148
Career LPGA/JLPGA Tour Wins	6	1
Career Official LPGA/JLPGA Tour Top 10s	53	11
Career Official Money	\$10,516,430	¥64,609,148

ABOUT THE LEADERS**Rolex Rankings No. 32 Nasa Hataoka**

- Sixth start at the TOTO Japan Classic
 - 2017 – T33, 2018 – 1, 2019 – T52, 2022 – T28, 2023 – T8
- 2025: 19 cuts in 21 starts with six top-10 finishes
 - Has a season-best finish of runner-up at the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Has four top 10 finishes in her last six starts
 - Has not missed a cut since May (U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally)
- Career: Six wins, 53 top 10s with \$10.5 million in official career earnings
 - Has represented Japan at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the 2018 and 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Last won on the LPGA Tour at the 2022 DIO Implant LA Open
 - Has five wins on the JLPGA Tour, last in 2019

Rolex Rankings No. 76 Yuna Araki

- First start at the TOTO Japan Classic
- 2025: 26 cuts made in 33 starts on the JLPGA Tour with one win and 10 additional top 10s
 - Earned her first victory on the JLPGA Tour at the Golf5 Ladies in September
 - Coming into this week is ranked third in birdies made, 367, and fifth in rounds in the 60s, 31 on the JLPGA Tour
 - She is ninth on the money rankings with ¥64,609,148 earned this season

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 63, 10 times, last by Hana Wakimoto (R1, 2024)

36 holes – 126, Annika Sorenstam (2003)

54 holes – 192, Annika Sorenstam (2003)

72 holes – 266, Mone Inami (2023)

*2022 was the first time the co-sanctioned tournament played as a 72-hole event

QUOTABLES

Quotes from the 2025 TOTO Japan Classic can be found [here](#)

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Reto Creates Chances to Score, Climbs into Contention in Japan

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

Moving day ended with a co-lead between Nasa Hataoka and Yuna Araki

Co-leader Yuna Araki lips out a pitch 🙄

Miyu Yamashita's putting is just too good 🙄

Chisato Iwai makes a great shot 😄

Ina Yoon made a climb on moving day 😎📄

Ayaka Furue with a long birdie putt on moving day 🙌