



# 2025 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship PRE-TOURNAMENT INTELLIGENCE PACK

#### KPMG Insight of the Week

\*Over the last two editions of this championship, approach play has been, far and away, where contenders have built their advantage over the competition. During that time span, players to finish in the top-10 at the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship have gained 49.9% of their strokes with approach shots.

# **Top-10 Finishers Last 2 Years Percentage of Strokes Gained Total – Walmart NW Arkansas**

Off the Tee	5.5%
Approach	49.9%
Around Green	5.2%
Putting	39.4%

#### **Nelly Korda**

\*Nelly Korda has now made the same amount of starts this season on the LPGA Tour as she did in her seven-win campaign of 2024. Many of her key statistics this year are close to what she did a year ago:

#### Nelly Korda 2024 vs 2025 on LPGA Tour

	2024	2025
Starts	16	16
Wins	7	0
SG Total	+2.86	+2.34
Scoring average	69.56	69.78
SG Tee to Green	+1.88	+1.62
SG Putting	+0.42	+0.68

<sup>\*</sup>Over her last two starts, Nelly Korda has shot rounds of 75 and 70 in the final round. Since the beginning of April, Korda is gaining more than 2.5 strokes on the field per round in rounds one through three. She's gaining just 0.35 per round on Sundays during that stretch.

### Nelly Korda

	2024	2025
Scoring average	69.70	72.00
SG Total	+2.53	+0.35
Pct rounds in 60s	52.8%	9.1%





#### Haeran Ryu

\*Haeran Ryu has just one top-20 finish since winning the Black Desert Championship earlier this season. Her scoring average is up 2.5 strokes per round in that span compared to the first eight starts she made in 2025.

#### Haeran Ryu

#### **LPGA Tour Performance This Season**

	1st 8 Starts	Last 11 Starts
Top 20 finishes	7	1
Scoring average	69.31	71.81
SG Total per round	+1.90	+0.68

<sup>\*</sup>Ryu has been one of the most precise iron players from 150-200 yards out this season.

#### Haeran Ryu

#### **Average Proximity to the Hole**

		Rank
150-175 yards	25'9"	1st
175-200 yards	34'5"	3rd

#### Miyu Yamashita

\*Miyu Yamashita has been arguably the best putter on the LPGA Tour this season, leading the tour in strokes gained and make rate from 10 to 20 feet away:

#### Miyu Yamashita LPGA Putting Ranks This Season

		Rank
Putting 10 to 20 feet	43.1%	1st
SG Putting	+1.26	1st
Putts made 10+ feet	132	2nd

<sup>\*</sup>Yamashita is playing incredible golf right now, having rattled off 7 straight top-20 finishes:

#### Miyu Yamashita Last 7 Starts on LPGA Tour

Top 10 finishes	5
Top 20 finishes	7
Scoring average	69.54*
SG Total per round	+2.90
*Ranked Ath-hest in span	





#### Sei Young Kim

\*Sei Young Kim has seven top-ten finishes on the LPGA Tour this season, tied for most of any player without a victory.

# Most Top-10 Finishes Without a Win LPGA Tour This Season

Sei Young Kim	7
Nelly Korda	7
Hye Jin Choi	7
Ariya Jutanugarn	6
Andrea Lee	6

#### Sei Young Kim

#### LPGA Ranks Since Women's Scottish Open

		Rank
Scoring average	69.10	4th
SG Total	+2.97	4th
SG Ball Striking	+1.54	10th

#### Rio Takeda

\*Rio Takeda leads the LPGA Tour this season in strokes gained tee to green, strokes gained approach and greens in regulation:

#### Rio Takeda

#### **Ball Striking Ranks This Season**

		LPGA Rank
SG Tee to Green	+2.03	1st
SG Approach	+1.29	1st
Greens in regulation	76.4%	1st
Proximity 175-200 yards	34'5"	3rd

<sup>\*</sup>Sei Young Kim enters this week with five straight top-15 finishes. She's fourth on the LPGA Tour in scoring average and strokes gained total per round in that span.





#### **Ingrid Lindblad**

\*Ingrid Lindblad has been one of the most prolific putters from long distance in 2025. She is averaging 2.44 putts of 10+ feet made per round, the highest average among qualified players.

# Ingrid Lindblad Putting Ranks – LPGA Tour This Season

		Rank
Made of 10+ feet per round	2.44	1st
5 to 10 feet	72.4%	3rd
10 to 20 feet	30.7%	6th
Strokes gained putting	+0.86	11th

#### **Lauren Coughlin**

\*While many of Lauren Coughlin's ball striking metrics are up slightly this season, she has dipped outside the top-100 on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting per round.

### Lauren Coughlin

#### LPGA Tour Ranks - 2024 vs 2025

	2024	2025
SG Tee to Green	22nd	18th
SG Approach	28th	11th
Greens in regulation	5th	6th
SG Putting	15th	113th

#### **Jin Young Ko**

\*Jin Young Ko leads the LPGA Tour this season in average proximity to the hole from 125 to 150 yards away.

# Best Average Proximity – 125-150 Yards LPGA Tour This Season

Jin Young Ko	21'10"
Ashleigh Buhai	22'10"
Benedetta Moresco	22'11"
Emily Kristine Pedersen	23'0"
Rose Zhang	23'1"





#### **Andrea Lee**

\*Andrea Lee has seen her strokes gained number skyrocket in 2025 into the top 10. Just two seasons ago, she was losing strokes to the competition on average.

#### Andrea Lee

#### Strokes Gained Total - Last 3 Seasons

	Per Round	LPGA Rank
2023	-0.06	T-87th
2024	+0.50	50th
2025	+1.63	9th

<sup>\*</sup>Lee's putting has improved dramatically in that span – she has gone from 141st on the LPGA Tour in strokes gained putting per round in 2023 to 19th this season.

#### Andrea Lee

#### Putting Ranks - Last 3 LPGA Seasons

	2023	2024	2025
SG Putting	141st	44th	19th
Putts per GIR	118th	19th	20th

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#### Last 6 LPGA Starts (5 as Professional)

Top 3 finishes	3
Top 20 finishes	5
Scoring average	68.77
SG Total per round	+2.99
SG Ball Striking	+1.99

<sup>\*</sup>Lottie Woad tied for the field lead in greens in regulation but ranked 39th in birdie conversion rate. She finished just two shots behind Charley Hull:

#### **Lottie Woad**

#### Field Ranks - Kroger Queen City Championship

		Rank
Greens in regulation	84.7%	T-1st
Birdie conversion rate	36.1%	39th

<sup>\*</sup>Finished 2 shots behind Charley Hull

<sup>\*</sup>Lottie Woad is gaining nearly 3 strokes on the field per round in her last 6 LPGA starts.