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2026 AIG Women's Open

Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, England | Royal Lytham & St Annes Golf Club | July 30-August 2, 2026

Second-Round Notes

July 31, 2026

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Course Setup: 35-36—71, 6,529 yards

Weather: [Friday Forecast](#)

Race to CME Globe Points: 650 (winner)

Purse: \$10 million (\$1.5 million winner's purse)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Haeran Ryu	-7	67-70 – 135
2	Shiho Kuwaki	-6	66-70 – 136
T3	Yealimi Noh	-5	67-70 – 137
T3	Jeenoo Thitikul	-5	64-73 – 137

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- 68 players made the cut at +4 or better
 - Notables to miss the cut include:
 - Helen Briem** and **Chiara Tamburlini**, who are second and third in the European Solheim Cup Team points standings
 - The complete European Solheim Cup Team will be announced on Monday
 - Americans **Lilia Vu**, **Andrea Lee**, **Jennifer Kupcho**, **Megan Khang**, **Jenny Bae** and **Allisen Corpuz**
 - The cutoff event for the U.S. Solheim Cup Team is the CPKC Women's Open
 - Georgia Hall**, who won the last edition of the AIG Women's Open that was played at Royal Lytham & St Annes
 - Defending champion **Miyu Yamashita**
 - Sophia Popov**, who gave birth to her second child in February
- The lowest round of the day was 3-under par, shot by **Minami Katsu**, **Lucy Li**, **Jing Yan**, **Nelly Korda** and **Auston Kim**
- Leader: **Haeran Ryu** shot her second consecutive round in the 60s

- Has recorded 11 birdies through two rounds, the most of any player in the field
- Has hit 31/36 greens in regulation through two rounds, the most of any player in the field
- Only recorded three bogeys or worse through 36 holes
- This is her first second-round lead in a major championship
 - Was T2 following R2 of the 2026 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Was T3 following R2 of the 2026 Amundi Evian Championship
- 2nd: **Shiho Kuwaki** shot her second under-par round of the week with a 70 on Friday
 - Birdied the same three holes today (Nos. 4-6) that she did yesterday
 - Her best finish in a major championship is T14 from this year's U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Has five wins on the JLPGA Tour
- The low amateur after the cut is **Paula Martin Sampedro**, shooting rounds of 69 and 71 to sit at T8
 - Amateur **Kiara Romero** missed the cut and remains at 19 points in the LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Haeran Ryu
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	2
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	2
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	8
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$4.2M
Career LPGA Tour Wins	5
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	32
Career Official Money	\$9.9M

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 3 Haeran Ryu

- Fourth start at the AIG Women's Open
 - Best finish is T21 in 2023
 - Has never missed the cut at the event
- 2026: Two wins, eight top-10 finishes in 12 starts
 - Won the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and The Amundi Evian Championship in back-to-back starts
 - Has eight top-10 finishes this season – the second most of any player on the LPGA Tour
 - Missed just one cut at the Aramco Championship
- Career: Five wins, 32 top 10s, \$9.9 million in official career earnings
 - 2023 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown participant representing the Republic of Korea
 - Has five wins on the KLPGA Tour; was the 2020 KLPGA Rookie of the Year

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS (SINCE IT BECAME A MAJOR IN 2001):

18 holes – 62, Minea Blomqvist (R3, 2004); Mirim Lee, (R1, 2016)

36 holes – 132, Ashleigh Buhai (2019)

54 holes – 199, In-Kyung Kim (2017); Ashleigh Buhai (2022)

72 holes – 269, Karen Stupples (2004)

QUOTABLES

Yealimi Noh (T3, -5) on what has impacted her happiness on the course

“Yeah, for sure. My fiancé and I like to play a lot of golf together as well. He played a big role for me this week just being in a better mindset. He reminded me that golf can be fun. We played a lot of fun rounds up in Washington and he helped relax a lot more and get in a good mindset.”

Charley Hull (T6, -2) on the prank fallout and if that affected her today

“I did not, no, not think about it. What people don't understand is mine and Adsy's relationship. I think being British as well. Like you have banter and taking the Micky, if you get what I mean, out of each other. He's Australian. I don't think people understand mine and Adsy's relationship. Like we're very, very close. He's like a big brother to me. He is one of my best friends. He came to Wimbledon with me the other week. He's always taking the Micky out of me. He thought the joke was brilliant himself. Was showing everybody about it. He was laughing hard about it....”

Nelly Korda (T14, -1) on how she found the golf course today

“Yeah, it was definitely better than yesterday. Yeah, at the start of the round I just found myself in kind of difficult positions yesterday. Other than that flare out to the right on three today, I hit it really solid, and that's kind of what you need around here. You have to stay out of these pot bunkers and you really have to judge the bounces too. It's hard to, but just because it's sunny out doesn't mean the fairways are not kind of burnt out. They definitely have gotten firmer since yesterday playing in the morning obviously just judging the bounces and making sure you're in a good position. You know, sometimes having a 4-iron in on a par-4 is better than pitching out -- being aggressive, pitching out, and hitting a third into a green.”

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