The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican

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Third-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 35-35 – 70; 6,349 yards

Weather: Saturday Forecast

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: $3.25 million ($487,500 – winner's purse)

TV/Streaming Times: How to Watch

QUICK LINKS

Interview Transcripts

LPGA Tour Online Media Center (OMC): Tournament Website

SOCIAL MEDIA

LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga_tour (Instagram, TikTok)

Tournament: @theannikalpga

LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Lindy Duncan	-13	62-66 -69 – 197
2	Hye-Jin Choi	-12	61-67-70 – 198
3	Yuri Yoshida	-11	66-66-67 – 199

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Lindy Duncan** recorded her third consecutive round under-par
  - This is her first post-round lead after 54-holes in her career
  - Went bogey-free with one birdie
  - Registered her first bogey-free round of the tournament
    - The only other player to have a bogey-free round today was **Haeran Ryu**
  - Ranks top 10 in birdies made (14), fewest bogeys (3), and fewest putts (77)
- Second: **Hye-Jin Choi** carded four bogeys and four birdies to finish even-par
  - Has made a birdie or better on holes Nos. 6 and 7 in all three rounds
  - Hit 41/54 greens in regulation, tied for the fifth best in the field
  - Had a bogey on the 18th to give Duncan sole possession of the lead
- Third: **Yuri Yoshida** shot a 3-under with a 67
  - Has just two bogeys through 54-holes, which is the fewest in the field
  - Started the day T9

- Hit 13/14 fairways

BUBBLE WATCH

- The biggest risers in the Race to the CME Globe ranking are:
  - Lindy Duncan is currently the leader; started at No. 74 and is projected to be No. 34 with her current finish
  - Julia Lopez Ramirez is currently at T5; started at No. 66 and is projected to be No. 51 with her current finish
- Players currently on the top-60 bubble include:
  - 1st: Lindy Duncan; currently No. 74, projected to No. 34
  - T5: Julia Lopez Ramirez; currently No. 66, projected to No. 51
  - T8: Dewi Weber; currently No. 67, projected to No. 60
  - T18: Minji Kang; currently No. 65, projected No. 61
  - T22: Rose Zhang; currently No. 53, projected to No. 53
  - T26: Grace Kim; currently No. 51, projected to No. 52
  - T26: Weiwei Zhang; currently 57, projected to No. 58
  - T30: Karis Davidson; currently No. 54, projected to No. 54
  - T30: Ayaka Furue; currently No. 56, projected to No. 59
  - T30: Mao Saigo; currently No. 55, projected to No. 57
  - T43: Pauline Roussin-Bouchard; currently No. 59, projected to No. 62
  - T52: Leona Maguire: currently No. 52, projected to No. 56
  - T64: Jodi Ewart Shadoff; currently No. 60, projected to No. 64
- Players currently on the top-100 bubble include:
  - T8: Frida Kinhult; currently No. 98, projected to No. 90
  - T8: Melanie Green; currently at No. 92, projected to No. 81
  - T30: Suvichaya Vinijchaitham: currently at 94, projected to No. 95
  - T55: Megan Khang; currently at No. 105, projected to No. 104
  - T59: Carolina Melgrati; currently at No. 99, projected to No. 99
  - T59: Brianna Do; currently at No. 103, projected to No. 103
  - T59: Hinako Shibuno; currently at No. 96, projected to No. 97
  - T59: Dongeun Lee; currently at No. 100, projected to No. 100
  - T64: Michelle Zhang; currently at No. 97, projected to No. 98
  - 73rd: Mimi Rhodes; currently at No. 104, projected to No. 105

WITH A WIN

<u>Lindy Duncan</u>

- Would be the Tour's fifth Rolex First-Time Winner this season
  - Would join **Yuna Nishimura**, **Yuri Yoshida**, **Yana Wilson** and **Gina Kim**
- Would be the first player to make The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican their first win since the tournament began in 2020
  - Would win in her 222nd start on the LPGA Tour
  - 222 is currently the 11th longest streak from active players for starts without a win
- Would be the third different American to win this event
  - Would join **Nelly Korda** and **Lilia Vu**
- Would be the oldest winner this season at 35 years, 9 months and 30 days

    - Oldest winner since **Lauren Coughlin** won earlier this season at 33 years, 6 months and 9 days
- Would be the fourth oldest winner in the last 10 season
    - Would be behind Angela Stanford (43 in 2020, 40 in 2018), Cristie Kerr (40 in 2017, 39 in 2017) and Eun-Hi Jee (36 in 2022)
- Would be the 210th American to win at least once on the LPGA Tour
    - Would join Wilson and Kim as the newest American winners on the LPGA Tour in 2026
- Would win in her seventh start at this event
- Would be the third player to start the tournament 70th or higher since the ANNIKA began being played the week before the CME Group Tour Championship and qualify
    - Would join Stephanie Kyriacou in 2023 (she was 71st entering the ANNIKA, and finished T-5 in that event) and Lucy Li in 2025 (she was 71st entering the ANNIKA, and finished T-4 in that event)
- Would become the 19th unique winner on Tour this season

Hye-Jin Choi

- Would become a Rolex First-Time winner
- Would become the fifth Rolex First-Time winner this season
    - Joins **Gina Kim**, **Yana Wilson**, **Yuna Nishimura** and **Yuri Yoshida**
- Would be the 53rd player from the Republic of Korea to win on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the first winner from the Republic of Korea since Jenny Shin (ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open)
- Would win in her 127th start on Tour
    - Joined the LPGA Tour in 2022
    - Has had nine previous runner-up finishes on the LPGA Tour
- Would become the second player from the Republic of Korea to win The ANNIKA, including the inaugural winner, Sei Young Kim
- Would become the fifth winner from the Republic of Korea this season
    - Joins **Mi Hyang Lee**, **Hyo Joo Kim**, **Haeran Ryu**, and **Jenny Shin**
- Would become the 19th unique winner on Tour this season

Yuri Yoshida

- Would earn her second LPGA Tour victory in her last four starts on the LPGA Tour
    - Won the BMW Ladies Championship less than a month ago to become a Rolex First-Time Winner
    - The last player to earn her first and second LPGA Tour wins within 30 days was **Lauren Coughlin** (CPKC Women's Open, July 28, 2024; ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open, August 18, 2024)
    - The only player from Japan to win twice within 30 days was **Ai Miyazato** (Honda LPGA Thailand, February 21, 2010; HSBC Women's World Championship, February 28, 2010)
- Would be the 12th player from Japan with two or more wins on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the fourth consecutive LPGA Tour winner from Japan
    - This would be the first time there has been four consecutive Japanese winners on the LPGA Tour
- Would earn her second win in her 69th start on Tour
    - Joined the LPGA Tour in 2024
- Would become the first player from the Japan to win The ANNIKA

- Would be the eighth time a player from Japan won a 2026 LPGA Tour event
    - Japan would have the most wins of any other country represented on the LPGA Tour
- Would become the eighth player with two or more LPGA Tour wins this season

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Lindy Duncan
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	74
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1
2026 Official Season Earnings	$388.6K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	15
Career Official Money	$3.4 M

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 76 Lindy Duncan

- Seventh start at The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
    - 2025 – T13, 2024 – T34, 2023 – T31, 2022 – MC, 2021 – T40, 2020 – T27
- 2026: 19 cuts made in 24 starts with one top 10 finish
    - Lone top 10 came at the HSBC Women's World Championship, where she finished seventh
    - Made her Solheim Cup debut representing the United States
        - Went 2-1-0 on the week
    - Currently outside the top 60 in the Race to the CME Globe and not qualified for the CME Group Tour Championship next week
- Career: 15 top 10 finishes with $3.4 million in official career earnings
    - Winner of the 2025 Heather Farr Perseverance Award
    - Has a career-best finish of runner-up at the 2025 Chevron Championship
        - Her first runner-up finish since 2018
    - Played on the Epson Tour finishing 13th on the Epson Tour's Race for the Card in 2015

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes – **61, Aki Iwai (R2, 2026), Minami Katsu and Hye-Jin Choi (R1, 2026),** and Amy Yang (R3, 2023)
36 holes – **128, Hye-Jin Choi, Carlota Ciganda, and Lindy Duncan (2026)**, Emily Kristine Pedersen (2023)
54 holes – 192, Emily Kristine Pedersen (2023)
72 holes – 261, Linn Grant (2025) and Lilia Vu (2023)

QUOTABLES

Lindy Duncan (1, -13) on the biggest changes from the course today

"I think the biggest challenge was adapting to the changes in the course. Because like Thursday Friday is lift, clean, and place and it's not rolling out very much with the approach shots. Today you're playing the ball down, the fairways aren't rolling out that much, so it's playing long but the greens are firmer and it's windier and some of pins are on pretty good slopes. So you have a lot more going on, and I think just trying to manage those conditions and adapt to them as quick as you can. I think that's the hardest part."

Hye-Jin Choi (2, -12) on having so many close opportunities to win and what she has learned from them
"I think that it's good that I have lots of opportunities to play in the final group and to get the chance to win. I have some memories that I didn't make my win, but I still have that experience. I am just going to try myself, and if it didn't work out really well on the front nine tomorrow, I'm just going to try to concentrate until the end."

Yuri Yoshida (3, -11) on what she has done to maintain success through three rounds
"I focus on catch the green. But last two days was soft fairways, soft greens, but ball stop, but today is getting firm and green is really fast. So catch green I think it's most important thing."

Frida Kinhult (T8,-7) on how she maintains focus knowing where she is at on the Race to the CME Globe list
"It's going to sound cliche, but one shot at a time. Honestly, I tried to put some small bets with my caddie, if I hole this shot or make this putt, whatever, and just really focus on one of shot at a time. Whatever happens with the CME happens and we'll take it from there. As I said after I think Thursday round as well, it's hard to like pull it aside fully, but just trying to do my best to not focus on it and go after it out there."

Pauline Roussin-Bouchard (T43, -1) on competing this week trying to play her way into the CME Group Tour Championship
"I'll be completely honest with you, it's been in my mind 100%. I've had to kind of deal with that. But at the same time I've had a pretty rocky season, and the way I've been thinking about it is like I gave myself a chance and I'm still giving myself a chance. Unfortunately, I think I started to play good a little too late in the season, and so like fingers crossed I can make it. I think some players are playing really good and I think it's going to be a little short this year. One more round. We'll see."