



2026 Blue Bay LPGA

Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course | Hainan Island, Hainan, People's Republic of China | Mar. 5-8, 2026

First-Round Notes

Mar. 5, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,505 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 72.926

Weather: Mostly sunny conditions with a steady wind out of the NE from 10 to 15 mph. Temperatures start in the low 70s moving to the low 80s in the afternoon.

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$2.6 million (winner's prize, \$390,000)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Youmin Hwang	-6	66
T1	Mary Liu	-6	66
T1	Weiwei Zhang	-6	66
T4	Mi Hyang Lee	-5	67
T4	Zining An	-5	67
T4	Auston Kim	-5	67

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leaders: **Mary Liu**, **Weiwei Zhang**, and **Youmin Hwang** opened the week with 66's
 - Liu made six birdies and was bogey-free in R1
 - Hit 13/14 fairways, 13/18 greens, and 25 putts
 - One of four players to go bogey-free in R1
 - This is Liu's first time with the lead/co-lead after R1
 - Her 66 is her best opening round of her career
 - This is her best career round at Jian Lake Blue Bay Golf Course
 - Is one of three athletes from the People's Republic of China in the top 5
 - Zhang recorded five birdies, one eagle, and one bogey
 - Hit 8/14 fairways, 9/18 greens, and with 22 putts
 - Had 9 putts on the front nine
 - This is her first time with the lead/co-lead after R1

- The 66 is her best opening round of her career
 - Is one of three athletes from the People's Republic of China in the top 5
 - Hwang made six birdies and was bogey-free
 - Hit 7/14 fairways, 13/18 greens, and had 25 putts
 - Made three straight birdies on holes 15, 16, and 17
 - This is Hwang's first time with the lead/co-lead after R1
 - Her 66 is the best opening round of her career
 - One of four players to go bogey-free in R1
- T4: **Mi Hyang Lee, Zining An, and Auston Kim** start the week with 67's
 - Lee made seven birdies and two bogeys in the first round
 - Hit 5/14 fairways, 11/18 greens, and had 25 putts
 - Her seven birdies are T2 among the field in R1
 - Only Auston Kim had more (9)
 - Her 67 is her best career round at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - Is making her seventh appearance at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - Has made the cut in her six other appearances
 - Finished T10 in 2017
 - An made four birdies, one eagle, and one bogey in R1
 - Hit 10/14 fairways, 14/18 greens, and had 28 putts
 - Her 14 greens hit in regulation puts her at T5 among the field
 - This is her third career LPGA Tour start
 - 2025 Blue Bay LPGA (MC) and 2025 Buick LPGA Shanghai (MC)
 - Is one of three athletes from the People's Republic of China in the top 5
 - Kim recorded nine birdies and four bogeys on Thursday
 - Hit 10/14 fairways, 16/18 greens, and had 30 putts
 - Her nine birdies led the field in R1
 - She also leads the field in greens in regulation, with 16
 - This is her ninth round of the season, and she has recorded seven rounds in the 60s
 - Finished second last week at the HSBC Women's World Championship
- Defending champion **Rio Takeda** shot 1-under in her first round
 - She made three birdies and two bogeys

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Youmin Hwang	Weiwei Zhang	Mary Liu
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	17	N/A	N/A
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1	0	0
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$128.5K	N/A	N/A
Career LPGA Tour Wins	1	0	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	2	3	2
Career Official Money	\$128.5K	\$898.0K	\$479.9K

ABOUT THE LEADERS**[Rolex Rankings No. 30 Youmin Hwang](#)**

- Making her first appearance at the Blue Bay LPGA
- 2026: Two cuts made in two starts
 - Finished T5 at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions and T18 at the HSBC Women's World Championship
- Career: One win, two top 10s and \$128.5K in official career earnings
 - Won the 2025 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei as a non-member and deferred membership to the 2026 season
 - Joined the LPGA Tour in 2026
- Has three career wins on the KLPGA

[Rolex Rankings No. 127 Weiwei Zhang](#)

- Seventh appearance at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - Her best result was T31 in 2024
 - Has missed the cut one time (2025)
- 2026: This is her first start of the season on the LPGA Tour
- Career: Three top 10s and \$898.0K in official career earnings
 - First joined the LPGA Tour in 2022
 - Career best finish of T2 at The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge in 2023
 - Represented the People's Republic of China at the 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- Has five career wins on the CLPGA
 - Her four wins on the CLPGA in 2019 made her the first player in CLPGA history to win four times in one season

[Rolex Rankings No. 136 Mary Liu](#)

- Third appearance at the Blue Bay LPGA
 - 2025 – T71, 2024 – T41
- 2026: This is her first start of the season on the LPGA Tour
- Career: Two top 10s and \$479.9K in official career earnings
 - First joined the LPGA Tour in 2024
 - Career best finishes of T5 at the 2025 Kroger Queen City Championship presented by P&G and the 2024 Dana Open
 - Finished the 2025 season at No. 80 in the Race to the CME Globe
- Has two wins on the CLPGA

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 64, Rio Takeda (R4, 2025); Savannah Grewal (R3, 2024)

36 holes: 132, Minjee Lee (2016)

54 holes: 200, Lee-Anne Pace (2014)

72 holes: 269, Bailey Tardy (2024)

QUOTABLE

Youmin Hwang (T1, -6) on her goals for her rookie season

"I want to be able to finish this season without being hurt, and I want to make sure to end up playing in the CME championship."

Weiwei Zhang (T1, -6) on her plan to maintain her position on the leaderboard

"First of all, this course is really difficult, and the wind is going to be strong. To maintain a good result, I need to stay patient. It's easy to miss the greens when facing these conditions. When facing difficulties, you have to remain patient and focus on playing every shot well."

Mary Liu (T1, -6) on her third appearance at the Blue Bay LPGA

"I remember the wind being particularly strong last year. This morning, the wind wasn't as strong. Every time I come here, I think the course is beautiful. I really enjoy playing here. Compared to last year, I'm in an even better mood this time."

Mi Hyang Lee (T4, -5) on the wind during the afternoon

"So it was really windy day for the afternoon group. Winds starting blowing before we started No. 10, and so it was a little pressure. No. 10 was super long. Second shot was 3-wood. I made bogey start, but still just trying to be patient today. Then pin location wasn't that easy for me on the back nine when I started, so stayed patient and just start to drop the putt from the par-5 No. 14. Then just made straight to the birdie four in five holes, so that gave me the good momentum and made me more confident as well."

Auston Kim (T4, -5) on how her game is feeling entering her third tournament in a row

"Yeah, I feel like mentally I'm on top of things very often, more often. Put in a lot of hard work over the offseason, and really cool to see it pay off. Overall, my game is feeling okay. I feel like last week I didn't really have my A-game, and today I didn't really have my A-game, but my short game and putting is really saving me. I hit my irons better today, too, so more chances."

Emma McMyler (T7, -4) on her first round on the LPGA Tour as a professional

"Yeah, I wasn't too nervous to start out. I was just pretty steady, but just stayed calm and know that I prepared well this offseason. I put in the work, and I'm ready to perform."

Ruoning Yin (T7, -4) on the fans at the Blue Bay LPGA

"There were so many fans, I was quite surprised. I didn't expect so many people to come watch on a Thursday. I had a great time playing, and I hope everyone enjoyed watching too."

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