



## 2026 Blue Bay LPGA

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

### Third-Round Notes

Mar. 7, 2026

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**Course Setup:** 36-36—72, 6,477 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 72.926, R2: 73.556, R3: 73.002

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy conditions with a steady wind out of the NE from 7 to 15 mph and gusts of 20+ 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
1	Mi Hyang Lee	-12	67-66-71 - 204
T2	Hye-Jin Choi	-9	71-68-68 - 207
T2	Yu Liu	-9	68-66-73 - 207
T4	Three tied	-8	208

### COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Leader: Mi Hyang Lee** leads after three rounds at 12-under
  - Shot 1-under 71 in R3
  - Made seven birdies and six bogeys on the day
    - Made one par on her front nine
  - Hit 8/14 fairways, 13/18 greens, and had 28 putts
  - This is her fourth time with the lead/co-lead after 54 holes
    - Has not converted her last two 54-hole leads into wins
    - Won the 2014 TOTO Japan Classic after holding the 54-hole lead
- **T2: Hye-Jin Choi** and **Yu Liu** are tied at 207
  - Choi carded a 4-under 68 in R3
    - Recorded five birdies and one bogey in R3
      - All five of her birdies came on the front nine
    - Hit 9/14 fairways, 12/18 greens, and had 26 putts
    - This is her second appearance at the Blue Bay LPGA

- Finished ninth in 2024
      - If she earns the win, she would become a Rolex First-Time Winner
  - Liu shot a 1-over 73 in R3
    - Made two birdies, one eagle, three bogeys, and one double bogey
    - Hit 8/14 greens, 8/18 fairways, and had 27 putts
    - This is her seventh appearance at the Blue Bay LPGA
      - Her best result is T12 in 2018
    - If she earns the win, she would become the second player from the People's Republic of China to win the Blue Bay LPGA, joining **Shanshan Feng**
- Amateur **Yujie Liu** from the People's Republic of China is 2-under for the tournament after 54 holes
  - She is the only amateur in the field to make the cut
  - Shot a 2-under 70 in R2 and R3
  - Is currently T25
  - Will earn a LEAP point if she finishes inside the top 40
- Defending champion **Rio Takeda** is T4 heading into the final round after a 67 in R3
  - Is four shots back of the leader
  - Made four birdies, one eagle, and one bogey in R3
  - Would become the first player to defend their title at the Blue Bay LPGA if she wins

## WITH A WIN

### Mi Hyang Lee

- Would earn her third LPGA Tour victory and her first since the 2017 ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
- Would become the fourth different winner through four events in the 2026 LPGA Tour season
- Would become the 24th player from the Republic of Korea to earn three or more wins on the LPGA Tour
- Would surpass \$6 million in career official earnings
- Would surpass \$400,000 in season official earnings
- Would become the first player from the Republic of Korea to win this season
- Would become the second Korean player to win the Blue Bay LPGA, joining **Sei Young Kim** (2015)
- Would be her second LPGA Tour win in Asia
  - Won the 2014 TOTO Japan Classic (formerly the Mizuno Classic)

## A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Mi Hyang Lee
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	52
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$24.6K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	29
Career Official Money	\$5.7M

**ABOUT THE LEADER**[Rolex Rankings No. 83 Mi Hyang Lee](#)

- Making her seventh appearance at the Blue Bay LPGA
  - 2025 – T22, 2024 – T21, 2018 – T18, 2017 – T10, 2015 – T46, 2014 – T32
- 2026: Two cuts made in two starts
  - Finished T24 at Honda LPGA Thailand and T58 at the HSBC Women's World Championship
- Career: Two wins, 29 top 10s, and \$5.7M in official career earnings
  - First joined the LPGA Tour in 2012
  - Won the 2017 ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open and the 2014 Mizuno Classic
  - Recorded three top 10 finishes in the 2025 season
    - Had a season-best finish of sixth at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
    - Finished No. 50 in the Race to the CME Globe, her best result since 2019 (35)
  - Won the 2012 Epson Classic on the Epson Tour for her first career victory
    - Finished sixth on the Epson Tour Official Money List in 2012, winning the Gaelle Truett Epson Tour Rookie of the Year Award

**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**

*Mi Hyang Lee (1st, -12) on the Japanese and Chinese players on Tour*

"Yes, I agree. I felt since I think three years ago a lot of Chinese players came to the LPGA, and also just a lot of Japanese players came to our Tour as well and they play so well."

*Hye-Jin Choi (T2, -9) on her good start and overall round*

"So I had a really good start of the round and my shot was really good and I had lots of birdie chances. I also made a lot of long putts. The back nine it was not a really good situation compared to the front nine, but I made a lot of good saves."

*A Lim Kim (T4, -8) on her third round*

"Yeah, out there really tough today but I made a lot of good shots. Couple unlucky, but that's golf."

*Aditi Ashok (T4, -8) on this week being more mentally demanding*

"Yeah, I think this week is actually physically pretty good. It's not super warm compared to like Thailand or Singapore. So weather is pretty good; just really windy. So it's like you're thinking -- I'm not saying you're thinking more on every shot. You're thinking on every golf shot. Here it's just every single time you're looking at where the wind is going to be stronger or what's the miss, and golfers don't like to think about the miss. I feel like on this course I'm just thinking about the miss a lot. It's not a negative thing. You just have to plan for your misses because otherwise the golf course gets hard."

*Lucy Li (T9, -6) on her third round score reflecting her play all week*

“Yeah, definitely give you lot of confidence, but I've played well the last couple of days. I just didn't score as well as I should have. So I sort of knew that I had that in me. So tomorrow is just another day and stick to the game plan and not think about any results.”

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[Yu Liu One Back Heading into Weekend at Blue Bay LPGA](#)

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### SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

[Mi Hyang ends her round on !\[\]\(626ce8ac21792b9405bfddfea8e0c96a\_img.jpg\), leading by 3 going into the final round](#)

[Rio Takeda making moves on moving day 😊↔️](#)

[Yu Liu jumping for joy after that dunk in eagle 🙌](#)

[Weiwei Zhang back to back birdies to make moves 😬](#)

[Mi Hyang Lee birdies to continue leading the pack 🙌](#)

[Hye-Jin Choi with that loooong birdie putt climbing up the leaderboard 🏆](#)

[Mi Hyang Lee starting off hot with two birdies in a row 🥳🥳](#)