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Second-Round Notes

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Hye-Jin Choi	-6	64-74 – 138
T2	Amy Yang	-4	69-71 – 140
T2	Grace Kim	-4	68-72 – 140
T4	Three tied	-3	141

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Hye-Jin Choi**
 - Made two birdies and four bogeys
 - This is her third time with the lead/co-lead after 36 holes
 - Her last lead was at the 2025 Maybank Championship
 - Finished T2
 - Her 10 birdies through 36 holes are tied for the most in the field with **Carlota Ciganda**
- T2: **Amy Yang** and **Grace Kim**

Yang

 - Made four birdies and three bogeys
 - One of six players to shoot under par in R2
 - The only player in the top 8 to shoot under par
 - The only player in the field to shoot under par in both rounds

Kim

 - Made two birdies and two bogeys
 - Only has 52 putts through 36 holes

- Tied for the third fewest
 - Holed out from the bunker on hole 15 for birdies
 - [A sandy chip-in to secure the birdie !!](#)
- The past two champions in **Jeeno Thitikul** and **Ruoning Yin**, both sit at 2-under for the tournament
- Only nine players are under par for the tournament

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Hye-Jin Choi
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	15
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	4
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$1.1M
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	33
Career Official Money	\$7.2M

ABOUT THE LEADER

[Rolex Rankings No. 27 Hye-Jin Choi](#)

- Fourth start at the Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - 2025 – T11, 2024 – T5, 2023 – T3
- 2026: 17 cuts made in 22 starts with four top 10s
 - Finished runner-up at the Dow Championship with partner Hyo Joo Kim
 - Finished T13 in her last start at the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
- Career: 33 top 10s and \$7.2M in official career earnings
 - Represented the Republic of Korea in the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown (2023 and 2025)
 - 12-time winner on the KLPGA
 - Finished second in the 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year standings behind Jeeno Thitikul

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes – 61, Minami Katsu (R1, 2025)

36 holes – 131, Minami Katsu (2025)

54 holes – 198, Mao Saigo (2024)

72 holes – 263, Ruoning Yin (2024)

*All Records were set at Qizhong Garden Golf Club

QUOTABLES

Hye-Jin Choi (1, -6) on still being in the lead after a tough day

“Actually, my body is not in perfect condition but I am still on the lead. I'm really looking forward on the weekend, and I'm just going think about tomorrow and Sunday that I'm just playing first and second round. I really want to make my first win.”

Amy Yang (T2, -4) on what she had to do to shoot under par

"You know, all I can do is just intensely focus on what I have in front of me right at the time. That's all I can do. That's what I've been practicing over the years, and, yeah, I think it worked pretty well today, yeah."

Grace Kim (T2, -4) on the course firming up

"Yeah, there was a couple holes where I honestly just tried to play it for the bunker instead of the green knowing that greens have firmed up. I guess some of the pin positions were tucked as well or it was kind of on a downslope of our landing area. Yeah, just strategically you really had to be precise. Again, I think there was two holes where I played for the bunker. Yeah, making sure you're not trying to be too down on yourself for missing the fairway and having to play into a bunker. You just have to make up and down. Again, like you said, it was really tough out there today."

Minji Kang (T17, +2) on her hole-in-one

"Yeah, I saw that went in. I didn't really expect like going -- made another hole-in-one this year. It was my second hole-in-one this year. But so I was surprised and happy with it."