

**Buick LPGA Shanghai**

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**Third-Round Notes**

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**LEADERBOARD**

|    | Player       | To par | Score          |
|----|--------------|--------|----------------|
| 1  | Hye-Jin Choi | -9     | 64-74-69 – 207 |
| 2  | Amy Yang     | -8     | 69-71-68 – 208 |
| 3  | Ruoning Yin  | -7     | 68-74-67 – 209 |
| T4 | Two tied     | -4     | 212            |

**COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Leader: **Hye-Jin Choi**
  - Made four birdies and one bogey
    - Made all four birdies on the front nine
  - This is her fifth time with the lead/co-lead after 54 holes
    - Has yet to convert a 54-hole lead into a win
    - Her last 54-hole lead was at the 2026 Dow Championship with partner **Hyo Joo Kim**
      - Finished second
  - Is tied for the least number of bogeys made with **Carlota Ciganda** (5)
- 2nd: **Amy Yang**
  - Made seven birdies and three bogeys
    - Leads the field in birdies made with 16 total
  - The only player in the field to shoot under par in all three rounds
  - Is second in greens in regulation hit (41/54)
- 3rd: **Ruoning Yin**
  - Made five birdies and was bogey-free

- One of three players to go bogey-free in R3
- The third round 67 was tied for the low round of the day
  - **Alison Lee, Jennifer Kupcho, and Yuri Yoshida** also shot 67
- This was her best round at the Buick LPGA Shanghai since her final round 63 in 2024
  - Went on to win the event

## WITH A WIN

### Hye-Jin Choi

- Would become a Rolex First Time winner
- Would become the fourth Rolex First Time winner this season
  - Joins **Gina Kim, Yana Wilson, and Yuna Nishimura**
- Would be the 53rd player from the Republic of Korea to win on the LPGA Tour
- Would win in her 124th start on Tour
  - Joined the LPGA Tour in 2022
- Would become the first player from the Republic of Korea to win Buick LPGA Shanghai
- 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 18th unique winner on Tour this season

### Amy Yang

- Would earn her seventh win on the LPGA Tour
  - Would be her first win since the 2024 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- Would join **In-Kyung Kim** and **Sung Hyun Park** with the ninth most wins on the LPGA Tour from the Republic of Korea
- Would surpass \$1 million in official season earnings
- Would surpass \$17 million in official career earnings
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### Ruoning Yin

- Would earn her second win of the 2026 LPGA Tour season
- Would become the seventh player to win multiple times this season
  - Would join **Nelly Korda, Hyo Joo Kim, Hannah Green, Jeeno Thitikul, Haeran Ryu, and Miyu Yamashita**
- Would join **Danielle Kang** as the only player to have multiple victories at the Buick LPGA Shanghai
- Would earn her seventh win on the LPGA Tour
  - Would move her within three wins of the all-time leader from the People's Republic of China **Shanshan Feng** (10 wins)
- Would win in her second straight start on the LPGA Tour
  - Won in her last start at the FM Championship
- Would surpass \$3 million in official season earnings

**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 (1st, -9) on how she will handle her lead tomorrow*

“I think there will be a lot of fans out there tomorrow. Actually, we're just one shot difference so I'm just going to try and play my game tomorrow, and I want a good result tomorrow.”

*Amy Yang (2nd, -8) on playing with Hye-Jin Choi in the third round*

“Oh, yeah, she has great energy. It's so nice to see her playing, and I also enjoy playing with her together. And, yeah, I'm going to play with her again tomorrow.”

*Ruoning Yin (3rd, -7) on the support she has had this week*

“It's amazing, especially today a weekend. A lot of kids came out and the crowd is getting bigger I think the back nine. Just amazing play in front of all of the fans, and I hope tomorrow I can put on a show.”

*Alison Lee (6th, -2) on how Sheshan Golf Club is playing this week*

"I would say this course is a beast. You know, this obviously isn't one of our major championships, but especially the first two days it definitely was playing like it. It was playing challenging. It was playing long. Even some of the greens as well. You have long clubs into a few holes where, I mean, you can't miss it or else you have a high chance of making a bogey."