



2026 The Chevron Championship

Memorial Park Golf Course | Houston, Texas | April 23-26, 2026

First-Round Notes

April 23, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,651

Scoring Average: R1: 73.039

Weather: Partly cloudy conditions throughout the day with temperatures reaching into the mid-80s F; southeast winds near 10mph with gusts up to 15 and 20mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 650 (winner)

Purse: \$9 million (winner's prize, \$1.35 million)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Nelly Korda	-7	65
T2	Patty Tavatanakit	-5	67
T2	Somi Lee	-5	67
T4	Five players	-4	68

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Nelly Korda** leads at 65
 - Second-lowest opening round of major championship career (64, 2022 Amundi Evian Championship)
 - First bogey-free round in any major since the 2024 AIG Women's Open (Rd 2)
 - She went 4-under on par 5s today
 - She is -21 on par 5s in her 2 major championship victories
 - 8.03 strokes gained total today
 - Her second most in a major championship

- [Nelly Korda Golf Channel First Round Interview | 2026 The Chevron Championship](#)
- T2: **Patty Tavatanakit** and **Somi Lee** are tied at 67
 - Tavatanakit went bogey-free in her opening round
 - This is her first bogey-free round at The Chevron Championship since her final round of the 2021 playing
 - Her opening round 67 is her third-lowest first round at a major championship
 - Ties her 67 at the 2022 Chevron Championship, went on to finish T4
 - [Patty Tavatanakit First Round Highlights | 2026 The Chevron Championship](#)
 - Lee recorded her first round in the 60s at The Chevron Championship
 - It is her first opening round in the 60s at a major championship since the 2025 Amundi Evian Championship
 - [Somi Lee First Round Highlights | 2026 The Chevron Championship](#)
- T4: **Farah O’Keefe**, **Pauline Roussin-Bouchard**, **Yuri Yoshida**, **Yan Liu** all tied at 68
 - O’Keefe tied the second lowest opening round at The Chevron Championship by an amateur
 - Roussin-Bouchard tied her lowest 18-hole score at a major championship
 - Yoshida set a new career-best 18-hole score at The Chevron Championship
 - Liu recorded her second-straight opening round of 68 or better in back-to-back starts at The Chevron Championship

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Nelly Korda
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	1
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	1
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	4
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$1.1M
Career LPGA Tour Wins	16
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	79
Career Official Money	\$17.2M

ABOUT THE LEADERS

[Rolex Rankings No. 2 Nelly Korda](#)

- Ninth start at The Chevron Championship
 - 2025 – T14, 2024 – WON, 2023 – 3, 2021 – T3, 2020 – T2, 2019 – T52, 2018 – T13, 2017 – T42
- 2026: Four cuts made in four starts with one win and three additional top 10s
 - Won the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Finished runner-up in back-to-back-back starts at the Fortinet Founders Cup, the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass and the Aramco Championship
- Career: 16 wins, two major championship victories, 77 top 10s, \$16.9 million in official career earnings
 - In 2024, earned seven wins, including five in consecutive starts
 - Became the first player since 2011 to win seven times in a single season
 - Became the third player in LPGA Tour history to have a season with six or more wins, capture a team victory in the Solheim Cup and earn Player of the Year honors, alongside Beth Daniel (1990) and Annika Sorenstam (2003)
 - 2024 Rolex Player of the Year and Rolex ANNIKA Major Award winner

- Two-time Olympian for the United States, 2020 Gold Medal winner in Tokyo
- Four-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS (OVERALL):

18 holes – 62, Lorena Ochoa (2006) and Lydia Ko (2021) at Mission Hills Country Club

36 holes – 132, Sung Hyun Park and Pernilla Lindberg (2018) at Mission Hills Country Club

54 holes – 200, Jennifer Kupcho (2022) at Mission Hills Country Club

72 holes – 269, Dottie Pepper (1999) at Mission Hills Country Club

QUOTABLE

Nelly Korda (1, 65) on what she was impressed with in her opening round

“What was I impressed with? Overall everything. I made some good putts for par as well. I actually made a really long one on my first hole which could have started out the day with a bogey and I didn't. I made a really solid putt. Even on the second hole where I saved probably a five-footer for birdie and I think I saved almost a seven-footer -- sorry for par. And I also saved about a seven, six-, seven-foot slider for par on the first hole. So made some good up and downs. Made some good saves for par. I think just overall I was pretty happy with every part of the game. Just maybe hit my driver a little bit far left and right on a couple holes. There wasn't just one direct miss. But on a golf course like this where the rough isn't too high I think it's okay.”

Patty Tavatanakit (T2 ,67) on how much credit she gives her scrambling to help her round today

“I'm pretty like confident with my short game I would say, so it does open up a lot of room to not be perfect with everything else. Just kind of trying to get it in front and then get close to the hole as I can and then always looking forward for the next shot.”

Somi Lee (T2 ,67) on what was going well for her on the course

“(Through translation.) Recently I've been having problems with my shots. I think the problem is I was trying to hit it so perfectly which made the problem. And one part I improved was my mental game, and also before the round I practiced my putter more than usual. I think that helped a lot definitely.”

Yan Liu (T4 ,68) on what the most important thing to focus on this week on the course

“I think you have to give approach shot -- you have to give yourself a lot of birdie chance because this course very easy to have bogeys and very easy to make a mistake. You have to get more chance to make the birdies.”

Farah O'Keefe (T4, 68) on what her nerves were like today

“Yeah, I feel like on the first tee I was kind of calm. I really didn't feel any nerves on the first tee. I feel like that's kind of my safe space. You feel the nerves when you're warming up. As soon as you get to the tee box you're like, okay, I can finally play. The wait is finally over. I hit it in a greenside bunker on the first hole. Got up and down, but that was the first time that I really was like, oh, like I'm playing here. I should probably focus and I'm a little bit nervous. But that was the first kind of piece of it. I told Bentley that I was kind of a little shaky there. She was like, man, don't worry about it. We're good. We got 17 holes left to play. It's whatever. Coming down the stretch on the back nine I felt the nerves definitely. But done the work where control my breathing, make sure I'm still making good decisions. Very lucky to have B there. I don't know, we think a lot alike. I fell like she reads putts the same way I do. We play so much golf together. She knows when I'm getting flustered so she could feel it before I said anything, which was good. She was just like, hey, we got this. Focus.”

Let's go. So it's very -- I don't know, lighthearted, it's fun. We're laughing. We were talking about just random things all day.”

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