CME Group Tour Championship

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Third-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36 – 72; 6,762 yards

Weather: Saturday Forecast

Race to CME Globe Points: Winner becomes Race to the CME Globe Champion

Purse: $11 million ($4 million– winner's purse)

TV/Streaming Times: How to Watch

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Interview Transcripts

LPGA Tour Online Media Center (OMC)

Tournament Website

SOCIAL MEDIA

LPGA Tour: @LPGA, @LPGAMedia (X), @lpga_tour (Instagram, TikTok)

Tournament: @CMEgrouptourchamp (Instagram, Facebook), @CMEGroupLPGA (X)

LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	A Lim Kim	-18	65-64-69 - 198
T2	Yuri Yoshida	-17	68-65-66 – 199
T2	Jeeno Thitikul	-17	65-67-67 – 199
T4	Nelly Korda	-16	68-67-67 – 200
T4	Auston Kim	-16	66-67-67 – 200

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Leader: A Lim Kim**
  - Had six birdies and three bogeys
    - Hit into the water on No. 18 to loosen her lead with a bogey
  - Leads the field with 22 birdies across 54 holes
    - Her record for most birdies in a tournament is 25
  - The third time she has led after 54 holes of play
    - She has gone on to win after every instance
  - Is in the top 10 among the field for:
    - Greens in regulation (46/54, T7)
    - Putts (82, T5)
    - Driving distance (269.2 yards, 3)
- T2: **Yuri Yoshida** and **Jeeno Thitikul**

    - **Yoshida** went bogey-free with six birdies in her third round
        - Recorded her second-straight 54-hole score of 199 also doing so at last week's ANNIKA
            - She finished T3 at that event
    - **Thitikul** also went bogey-free with five birdies
        - Ranked T2 among players in the field for most birdies with 20
        - Leads the field in greens in regulation, 49/54
        - Her 199 is her lowest 54-hole score at this tournament and this season since the LOTTE Championship
- Additional Stats
    - **Nelly Korda** had 9 birdies today - her most birdies or better in a round this season
        - It also ties her most in a round at Tiburón (2025, R2)
    - **Miyu Yamashita** recorded her ninth round this season with 17 or more greens in regulation and leads all players
    - **Haeran Ryu** needs to hit 15 greens in regulation or better to break **Annika Sorenstam's** 2001 record for best green in regulation percentage in a single season

WITH A WIN

A Lim Kim:

- Would earn her fourth career victory and first since the 2025 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- First player from the Republic of Korea to win this event since **Amy Yang** in 2023
    - Just the fourth player from the Republic of Korea to win this event since 2014
- Would pass the $10 million mark in official career earnings with the $4 million winner's purse
- Would be the 11th player from the Republic of Korea to pass the $10 million threshold in official career earnings
- Would be the seventh winner on Tour this season at 30 or older
    - Would be the eighth total win of a player 30 or older in 2026
    - Would tie the Tour record for most wins by players 30 or older first set in 2013
- Would be the 21st player from the Republic of Korea to win at least four times on Tour

Yuri Yoshida:

- Would earn her second career victory and second of the 2026 season along with the BMW Ladies Championship
- Would earn her second LPGA Tour victory in her last five starts on the LPGA Tour
    - Won the BMW Ladies Championship less than a month ago to become a Rolex First-Time Winner
    - The last player to earn her first and second LPGA Tour wins within 30 days was **Lauren Coughlin** (CPKC Women's Open, July 28, 2024; ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open, August 18, 2024)
    - The only player from Japan to win twice within 30 days was **Ai Miyazato** (Honda LPGA Thailand, February 21, 2010; HSBC Women's World Championship, February 28, 2010)
- Would be the first winner of the CME Group Tour Championship from Japan
- Would pass the $5 million mark in official career money with the $4 million winner's check
- Would become the eighth player with two or more LPGA Tour wins this season
- Would be the 12th player from Japan with two or more wins on the LPGA Tour

Jeeno Thitikul

- Would earn her 12th LPGA Tour career victory, and fifth win of the 2026 season
- Would be the first player since **Inbee Park** at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship to defend their title at an LPGA Tour event for three consecutive years
    - Thitikul won the CME Group Tour Championship in 2024 and 2025
- Would pass **Annika Sorenstam's** 25-year official career money record; with the check, she will have earned a total of $24,292,858 with the $4 million winner's check
- Would tie for the most career victories by a Thai player on the LPGA Tour since 1980
    - **Ariya Jutanugarn** has won 12 times on the LPGA Tour, with her last win being in 2021

Nelly Korda:

- Would become the 36th player to reach the 27-point threshold and qualify for the LPGA Hall of Fame
    - Would be the first player to be inducted since Lydia Ko in 2024
- Would be the first American player since **Juli Inkster** in 1999 to play her way into the LPGA Hall of Fame under the current criteria
- Would win the CME Group Tour Championship for the first time in her career
- Would become the all-time career money leader with the $4 million winner's check, passing **Annika Sorenstam's** 25-year record; with the check, she will have earned a total of $26,422,616 in her 10-year career
- Would be the first player in LPGA Tour history to earn $10 million in earnings in one season
- Would be the fifth in LPGA history to reach 20 career wins including 4 majors before age 29
- Would earn her 20th career victory on Tour
- Would be the 30th player on Tour to win at least 20 times and the 23rd American to do so
- Would be the first American to win the CME Group Tour Championship since **Lexi Thompson** in 2018

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	A Lim Kim
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	15
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	9
2026 Official Season Earnings	$1.4 M
Career LPGA Tour Wins	3
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	65
Career Official Money	$6.2 M

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 27 A Lim Kim

- Sixth start at the CME Group Tour Championship
    - 2025 – T43, 2024 – 25, 2023 – T16, 2022 – 51, 2021 – T38
- 2026: 18 cuts made in 23 starts with nine top 10s
    - Season-best finish of runner-up at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
    - Has not missed a cut since the FM Championship in August
    - Three top-10 finishes in her last five starts

- Career: Three career victories with one major championship, 33 top 10s with $6.2 million in official career earnings
    - Won the 2020 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally as a non-member to earn Tour membership
    - Won at the 2024 LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei for her first win as a LPGA Tour member and the 2025 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
    - Has three wins on the KLPGA Tour

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS
18 holes – 62, Gaby Lopez (R3, 2025) and Lydia Ko (R2, 2016)
36 holes – **129, A Lim Kim (2026)**
54 holes – 194, Jeeno Thitikul (2025)
72 holes – 261, Amy Yang (2023)

QUOTABLES
A Lim Kim (1, -18) on the importance of keeping the lead through her round today
"I think make the putt is very important. Everybody really great player. I really respect them and then really fun, so I think tomorrow who is more make the putt very important, yeah."

Jeeno Thitikul (T2, -17) on if she has an advantage tomorrow given her success at this course
" I feel like everyone knows the course pretty well. It's just not because I won to two time and I know more than them. I feel like everyone knew the course at the same level and then we are the same level of golf. I feel like everyone can put whatever they had tomorrow. It's 18 hole of golf. Everyone has a chance to win. Even on the top 10 I feel like everyone had a chance to win. Who knows, you maybe wake up tomorrow and shoot like 14-under par tomorrow or either like 5- or 10- or 8; I don't know who is going to get that, but I feel like our points or our first priority, it's just make as much as you can."

Yuri Yoshida (T2, -17) on whether she prefers chasing the lead or be the leader in the final round
A little bit nervous but I'm really excited. One shot behind, but I feel more four, five shot behind, so it's just like I just focus my golf and need more get more birdies tomorrow. Before start today I four shot behind A Lim, from A Lim, but I get six birdies today; A Lim is getting more birdies, so it's like she got some bogeys, but, so it's like I need more birdies. I need more birdies. I'm thinking all the time like that."

Auston Kim (T4, -16) on her game plan to chase the leaders tomorrow
"Yeah, days like tomorrow, like we have so many weeks on Tour where it's a complete birdiefest, people are firing at pins and making putts, and it's just really important not get too ahead of myself. I had a bit of a slow start again today and I was just telling myself to stay patient. Like we'll all have chances if we keep putting good shots and hitting good putts. Felt like I hit a lot of good putts in the first four, five holes; just weren't going on. Missed a really short one early on, so it was really important to just keep my head in it, stay in it, and try to hit as many good shots as I could over and over again."

Nelly Korda (T4, -16) on the difficulty of making changes to her swing mid-round
"It's just really uncomfortable, right, because I feel like as a professional golfer or golfer that's done this for so many years, like you do your grind at home and when you're out on the golf course, like you just trust what you got. When you don't trust in what you have it's very, very difficult. When you're trying to change stuff and

still trying to perform under kind of a little bit of pressure, you just - your mind goes a million miles a minute and you make things much larger in your head than they actually are. It's very hard to do, but I think that I'm not the first; not going to be the last. You just kind of have to simplify it as much as possible out there and just know that it's going to be a little bit more of a grind because you have more going on inside your head than kind of normal where you pick a spot, intermediate target, pick a start target and kind of just shoot at it."