



CHAMPIONSHIP

2026 FM Championship

TPC Boston | Norton, Massachusetts | August 27-30, 2026

First-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36 – 72; 6,486 yards

Weather: [Thursday Forecast](#)

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$4.4 million (\$660,000 – winner's purse)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Sei Young Kim	-8	64
T2	Emily Kristine Pedersen	-7	65
T2	Miyu Yamashita	-7	65
4	Somi Lee	-6	66

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Sei Young Kim** opened with an 8-under 64 to lead by one
 - Recorded four birdies and an eagle in a six-hole span from holes 2-7
 - Tied for least putts among the field with 24 in Thursday's round
 - Second consecutive week recording a 64 or lower; also shot 64 in the third round of the CPKC Women's Open last week
 - First time leading or co-leading since the third round of the 2026 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - This is the lowest opening round in the history of the FM Championship
- T2: **Emily Kristine Pedersen** and **Miyu Yamashita** each shot a 7-under 65
 - This is Pedersen's lowest round since the third round of the 2024 Honda LPGA Thailand
 - This is also her best post-round position since the third round of the 2023 Dana Open where she was also T2
 - Was sidelined for the first four months of the season with a wrist injury
 - Made her first LPGA Tour start of the season at the Mizuho Americas Open and missed six cuts in eight events

- Yamashita made 10 birdies, the most of any player in the field on Thursday
 - Carded a back-nine 30 with seven birdies in eight holes
 - Made a double-bogey on the par-3 8th
 - Hit every fairway in the first round
 - Tied for least putts among the field with 24 in Thursday's round
 - Tied the 72-hole scoring record on the LPGA Tour last week
- **Daniela Darquea** made a hole-in-one on No. 11 with a 6-iron from 160 yards
 - [Ecuador's Daniela Darquea Highlights First Round of FM Championship With Hole-in-One](#)
- **Amy Yang** withdrew during the first round due to injury

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Sei Young Kim
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	9
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	6
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$1.8 Million
Career LPGA Tour Wins	13
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	86
Career Official Money	\$17.3 Million

ABOUT THE LEADER

[Rolex Rankings No. 9 Sei Young Kim](#)

- Third start at the FM Championship
 - 2025 – 3, 2024 – WD
- 2026: 12 cuts made in 15 starts with six top 10 finishes
 - Has a season-best finish of runner-up at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - Half of her top 10s this season are top three finishes
 - Finished third at last week's CPKC Women's Open
- Career: 13 career victories, one major championship with 86 top 10s and \$17.3M in official career earnings
 - Her last victory came at the 2025 BMW Ladies Championship in her home country of Korea
 - Tied for ninth at the 2014 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn Priority List Category 12 status for the 2015 season
 - Won the 2020 KPMG Women's PGA Championship, her lone major championship victory
 - 2020 Rolex Player of the Year and 2015 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2016 and 2020 Olympic
 - Member of team Korea at the 2016 and 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes – 62, Haeran Ryu (R2, 2024) and Jin Hee Im (R4, 2025)

36 holes – 130, Sei Young Kim (2025)

54 holes – 198, Miranda Wang (2025)

72 holes – 268, Miranda Wang (2025)

QUOTABLES

Sei Young Kim (1, -8) on her 8-under round

"Yeah, I mean, I feel like this course is a little softer, greens are a little softer than last year. That's why so I was able to lot of birdie chance, even front nine. But I couldn't make the lot front nine, but just make two birdie. But the back nine I had a good birdies, yeah, couple hole and then good eagle hole 16 -- is that 16 maybe? 15?"

Emily Kristine Pedersen (T2, -7) on her best round of the year against a strong field

"It's nice. I think it's getting tougher and tougher. The girls and the level out here are better every year. Obviously there is still a few of the ones that I grew up with still out here, which is nice to see. They've all been doing quite a bit better than I have. I still feel like my good golf is good and I still feel that I haven't peaked or reached the point that I have yet, so it's nice to see that I can have a day like today."

Miyu Yamashita T2, -7) on what part of her game was best

"Today putting, middle putting, so, yeah, good. So good."

Somi Lee (4, -6) on what worked best during her round

"(Through translation.) Recently my putter practice has really helped a lot. Unfortunately I did have a birdie chance on 18 but I will work hard tomorrow."

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