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2026 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass

Whirlwind Golf Club – Cattail Course | Phoenix, AZ | March 26-29, 2026

Final-Round Notes

March 29, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,523 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 69.606; R2: 69.946; R3: 70.752; R4: 69.634

Weather: Partly cloudy to mixed skies throughout the day with temperatures reaching into the mid-90s F with light and variable winds trend WSW peaking between 5-10 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$2.25 million (winner's prize, \$337,500)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Hyo Joo Kim	-28	61-69-61-69 – 260
2	Nelly Korda	-26	63-65-67-67 – 262
3	Minami Katsu	-23	65-66-69-65 – 265
4	Lydia Ko	-20	60-71-69-68 – 268
5	In Gee Chun	-19	68-64-69-68 – 269

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Second time in LPGA Tour history that the same two players finished 1-2 in back-to-back weeks
 - First time since **Annika Sorenstam** and **Se Ri Pak** in 2001
- Leader: **Hyo Joo Kim** claimed her ninth career victory and first win in back-to-back weeks
 - She is the first player in LPGA Tour history to shoot 61 or lower twice in one tournament
 - One of two players to do so on the LPGA or PGA Tour, joining Ludvig Aberg, who did so at the 2023 RSM Classic (67-64-61-61)
 - Is the first player to enter the final round of play as leader and go on to win since **Celine Boutier** in 2023
 - Won in back-to-back starts on Tour
 - It is the first time in her career that she won back-to-back events
 - Successfully defended her title at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - First successful title defense of her career
 - The first player to successfully defend her title since Jeeno Thitikul at the CME Group Tour Championship

- Her 72-hole score of 260 is a new career best
- She now owns the 54 and 72-hole scoring records for the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
- Finished second in total birdies with 27 and T3 in eagles with three
- **Second: Nelly Korda** finished runner-up in back-to-back outings
 - This is the first time in her career that she has finished runner-up in back-to-back weeks
 - She is the fifth player over the last five seasons to finish runner-up in back-to-back weeks
 - Recorded 22 birdies and four eagles
 - Her four eagles are the most she has recorded in a tournament
 - She is the 11th player to shoot four or more eagles in a single tournament since 2010
 - Korda has recorded at least two eagles in a single tournament for the 12th time in her career
 - Her 262 ties her career best 72-hole score
 - It is her best since the 2021 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Her 54-hole score of 195 is her second-lowest career 54-hole score
 - Her lowest 54-hole score is 194 at the 2021 The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
 - She has hit 63 of 72 greens in regulation so far this week, the second-most among the field
- **Third: Minami Katsu** recorded her best finish since the 2025 Buick LPGA Shanghai, runner-up
 - She has 11 career top 10 finishes with five of those being top three finishes, all in the past two years
 - She went bogey-free in her final round, the first time since R1 of the 2025 BMW Ladies Championship
 - She led the field in birdies with 28
 - Her 28 birdies in a single tournament tie the most in her career, last done at the 2025 Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - She needed just 104 putts throughout the week, the second-fewest among the field
- **Fourth: Lydia Ko** recorded her third top-five finish of the season
 - Finished fourth at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament and T5 at the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - Third-straight season with at least three top-five finishes in the first five events of the season
 - Her first-round 60 is her career best 18-hole score
 - She recorded 25 birdies, the sixth-most among the field
 - Has finished inside the top-15 in all three starts at the Ford Championship
 - Has finished top six or better at Whirlwind Golf Course
- **Fifth: In Gee Chun** finished in the top five in just her second start of 2026
 - It is her first top five finish since the 2022 AIG Women's Open
 - It is her first top 10 finish since the 2023 CPKC Women's Open
 - She had 26 birdies this week, tied for the third-most among the field
 - She hit 61 of 72 greens in regulation, the third-most among the field
- **Jenny Bae and Nasa Hataoka** each recorded an ace during the 2026 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Hataoka hit her pitching wedge 133 yards and wins 2026 Ford Bronco Badlands
 - Her five aces are tied for the third-most since 2010
 - Trails Jodi Ewart Shadoff and Lexi Thompson, who each have six
 - Bae hit a 9-iron on the sixth hole from 152 yards

- It is her first career hole-in-one on the LPGA Tour
- CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2026, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases
 - The donation total is now \$60,000

A LOOK AT THE WINNER

CATEGORY	Hyo Joo Kim
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	1
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	2
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	3
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$939.6K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	9
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	66
Career Official Money	\$12.3M

ABOUT THE WINNER

[Rolex Rankings No. 4 Hyo Joo Kim](#)

- Earns her ninth LPGA Tour win and her first time winning twice in the same season
 - Won last week at the Fortinet Founders Cup
- 2026: Four cuts made in four starts with two wins and one additional top 10 finish
 - Becomes the first repeat winner of the 2026 season
 - Surpasses \$600,000 in season official earnings and \$12M in official career earnings
 - Has the sixth most wins by a player from the Republic of Korea in LPGA Tour history
 - Joins **Na Yeon Choi**
 - The first player from the Republic of Korea to win multiple times in a season since **Jin Young Ko** in 2023
- Career: Nine wins, one major championship victory, 66 top-10s, \$12.3 million in official career earnings
 - First joined the LPGA Tour in 2015
 - Won The Evian Championship in 2014 to earn LPGA Tour membership, but deferred it until the 2015 season
 - Has won on the LPGA Tour in five out of the last six seasons
 - Two-time Olympian representing the Republic of Korea (2020, 2024)
 - Two-time member of Team Republic of Korea at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Fourteen-time winner on the KLPGA

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: **60, Lydia Ko** (R1, 2026)

36 holes: **128, Nelly Korda** (2026)

54 holes: **191, Hyo Joo Kim** (2026)

72 holes: **260, Hyo Joo Kim** (2026)

QUOTABLE

Hyo Joo Kim (1st, -28) on her second win in two weeks

"It's super hard as a player to become a defending champion. But I took the great energy from last week and the course and all of that into this place here and I want to carry that on to next week."

Nelly Korda (2nd, -25) on her attitude being the best part of her game

"I would say it's still really good. There's times when I'm going to get frustrated. I'm a human being, so I'm going to get down and I'm going to get a little frustrated. But I'm trying to get over that as fast as possible. I'm just very grateful. If you'd have told me this time last year the finishes that I would have right now, I would be super happy with the game that is trending. Last year I just felt so weird with my game. Nothing was kind of going my way. I'm really happy. I've put in a lot of work, and that's the best thing about golf is that you can always improve and you can have someone like Hyo Joo that's going to test you and push your buttons but in a really good way to improve."

Lydia Ko (3rd, -23) on her final round and overall week in Phoenix

"Yeah, I started off with a bang, and I think when you have a round like that, the rest of the week feels very slow in that sense. But I feel like I played really solid. I missed quite a lot of actually short putts over the last couple days. But the greens, I found it very difficult. Putts where you normally don't really think about it, you just walk up and hit, I felt with the greens getting firmer and faster, you had to put a little bit more attention to it. But other than that, I played really solid overall. It's been a while since I've played three weeks in a row, so next week is going to be, I think, fun, but hopefully momentum going into Vegas."

Frida Kinshult (T6, -18) on her first top 10 of the season

"No, it's great, only third start to year, so good to get one under the belt for sure. Yeah, just happy overall with the week. A couple weird funky stretches for me on the scorecard, but overall really happy. Plenty of birdies out there. It's been a fun week."

Mimi Rhodes (T6, -18) on her two strong finishes early in her rookie season

"Yeah, it feels great. Like I've said before, I've always known my game is strong, but it's nice to compare against the best in the world. Back in Singapore we didn't have all of the best in the game, so it was nice to play well this week against everyone on a really tough golf course."

Esther Henseleit (T9, -17) on how the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass is growing

"Yeah, you can definitely see this event is growing a lot. You got music playing a lot on the back nine. The vibes are definitely good. The people are having fun. Yeah, just trying to soak that up and kind of put that back into my game."

Dewi Weber (T9, -17) on her overall game this season

"Yeah, my overall game feels really good. We did really good work this offseason which was nice because it was so long, so I felt like I actually got work done both technically and the way that I train. So when I got out into the golf course my swing feels like it's in a really good spot. I don't think about many technical things. I just think about a tempo thing and that's really nice to have for probably the first time in a while. And so I'm really comfortable how I'm playing right now. Yeah, again, there is a lot of potential."

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[UNSTOPPABLE. Hyo Joo Kim defends her title at the Ford Championship and wins back-to-back weeks on the LPGA Tour 🏆](#)

[Nelly Korda tries to fight back with this stunning eagle 💡](#)

[Leader Hyo Joo Kim clean off the tee 🤖](#)

[Nelly Korda birdies and Hyo Joo Kim defends with her own 🐦](#)

[Nelly Korda's back-to-back bogeys and Hyo Joo Kim's birdie puts her four back off the lead.](#)

[Hyo Joo Kim's double bogey brings her lead to one.](#)

[Hyo Joo Kim is just three shots away from tying the 72-hole record on the LPGA Tour !!](#)

[In back to back weeks, we've got a stacked final pairing with Hyo Joo Kim and Nelly Korda. 🏆](#)