



## 2026 Fortinet Founders Cup

Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club | Menlo Park, Calif. | March 19-22, 2026

### Final-Round Notes

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**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72, 6,421 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 72.564; R2: 72.675; R3: 70.445, R4: 71.604; Total: 72.122

**Weather:** Mostly sunny skies with morning temperatures in the upper 40s and warming to mid-70s by the afternoon. Light and variable NW winds peaking around 5-10 mph this afternoon.

**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)

**Purse:** \$3 million; winner's prize is \$450,000

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Tournament: @Founders.Cup (Instagram), @Founders\_Cup\_

### LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Hyo Joo Kim	-16	63-70-66-73 – 272
2	Nelly Korda	-15	70-68-66-69 – 273
T3	Sei Young Kim	-11	74-70-66-67 – 277
T3	Jin Hee Im	-11	66-72-70-69 – 277

### **COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Hyo Joo Kim** won wire-to-wire
  - Becomes a second-time winner of the Fortinet Founders Cup eleven years after her first win at the event (2026, 2015)
  - Second wire-to-wire win of her career
    - First was at the 2023 Ascendant LPGA benefitting the Volunteers of America
  - Had a one-over-par final round with five bogeys and four birdies
  - Has the best career scrambling pct (67.5%) among all active players with at least 100 rounds played, ahead of Lydia Ko (66.3%) and Ayaka Furue (65.0%)
    - She led the LPGA Tour in scrambling percentage last season
    - She also ranked #1 in that category in 2022, 2021, 2019 and 2015.

- Joins **Mi Hyang Lee** as the second player from the Republic of Korea to win on Tour this season
- **Nelly Korda** shot a final round 69 to finish one stroke behind Kim
  - Carded three bogeys and six birdies, including five on the front nine
  - Played all four rounds under par
  - Korda has never overcome a deficit of more than two strokes ahead of the final round to win
- Rookie **Carla Tejedo Mulet** finished T5
  - Shot 70-69-69-70 for a 10-under-par 278
  - This was her first appearance in an LPGA event
  - This is the highest finish of any 2026 rookie in the field
  - [View her post-round interview here](#)
- Notable statistics:
  - The last time two players from the Republic of Korea won in the first five events of the season was 2020. **Hee Young Park** and **Inbee Park** won the ISPS Handa Vic Open and the ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open, respectively.

#### A LOOK AT THE WINNER

CATEGORY	<a href="#">Hyo Joo Kim</a>
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	2
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	1
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	2
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$602.1K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	8
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	65
Career Official Money	\$11.9M

#### ABOUT THE WINNER

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 7 Hyo Joo Kim](#)

- Earned her eighth LPGA Tour win and first since the 2025 Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
  - Becomes her second consecutive winning season on the LPGA Tour
- Fifth different player to win in the first five tournaments of the 2026 season
- Became the eighth player from the Republic of Korea to win eight or more times on the LPGA Tour, following Seri Pak (25 wins), Inbee Park (21), Jin Young Ko (15), Sei Young Kim (13), Jiyai Shin (11), Na Yeon Choi (9) and Mi Hyun (8)
- Eighth appearance at the Fortinet Founders Cup; 2015 champion
- Third start of the 2026 season; one top-10 finish at the Honda LPGA Thailand
- First joined LPGA Tour in 2015
- Seven-time LPGA Tour winner including one major championship as a non-Member
- Two-time Olympian representing the Republic of Korea (2020, 2024)
- Two-time participant at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown (2023, 2025)
- Fourteen-time KLPGA Tour winner

#### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

##### OVERALL:

18 holes – 61, Anna Nordqvist (R3, 2017) at Wildfire Golf Club

36 holes – 129, Sei Young Kim (2016) and Jee Young Lee (2013) at Wildfire Golf Club

54 holes – 195, Yealimi Noh (2025) at Bradenton C.C. and Anna Nordqvist (2017) at Wildfire Golf Club

72 holes – 261, Sei Young Kim (2016) at Wildfire Golf Club

#### **SHARON HEIGHTS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB:**

18 holes – 63, Hyo Joo Kim (R1, 2026)

36 holes – 133, Hyo Joo Kim (2026)

54 holes – 199, Hyo Joo Kim (2026)

**72 holes – 272, Hyo Joo Kim (2026)**

#### **QUOTABLES**

*Hyo Joo Kim (1st, -16) on her win at the Fortinet Founders Cup*

“This is where I actually won my rookie year and winning twice for me is very meaningful. So this is very meaningful for me.”

*Nelly Korda (2nd, -15) on her takeaways from the final round*

“Yeah, the front nine was great. Kind of battled a little bit more on the back nine. Wasn't really kind of producing as much as I was on the front nine. Obviously something like 17 stings, so it is what it is. It's golf. It's a quick turnaround. There is next week, so just going to take all the positives.”

*Carla Tejedo Mulet (T5, -10) on making her debut on the LPGA Tour*

“Yeah, it's unbelievable. People think people don't support women's golf. That's not what I've seen this week. It's unbelievable the amount of people that is here this weekend. It's unreal. I was a bit tense about it because I've never played in such a big crowd. I don't mind it. I actually love people. I'm open for it.”

#### **ON LPGA.COM**

[Hyo Joo Kim Holds off Nelly Korda for a Wire-to-Wire Win in the Fortinet Founders Cup](#)

[Nelly Korda Taking Positives from Tough Sunday Finish at Fortinet Founders Cup](#)

[Hannah Green Cruises to Career Hat-Trick at Australian WPGA Championship](#)

[Nelly Korda Final Round Interview](#)

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