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2026 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions

Lake Nona Golf & Country Club | Orlando, Fla. | Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, 2026

First-Round Notes

Jan. 29, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,477 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 71.462

Weather: Dry conditions with light northerly winds peaking at 5-10 mph throughout the day and temperatures reaching the low 60s F

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$2.1 million (winner's prize, \$315,000)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Nasa Hataoka	-6	66
T2	Linn Grant	-5	67
T2	Jeeno Thitikul	-5	67
T2	Chanettee Wannasaen	-5	67
T2	Lottie Woad	-5	67

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Nasa Hataoka** opened with a 66
 - Recorded seven birdies and a bogey in her opening round
 - Her opening round 66 is her lowest round to start a season since the 2020 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions, 66
 - Her 66 is her career-lowest round to start a season
 - Hit 12 of 14 fairways, 13 of 18 greens in regulation with 25 putts
 - Her 25 putts were the fewest needed among the field
- T2: **Linn Grant, Jeeno Thitikul, Chanettee Wannasaen, Lottie Woad** each shot a 67 on Thursday
 - Grant turned in six birdies and a bogey in R1
 - Went bogey-free on the back nine
 - Hit nine of 14 fairways, 14 of 18 greens in regulation with 27 putts
 - Her 67 ties her lowest 18-hole score to start a season
 - Thitikul had six birdies and a bogey

- Hit 12 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation with 28 putts
 - Her 15 greens in regulation were tied for the most amongst the field
- Went bogey-free on the front nine
- This is her lowest 18-hole score to start the season since the 2023 Honda LPGA Thailand
- This is Thitikul's first start at this event
- Wannasaen recorded her first round in the 60s at this event
 - Her lowest previous 18-hole scoring record was 71 in 2024
 - This is the first time in her career she has began a season with a round in the 60s
 - She tied for most birdies among the field with seven
 - Her 26 putts were tied for the second-fewest among the field
- Woad is making her first start at this event
 - Went bogey-free on the front nine with four birdies
 - Ended her day with six birdies and a bogey
 - Hit nine of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation with 29 putts
- Defending champion **A Lim Kim** shot 3-under 69 in her opening round
 - Recorded just five birdies and two bogeys
 - Has recorded five-straight rounds in the 60s at this event
- **Mardy Fish** leads the celebrity field with 39 points in the Modified Stableford format
 - Recorded five birdies and two bogeys
 - Is a two-time winner of this event having previously won in 2021 and 2023

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Nasa Hataoka
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	N/A
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$0
Career LPGA Tour Wins	7
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	55
Career Official Money	\$11.1 M

ABOUT THE LEADER

[Rolex Rankings No. 17 Nasa Hataoka](#)

- Fifth appearance at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Best finish was T2 in 2020
 - Is a Hilton Grand Vacations ambassador
- First start of the 2026 season
- First joined LPGA Tour in 2017
 - Has seven career victories including one in 2025
- Is also a member of the JLPGA Tour

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 60, Jessica Korda (R3, 2021)

36 holes: 129, Danielle Kang (2021)

54 holes: 192, Danielle Kang (2021)

72 holes: 260, Jessica Korda (2021 and Danielle Kang (2021)

QUOTABLES

Nasa Hataoka (1st, -6) on the success of young Japanese players

"Yeah, when I came on this Tour I was the youngest Japanese player and only five or six player, but right now 15 Japanese player, so and then I'm oldest now. (Smiling.) So, yeah, I'm trying to win still."

Jeenno Thitikul (T2, -5) on her performance coming into the week

"I don't really like I'm ready-ready. I don't feel like I'm ready to play that much. I mean, like if you ask me 100% like out of 100 I would say 60, 70 to go out and play because I don't have enough practice. I do have some swing, figure things to do, so..."

Lottie Woad (T2, -5) on her goals for the year

"Yeah, I try and stay away from outcome goals. Every one wants to win as many tournaments as possible. That's pretty obvious. I like to look at my stats and see what I can improve on in those. Like I'm trying to improve my scrambling a little bit, which was good today. Just trying to keep on tidying up inside 50."

Nelly Korda (T6, -4) on Austin Ernst return

"It was great. I went to dinner with her on Monday. It's so funny because she hasn't been on Tour in three years and she's like, I'm back, and I'm back at the Tournament of Champions. But it's really nice just to kind of see the old faces, the people that you used to hang out with, and to catch up on life. She is in a different part of her life with a baby sure Charlie, but it's so exciting to hear the milestones for her. Yeah, it's been fun to hang out with her this week again. Hopefully more times this year, but you never know."

Ingrid Lindblad (T8, -3) on her previous round at Lake Nona in 2018

"Yeah. So it was when Henrik Stenson and Fanny Sunesson, they have a golf tournament, a junior tournament at home. I won it back in 2017. So there were two age groups for girls and two for guys. The winners from each age group got to play -- it was called Major Champions Invitational, so a couple major event winners were able to invite junior golfers to play on their teams. Hendrik took us since we won their tournament. So we played -- I don't remember what golf course it was here in Orlando. Played this tournament first and Henrik took he is out here for a round and then we had dinner at his houses. Took us --I believe one of the guys did wakeboarding or something like that on his boat. That was pretty cool."

Austin Ernst (T29, +2) on her perspective change since becoming a mom

"Completely different. Now I would say golf is not be-all, end-all. One of those easier said than done things, but like truly if I play golf, great. If I don't, I found out that I am A-okay off the golf course. So it's kind of one of those things when you play for so long, I played for ten years before I got hurt, I don't know anything else. In the back of your mind you're like, oh, will I be okay if I don't play golf? So having that perspective of, hey, if this doesn't work out, I'm fine, I'm very happy off the golf course, it's freeing. It's kind of one of those ways you always want to play golf, but it's way easier said than done. Even today I kind of caught myself getting a little tight, you know, a little steery at times where it was like, hey, remember, we don't care this week. Let's just freewheel it."

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