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2026 JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
El Caballero Country Club | Los Angeles, CA | April 16-19, 2026

Second-Round Notes

April 17, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,538 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 70.465, R2: 72.546

Weather: Dry conditions and mostly sunny skies throughout the day.

Breezy conditions with isolated gusts near 25 mph possible.

Temperatures reaching the upper 70s by the afternoon.

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$3.75 million (winner's prize, \$562,500)

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Sei Young Kim	-14	65-65 – 130
2	Chizzy Iwai	-13	63-68 – 131
3	Ina Yoon	-12	68-64 – 132

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Sei Young Kim** leads with a 130 total
 - Carded a 7-under 65 for the second straight day
 - Has played the back nine in 9-under through two rounds
 - Has hit 33 of 36 greens in regulation
 - Puts her T1 in the field through two days of play
 - Made seven birdies and was bogey-free in her second round
 - Hit 7 of 14 fairways, 16 of 18 greens, and had 27 putts
 - This is the 19th time she has held the 36-hole lead or co-lead
 - Has gone on to win 10 times

- Has never finished outside the top 5 after holding a 36-hole lead or co-lead
- 2nd: **Chizzy Iwai** has a 131 total after R2
 - Making her second start at the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - Finished T11 in 2025
 - Signed for a 68 in her second round
 - Hit 11 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens in regulation, and had 30 putts
 - Her 12 birdies put her T3 in the field after 36 holes
 - Her 63 in R1 tied the tournament scoring record for 18 holes
- 3: **Ina Yoon** rounds out the top three with a 132 total
 - Shot an 8-under 64 in R2
 - Hit 12 of 14 fairways, 17 of 18 greens in regulation, and had 28 putts
 - Her eight birdies were the most in the field during R2
 - The 64 matches her career low round on the LPGA Tour
 - Shot a 64 last year at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - Finished the event T16
 - The 132 total is the lowest total through 36 holes in her LPGA Tour career
 - The 29 on the back nine is the lowest nine-hole score in her LPGA Tour career
- Sponsor Invites **Aphrodite Deng** (a) and **Asterisk Talley** (a) made the cut
- Defending champion **Ingrid Lindblad** made the cut, finishing -3 through two rounds
 - Shot an even par 72 in R2
- Two-time winner of the JM Eagle LA Championship, **Hannah Green**, sits in T7 after a second-round 69
- **Yu Liu** recorded a hole-in-one during R1
 - She hit a 9-iron from 161 yards on hole 15
 - It is the fourth hole-in-one of the season
 - 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 \$80,000

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Sei Young Kim
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	18
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	2
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$264.0K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	13
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	82
Career Official Money	\$15.8M

ABOUT THE LEADER

[Rolex Rankings No. 10 Sei Young Kim](#)

- Making her seventh appearance at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - 2025 – T52, 2024 – T32, 2022 – T6, 2021 – T17, 2019 – 2, 2018 – CUT

- 2026: Six cuts made in five starts, with two top 10 finishes
 - Season-best T3 result at the Fortinet Founders Cup
- Career: 13 wins, one major championship, 82 top 10s, and \$15.8M in official career earnings
 - First joined the LPGA Tour in 2015
 - Her last win came at the 2025 BMW Ladies Championship
 - It was her first win in 1,792 days (2020 The ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican)
 - Recorded an additional nine top 10 finishes in the 2025 season
 - Won the 2020 KPMG Women's PGA Championship to become a major champion
 - Won the 2020 Rolex Player of the Year and the 2015 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2016 Rio Olympics (T25) and 2020 Tokyo Olympics (T9)
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2016 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Five-Time winner on the KLPGA

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 63, Chizzy Iwai (R1, 2026)*, Nasa Hataoka (R4, 2025)*, Ingrid Lindblad (R2, 2025)*, Yan Liu (R1, 2025)*, Ashleigh Buhai (R1, 2025)*, Jin Hee Im (R3, 2024)

36 holes: 129, Jessica Korda (2021)

54 holes: 197, Jessica Korda (2021)

72 holes: 267, Ingrid Lindblad (2025)*

**Scoring record at El Caballero Country Club, other scoring records shot at Wilshire Country Club*

QUOTABLE

Sei Young Kim (1, -14) on her first two rounds

"Yeah, I mean, little less windy today, because yesterday is very dry golf condition because starting afternoon. So today greens are -- I can attack to the pin more than yesterday. Also even I had a lot of birdie chance the front nine but I couldn't make the last couple front, but and I got the -- try to the positive thing, and then like good momentum some the par-5 and I made a birdie after that, stretch of three birdie. Yeah, after that I pleased, like very relaxed and then I quite enjoy to play today and then also yesterday."

Chizzy Iwai (2, -13) on making birdies on the back nine

"Not too long course, yeah, that's why my second shot not too long. I like aggressive golf. That's why. Yeah, not too long, short iron. Yeah, easy. (Laughter.)"

Ina Yoon (3, -12) on her 8-under-par round

"Yeah, was first nine hole was awesome. I never shoot 29 for nine hole in my life. It was unbelievable. (Smiling.) The back nine was little bummer, but I had pretty good shot on the back nine as well. Some tricky putts on there. I made some. But it was good overall."

Melanie Green (T4, -9) on her adjustment from the Epson Tour to the LPGA Tour

"Junior college, and then college, college and then Epson, Epson and now here, right? It's just little jumps and little things that you just kind of got to adjust? People have asked me what's the difference between Epson and LPGA, and I'm like, honestly, everything is the same except the LPGA is just humongous. Everything is a

little bit bigger. So, yeah, no, there is definitely an adjustment period. I think even the people that you surround yourself with out here, definitely important. Obviously I'm seeing a lot more new faces than I did last year. So just making sure that I find people and making sure that each week, even though I'm really far away from home, trying to make it feel like a little bit more home. Yeah, no, comfortability is definitely a big factor for sure."

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