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Second-Round Notes

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Polly Mack	-12	67-65 – 132
T1	Jeenoo Thitikul	-12	67-65 – 132
T3	Carolina Melgrati	-11	68-65 – 133
T3	Ina Yoon	-11	66-67 – 133
T5	Michelle Zhang	-10	67-67 – 134
T5	A Lim Kim	-10	65-69 – 134

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- 71 players made the cut at -3 or better
 - Watch the [second-round highlights](#)
 - Notable players to miss the cut include:
 - Lydia Ko
 - Hannah Green
 - Leona Maguire
 - Hyo Joo Kim
- Co-Leaders: **Jeenoo Thitikul** and **Polly Mack**

- Thitikul 133 is her lowest 36-hole score since the Honda LPGA Thailand, 130
 - Her best start at this event
 - Only making her second appearance
 - Second time leading after 36 holes of play this season
 - Last done at the Mizuho Americas Open where she won
 - Has finished inside the top five in five of the seven times she had led after the second round
 - Has 12 birdies through 36 holes, tied for the fifth-most among the field
 - Went bogey-free in her second round
 - One of two players to go bogey-free in their first and second round
 - Making her first start since the FM Championship
 - Has finished inside the top 10 in her last five starts including a win at The Standard Portland Classic
 - Watch her [second-round highlights](#)
- Mack is co-leading after 36 holes for the first time in her career
 - Her 132 is her lowest 36-hole score of 2026
 - Her 65 ties her lowesy 18-hole score of the season
 - First done at the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
 - Has 12 birdies through 36 holes
 - Went bogey-free in both her first and second rounds
 - Her and Thitikul are the only two players to be bogey-free through 36 holes
 - She had just one bogey-free round coming into this week
- T2: **Ina Yoon, Carolina Melgrati and Polly Mack**
 - Yoon Leads the field in birdies with 15
 - Also leads the field in putts needed with 51
 - 133 is her second-lowest 36-hole score of her career
 - Fourth time this season she has had a 133 or better
 - Career-best 132 at the KPMG Women's PGA Championship and JM Eagle LA Championship
 - 133 is her lowest 36-hole score at this event
 - First time she recorded back-to-back rounds in the 60s to begin a tournament since the KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - Melgrati had a stretch of consecutive birdies on her last three holes of the day to give her a share of the lead
 - Her 65 in the second round is the lowest 18-hole score by an Italian player since **Benedetta Moresco** did so at the 2025 Maybank Championship, R1
 - Her score of 133 marks her lowest 36-hole score on Tour
 - Has missed the cut in three of her last four starts dating back to The Standard Portland Classic
 - Recorded 14 birdies through 36-holes, which is the second-most in the field
 - Top 10 in average driving distance at 277.5 yards
- Defending champion **Youmin Hwang** is T22 at -6
 - She has nine birdies and one bogey through 36 holes
 - Her 138 ties her second-lowest 36-hole score of 2026
 - Third cut made in her last five starts

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Jeeno Thitikul	Polly Mack
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	4	97
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	3	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	9	1
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$2.4M	\$166.1K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	10	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	64	3
Career Official Money	\$19.8M	\$475.3K

ABOUT THE LEADERS**Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul**

- Second start at the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - 2022 – T6
- 2026: 15 cuts made in 17 starts with three wins and six additional top 10s
 - Has wins at the Honda LPGA Thailand, Mizuho Americas Open and Standard Portland Classic
 - Has finished inside the top five in her last five starts
 - Has one win and an additional top five finish in that stretch
 - Her only missed cuts this year have come at The Chevron Championship and the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - Finished T9 in her most recent event at the FM Championship
- Career: 10 wins, 64 top 10s with \$19.8 million in official career earnings
 - 2023 Vare Trophy recipient
 - 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
 - Member of the Thailand Team at the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown and represented Thailand at the 2024 Paris Olympics

Rolex Rankings No. 316 Polly Mack

- Fourth start at the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - 2025 – 73, 2024 – T60, 2023 – T38
- 2026: Seven cuts made in 18 starts with one top 10 finish
 - Has a season-best T4 finish at the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
 - Has missed eight-straight cuts before last week's Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
 - Finished T64
- Career: Three top 10s with \$475.3K in official career earnings
 - Has a career-best finish of T3 at the 2023 Dow Championship
 - Her T4 finish at the 2026 ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern is her best individual finish
 - Finished T15 at the LPGA Q-Series and earned LPGA membership for the 2023 season
 - Competed on the Epson Tour in 2022
 - Made eight cuts in 11 starts with two top five finishes
 - Also competes on the LET
 - Has made 14 starts with one top 10 finish

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes – 62, Lizette Salas (R4, 2013), Cristie Kerr (R3, 2017) and Youmin Hwang (R2, 2025)

36 holes – 128, Yuka Saso (2021)

54 holes – 195, Lydia Ko (2021)

72 holes – 260, Lydia Ko (2021)

QUOTABLES

Jeeno Thitikul (T1, -12) on her birdie on No. 18 to take the lead

“The birdie on 18, I mean, I have kind of medium, I would say medium line, not that hard but not that easy up and down. Like I had 30 yards to the pin; my pitch wasn't that good. I still have like ten or twelve to 15 feet left, but holed the putt, which is kind of really -- when you end up with the birdie on ending hole then you feel like you have sweet dream. Whatever it's going to be like overall shooting, but if you finishing with a birdie it's a sweet dream coming in the night.”

Polly Mack (T1, -12) on leading after 36 holes for the first time in her career

“It's kind of coming together what I've been working through also this year. I mean, tee shots are really strong right now, which helps me a lot out here on this course. Then I've worked a lot on approach shots which is coming together. Putting is really smooth. Yeah, this course plays to my advantage and I'm just playing it to my advantage.”

Carolina Melgrati (T3, -11) on her best round of her rookie season

“Pretty good. Yeah, I mean, I was looking forward to having a score like this for a while now because, I mean, I felt like I just needed to put all the pieces together in my game. I was just like patiently waiting for that to happen, so, yes, it's nice.”

Ina Yoon (T3, -11) on how she bounced back from her triple bogey

“I mean, at the time it was really hard to control. Like I was so mad at myself. But Kevin helped me to get back to normal, and put a lot of effort to just Mo on. So I think that helped a lot. Yeah, thankfully made many birdies after that. My shot was great today, so, yeah, I'm pretty happy about it.”

Michelle Zhang (T5, -10) on her mentality these last two weeks

“I would just say like because for me, where I'm sitting on the CME I have nothing no lose. Every week, every shot I'm just gaining something. My coach was telling me like kind of -- it was in August. That was when -- I think it was August when everyone was in Europe and I wasn't in any of the Europe stretch. He was telling me it's kind of like -- I was like, I'm not getting into any events. I'm super stressed out. He was like, look at it this way. You have a thousand dollars to spend you're at casino. You're down to your last hundred. What's the harm to lose your last \$100?”

A Lim Kim (T5, -10) on one bogey through 36 holes

“Oh, because too windy every two days and tomorrow is more stronger than today, so that's why we have to control -- I have to control trajectory, sometimes low, sometime high, and then make the putt.”