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Third-Round Notes

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Jeeno Thitikul	-17	67-65-67 – 199
T2	Ina Yoon	-14	66-67-69 – 202
T2	Polly Mack	-14	67-65-70 – 202
T4	Maja Stark	-13	67-69-67 – 203
T4	Carolina Melgrati	-13	68-65-70 – 203

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch the [third-round highlights](#)
- Leader: Jeeno Thitikul
 - Leads the field in greens in regulation (49/54)
 - Has 18 birdies through 54 holes, tied for the third-most
 - Her 199 is her lowest 54-hole score since the Honda LPGA Thailand earlier this season
 - Fourth time this season she has recorded three consecutive rounds in the 60s
 - Has won twice this season when doing so
 - Recorded her first bogey of the week on No. 7
 - Had a streak of 46 bogey-free holes dating back to her last start at the FM Championship

- Watch her [third-round highlights](#)
- T2: **Ina Yoon** and **Polly Mack** both sit 14-under par and three shots back from Thitikul
 - Yoon shot 3-under par with four birdies and one bogey
 - Her 19 birdies through 54-holes are tied for the most in the field
 - Hit 15/18 greens in regulation
 - Her 202 is her lowest 54-hole score since the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass
 - Has missed the cut in two of her last four starts
 - Mack recorded four birdies and two bogeys
 - The two bogeys in today's round are her only two through 54-holes
 - Ranks top 10 in birdies (16), fewest bogeys (2), putts (82), and driving distance (278)
 - Has birdied hole 18 in all three rounds
 - Her 202 is her lowest 54-hole score this season
 - T2 is her highest position after 54-holes at any LPGA Tour event in her career
- 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

WITH A WIN

Jeeno Thitikul:

- Would earn her fourth victory of 2026 and her 11th career
 - Is one win behind **Ariya Jutanugarn**, the all-time winningest player from Thailand
- Would become the sixth player in the LPGA Tour history to cross the \$20 million threshold with the \$450,000 winner's check
- Would pass Karrie Webb and move into fourth all-time on the career money list
 - Would trail Nelly Korda, Lydia Ko and Annika Sorenstam
- Would earn four wins in a single season for the first time in her career
- Would be the first player from Thailand to win at least four times in a single season since Jutanugarn in 2016
 - Jutanugarn won five times in 2016
- Would join **Nelly Korda** as the only other player to have won four times in 2026
- Her and Korda would be the first duo to win four times on the LPGA Tour since **Celine Boutier** and **Lilia Vu** did so in 2023
- Would be the first player from Thailand to win the LOTTE Championship

Polly Mack:

- Would become the Tour's fourth Rolex First-Time Winner of 2026
 - Would join **Yuna Nishimura**, **Yana Wilson** and **Gina Kim**
- Would earn her first win in her 69th start on Tour since joining in 2023
- Would be the fifth player ever from Germany to win on the LPGA Tour
 - Would be the first German winner since **Sophia Popov** in 2020
- Third player from Europe to win on Tour this season

- First since **Celine Boutier** won the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
- Would set a record for single-season earnings with the \$450,000 winner's portion
- Would double her career earnings, currently \$475,338
- Would be the first player from Europe to win the LOTTE Championship since **Suzann Pettersen** in 2013
- Would be the first player from Germany to win the LOTTE Championship

Carolina Melgrati:

- Would be the Tour's fourth Rolex First-Time winner of 2026
 - Would join **Yuna Nishimura, Yana Wilson and Gina Kim**
- Would be the first 2026 rookie to win this season
- Would be the first rookie to earn their first win LPGA Tour win since **Miranda Wang** won the FM Championship in 2025
- Would be the second player ever from Italy to win on the LPGA Tour
 - Joins **Silvia Cavalleri** who won in 2007
- Third player from Europe to win on Tour this season
 - First since **Celine Boutier** won the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
- Would move into fourth in the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year race
- Would be the first player from Europe to win the LOTTE Championship since **Suzann Pettersen** in 2013
- Would be the first player from Italy to win the LOTTE Championship

Maja Stark:

- Would earn her third career victory and first of 2026
- Would earn her first win since the 2025 U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
- Would be the first player from Sweden to win on Tour since herself at the U.S. Women's Open
- Would move into seventh for all-time wins for players from Sweden
 - Would sit behind **Sophie Gustafson** and **Maria Hjorth** with five
- Would win in consecutive seasons for the first time in her career
 - Joined the Tour in 2022
- Third player from Europe to win on Tour this season
 - First since **Celine Boutier** won the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
- Would be the first player from Europe to win the LOTTE Championship since **Suzann Pettersen** in 2013
- Would be the first player from Sweden to win the LOTTE Championship

Ina Yoon:

- Would become the Tour's fourth Rolex First-Time Winner of 2026
 - Would join **Yuna Nishimura, Yana Wilson and Gina Kim**
- Would win in her 44th start on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the 53rd player from the Republic of Korea to win at least once on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the first Korean Rolex First-Time Winner since **Somi Lee** and **Jin Hee Im** won the 2025 Dow Championship
 - **Yumin Hwang** deferred her membership to 2026 after winning this event in 2025 not qualifying her for Rolex First-Time Winner status
 - She can earn that title with her next win on the LPGA Tour

- Would become the fifth player from the Republic of Korea to win the LOTTE Championship presented by Hoakalei
 - Would be the third consecutive player from the Republic of Korea joining **Youmin Hwang** in 2025 and **A Lim Kim** in 2024
- Would become the fifth player from the Republic of Korea to win an LPGA Tour event this season

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Jeeno Thitikul
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	4
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	3
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	9
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$2.4M
Career LPGA Tour Wins	10
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	64
Career Official Money	\$19.8M

ABOUT THE LEADER

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

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 (1, -17) on her approach game and how well her irons are working

“Yeah, definitely. I mean, like the more chance you have the more opportunity that you can make it. I know it's really depend on the putter, if get on fire or not. To be a consistency playing of week to week to week, you need to have a consistency greens in regulation as well. You can't miss a green and shoot like 5-under par

every day. It could happen, but it's not going to happen often. So to have a games that your ball is always on the green, which is how you can play golf simple."

Ina Yoon (T2, -14) on leading the field in birdies

"My shot was great overall and putting was awesome, but today was little windy because, yeah, it was little challenging for me. But I think stayed calm and tried to focus on each shot. So that's how I made many birdies I guess, yeah."

Polly Mack (T2, -14) on chasing Jeeno Thitikul for her first win

"I like to be in a chase actually. I like to chase rather than being in the lead, so this is a good position for me. I'm just looking forward to a great Sunday, good momentum. I know I have it in me to just put on a good show out there. I have good momentum with my caddie, so I think we can just have a lot of fun out there and put ourselves in good positions to make some birdies and make some putts."

Maja Stark (T4, -13) on what she's been able to take advantage of this week

"I think attacking a lot of the pins, because the ball really just stops wherever you fly it to, so it's kind of nice that you can be so aggressive. And then, I don't know, I felt like I had quite a few putts on the front nine that just didn't go in, and then felt like I got a couple nice ones that went my way during the back nine. But just, yeah, solid. Hitting a lot of greens."

Carolina Melgrati (T4, -13) on being in contention heading into Sunday

"I think I -- I mean, what I want to do is basically not change anything of what I have done so far, so I'm just going to try to literally like play golf and hit every shot the way -- like the best I can. But I don't want to put any pressure on whatever like getting to the top or anything because that's when I lose it a little bit. So I'll try my best not to do that, but it's difficult because I'm pretty competitive in anything I do, so I'm like Cara, please don't do that."