



## 2026 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give

Blythefield Country Club | Belmont, Mich. | June 18-21, 2026

### First-Round Notes

June 18, 2026

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**Course Setup:** 36-36—72, 6,426 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 71.791

**Weather:** Mild temperatures throughout the day with highs reaching into the lowers 70s F with winds blowing westerly and gusts up to 30 mph

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

**Purse:** \$3.25 million (winner's prize, \$487,500)

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### LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
1	Yan Liu	-6	66
T2	Cassie Porter	-5	67
T2	Jessica Porvasnik	-5	67
T4	Eight Players	-4	68

### COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: **Yan Liu**
  - Had seven birdies and a bogey in her opening round
  - Her seven birdies are the most among the field
  - It is her best opening round of the season (66)
    - Her best opening round since round one of The Chevron Championship in 2025 (65)
  - Third time with the lead/co-lead after 18 holes
    - First time with the solo lead after 18 holes
  - It is her best career round at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
- T2: **Cassie Porter**
  - Second-straight round in the 60s in the first round at this event
    - Went on to finish T44

- Third-straight start with a round in the 60s, fifth overall
  - Finished T9 in her last start at the ShopRite LPGA powered by Wakefern
- Her six birdies are tied for second most in the field
- **T2: Jessica Porvasnik**
  - Recorded her second opening round in the 60s this season
  - First round in the 60s at this event in two starts
    - Missed the cut in 2025
  - Her 67 is her best start to a tournament since the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro, 66
  - Turned in six birdies and a bogey in her opening round
    - Her six birdies are tied for the third-most among the field
- **Julia Lopez Ramirez** recorded her first career ace
  - She her hit 7-iron 170 yards on No. 13
    - [Ace Julia Lopez Ramirez | 2026 Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give](#)
  - It is the 10th hole in one of the 2026 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 \$200,000

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Yan Liu
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	39
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$572.3K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	6
Career Official Money	\$1.9M

#### ABOUT THE LEADER

##### [Rolex Rankings No. 61 Yan Liu](#)

- Third start at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
  - 2025 – MC, 2023 – T50
- 2026: Nine cuts made in 12 starts with one top 10
  - Her lone top 10 came at The Chevron Championship, T4
  - Finished T17 in her last start at the Dow Championship
- Career: Six career top 10s with \$1.9 million in official career earnings
  - Has a career-best solo third place finish at the ShopRite LPGA Classic
  - Member of the People’s Republic of China Team at the Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
  - Competed on the Epson Tour in 2022
    - Made 17 cuts in 21 starts
    - Recorded four top 10s including a win at the Four Winds Invitational
  - Finished ninth on the Epson Tour money list to earn LPGA membership for 2023

- Has one win on the CLPGA

### TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes: 61, Lee-Anne Pace (R3, 2017)

36 holes: 128, Brooke M. Henderson (2019)

54 holes: 196, Lexi Thompson (2017) and Nelly Korda (2021)

72 holes: 263, Brooke M. Henderson (2017) and Nelly Korda (2021)

### QUOTABLE

*Yan Liu (1st, -6) on her opening 6-under round*

“Oh, yeah, today is pretty solid golf and I'm pretty enjoyed the weather; very cold and very windy in the morning. I think today was -- my putting was pretty good. That three birdie in a row is -- I putting almost four yard probably, yeah.”

*Jessica Porvasnik (T2, -5) on putting a new set of irons in play this week*

“Just a new set of irons. Kind of really helped. I was a little skeptical going in, but, yeah, after day like today I was like ooh, this might pretty good.”

*Cassie Porter (T2, -5) on her good form as of late*

“Yeah, I think I'm just growing a lot and riding the wave. This game throws a lot of things at you all the time, and just being able to handle that a little bit better, I think that's what I've done better in year. But, I mean, I just have a great team around me right now and I'm really excited and I'm just loving the grind.”

*Benedetta Moresco (T4, -4) on how she has grown on Tour*

“I feel like playing with such good players every week you learn a lot, and you learn a lot also about yourself. So even from some weeks don't go as well you can still learn and grow and put all the effort into the week after.”

*Daniela Darquea (T4, -4) on the differences this week compared to years past*

“I feel like every year that I've been here the course has been playing a little bit different. I would say firmer, but today with the wind it was a big challenge. We were lucky. It wasn't as firm as other years, so it was easier to like club. However, the winds picked up big time during the round so it was quite interesting, very fun round to play.”

*Jing Yan (T4, -4) on what it will take to find success this week*

“I think really just staying patient in the wind and just focusing on where I want to hit the ball and where I want to leave myself instead of the score overall. Then it can get away from you. Yeah, really zoning in on my targets.”

*Celine Borge (T4, -4) on what parts of her game she has been working on*

“Controlling ball flight. So I hit too much draw, and then try to control that. And my putting, I've been working on the short putts.”

*Azahara Munoz (T12, -3) on the tough morning conditions*

“Yeah, it was pretty tough. It was cold and really, really breezy, gusty at times. But I played pretty good. I didn't hit many fairways, but when I missed them I barely missed them. I didn't get too bad of a lie in the rough, so I managed to hit pretty good shots in. I didn't play that amazing, but I did enough, and then I played really well on the par-5s.”

*Julia Lopez Ramirez (T41, -1) on her first hole-in-one on the LPGA Tour*

“So it was blowing pretty hard down there. It was a left-to-right wind and we got a number that was basically my full 7-iron. I was saying, oh, maybe it's a six. She was like, no, no, hit the seven. This is the club. Pitch like two meters short, like the perfect fade. Pitch two short, another bounce, and rolled in; throw the club up, hands in the air. I was like, no way.”

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[Cassie Porter enjoys all the lessons golf throws at her](#) 🖋️

[Lottie Woad wraps her round with a nice little birdie](#) 🏏 She heads into Friday T11 at -3

[Jessica Porvasnik putting herself in contention](#) 🏏 Birdie on the 8th gets her one back from the lead

[Alexa Pano with the most perfect approach shot](#) 🏏 She holes out for eagle on 18

[Juliaaaaaaa ace!](#) 🏏

[Thursday morning moments at the Meijer LPGA Classic](#) 📹

[Julia Lopez Ramirez with a hole-in-one!](#) 🏏