



MIZUHO

AMERICAS OPEN

2026 Mizuho Americas Open

Mountain Ridge Country Club | West Caldwell, NJ | May 7-11, 2026

Third-Round Notes

May 8, 2026

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Course Setup: 36-36—72, 6,557 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 73.174, R2: 74.947, R3: 71.863

Weather: Rain showers expected to begin around 10 am with heavier showers after 2 pm. Winds around 10 mph with gusts up to 20 mph. Temperatures peaking in the upper 50s by the afternoon.

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	Jeeno Thitikul	-10	67-69-70 – 136
2	Celine Boutier	-8	73-68-67 – 208
3	Hye-Jin Choi	-7	68-75-66 – 209

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- **Leader: Jeeno Thitikul** carded a third consecutive under par round
 - Her 26th round led or co-led over the last 5 LPGA seasons, tying Nelly Korda for most in that span
 - Looking to defend her title for the second time in her career
 - Has never finished outside the top-10 at this event
 - [Jeeno Thitikul Third Round Highlights | 2026 Mizuho Americas Open](#)
- **2: Celine Boutier** shot 5-under in her second round
 - This is the first time since the 2025 Mizuho Americas Open that Boutier has been inside the top two heading into the final round
 - The lowest position she has been heading into the final round of play in 2026 is T33 at the Aramco Championship

- Her 208 is her second-lowest 54-hole score of 2026 and lowest since the Ford Championship, 207
- Has not had a top 10 finish this season
 - Lowest finish this season is T18 at The Chevron Championship
 - Last top 10 finish was the 2025 BMW Ladies Championship, T3
- [Celine Boutier Third Round Highlights | 2026 Mizuho Americas Open](#)
- [Celine Boutier Third Round Golf Channel Interview | 2026 Mizuho Americas Open](#)
- **3: Hye-Jin Choi** matched the low round of the day with a third round 66
 - Third time she has been in the top-5 heading into the final round this season
 - Was T2 heading into the final round at Blue Bay LPGA, finished T5
 - Was T5 heading into the final round at the Fortinet Founders Cup, finished T14
 - Best finish at this event was a T33 in 2025
 - Had a nine-shot difference between R2 and R3 (75-66)
- **Aphrodite Deng** leads the AJGA competition with a score of 110
 - The AJGA is competing in a modified stableford format
 - See point scale [here](#)
 - Earned 40 points today, the highest single round score from an AJGA player this week
 - Won this event last year
 - Currently ranked No. 2 in the Rolex AJGA Rankings
- Mizuho added a missed cut stipend of \$2,000
 - Players making the 36-hole cut of low 50 players & ties will receive CME Points and Official Money based upon their finish after 72 holes.
 - Players who miss the 36-hole cut, but within the low 65 players & ties will receive CME Points and Official Money based upon their finish after 36 holes (using standard LPGA purse)
 - Players who miss the 36-hole cut, and outside the low 65 players & ties will receive the \$2,000 missed cut stipend (Unofficial Money and separate from overall purse) and no CME Points.
- **Mi Hyang Lee** withdrew during the second round due to injury
- **Haeji Kang** withdrew during the first round due to injury

WITH A WIN

Jeeno Thitikul

- Would earn her ninth career victory
- Would earn her second win of the 2026 season
- Would defend her title at the Mizuho Americas Open
- Would be the second time she has defended a title (first was at the 2025 CME Group Tour Championship)
 - Would be the second player to successfully defend a title this season
- Would become the fourth two-time winner of the 2026 LPGA Tour season
- Would surpass \$18 million in career official earnings
- Would become the fastest player to reach \$18 million in career official earnings
 - Would hold the record for fastest to reach \$8-\$18 million
- Would surpass \$900,000 in season official earnings
- Would become her third consecutive season with multiple wins

Celine Boutier

- Would earn her seventh career victory
- Would earn her first win since the 2023 Maybank Championship
 - Would be 924 days since her last victory on Tour
- Would become the first Frenchwoman to win on Tour since herself in 2023
- Would be the first player from Europe to win on Tour this season
 - The last player from Europe to win on Tour was **Linn Grant** at the 2025 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- Would become the first person from France and first European to win the Mizuho Americas Open
- Would surpass \$600,000 in season official earnings
- Would become the seventh unique winner on Tour this season

Hye-Jin Choi

- Would become the Tour's first Rolex First Time Winner of 2026
 - Would be the first Rolex First Time Winner since **Miranda Wang** at the 2025 FM Championship
- Would be the 53rd player from the Republic of Korea to win on the LPGA Tour
- Would win in her 110th start on Tour
 - Joined the LPGA Tour in 2022
- Would become the first player from the Republic of Korea to win the Mizuho Americas Open
- Would surpass \$750k in season official earnings
- Would become the third winner from the Republic of Korea this season, joining **Hyo Joo Kim** and **Mi Hyang Lee**
- Would become the seventh unique winner on Tour this season

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Jeeno Thitikul
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	4
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	1
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	4
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$454.8K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	8
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	57
Career Official Money	\$17.8M

ABOUT THE LEADER[Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul](#)

- Fourth start at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Won in 2025
 - Finished T7 in 2024 and T10 in 2023
- Has made six cuts in seven starts with one win and one additional top 10
 - Won the Honda LPGA Thailand in her second start of the season
 - Missed the cut at The Chevron Championship in her last start
- Career: Eight wins, 57 career top-10 finishes, \$17.8 million in career official earnings

- Won the CME Group Tour Championship in 2025 and 2024
- Won 2025 Rolex Player of the Year and the Vare Trophy
- Recipient of the 2023 Vare Trophy and named the 2022 Louis Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
- Represented Thailand in the 2023 and 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- Represented Thailand at the 2024 Paris Olympics

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes: 63, Hannah Green (R3, 2024)

36 holes: 135, Jeeno Thitikul (2024)

54 holes: 202, Jeeno Thitikul (2025)

72 holes: 271, Jeeno Thitikul (2025)

All records from Liberty National Golf Club

QUOTABLE

Jeeno Thitikul (1, -10) on heading into the final round with the opportunity to defend

"I just surprising myself right now still that I don't even think -- I don't expecting myself to be on this position with the game that I have yet. But, I mean, like it's just golf. Just another day going in, you know, like another tournament, another 18 holes that I have tomorrow. It's a new days and I don't know what's going to happen, but I know I just going to let golf be golf and then let myself be committed to golf and then just go by the flow with it and then just give myself a lot of chances, another opportunities under my belt that I have in the final round again."

Celine Boutier (2, -8) on if she will be aggressive in chasing down the leader tomorrow

"I think this course is very tricky because you can't be too aggressive otherwise, you can leave yourself some tough shots and tough putts. Sometimes you have to be a little bit conservative, and that's kind of the way that you leave yourself the best chance of making a birdie. I feel like you have to be pretty smart and kind of like almost patient about it, because sometimes you're tempted to go for things but it's not always the smartest choice. I feel like kind of learning which areas of the pin or like of the green you want to be on for your next is kind of helpful."

Hye-Jin Choi (3, -7) on how she is managing the conditions this week

"We had of little bit of rain at hole 17, so it was just a little of it. I felt like it was less wind compared to the first and second round, so I was more comfortable with my shots. And even if it I had a bad situation, I tried to make a good save and I did it."

Alison Lee (T7, -5) on playing on Mother's Day as an LPGA Tour Mom

"Yeah, it's so crazy. It's so weird to think like, because when I see him -- it's been a year, but it still hasn't hit me that this is my son, you know what I mean? It's crazy to think. And I mean this feels like the first real Mother's Day. Last year he was still only a few weeks old and I was in the trenches. This year looks a little bit different. My mom is also here as well so, yeah, it's just nice to have them here. Like I said it's weird. It's still -- I think sometimes I to pinch myself and remind myself I'm a mom. Even for me saying I'm a mom or that's my son is still tough to fully grasp. It still hasn't settled in yet. Just glad he's here. He's such a rock star. He's handled this travel and all the changes really well. He's so sweet and friendly with everyone and always giving

everyone a smile. Super social. If I drop him off in the corner and a nice couple picks him up I don't think he would mind. But, yeah, it just means a lot."

Aphrodite Deng (AJGA) (1, 110 points) on having the best round of the week in the AJGA field

"Yeah, I think the pins and conditions were a little easier today even though it rained. I was just trying to put myself in the right positions, and if I make the putt, I make the putt. So I made a couple birdies out there and it worked out."

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[Another drained birdie for Jeeno 🏠](#)

[Celine Boutier means business 🏠](#)

[So close 🏠](#)

[AJGA competitor Fay Jia drains a long birdie on the toughest hole of the day 🏠](#)

[Allisen Corpuz caps her day off with a birdie to get to -6 🏠](#)

[Hye-Jin Choi sent this eagle putt screeching at the hole 🏠](#)