

ISPS HANDA
WOMEN'S
SCOTTISH OPEN **2026 ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open**

Dundonald Links | Gables, North Ayrshire, Scotland | July 23-26, 2026

First-Round Notes

July 23, 2026

Media Contacts: [Carly Lyvers](#) (LPGA); [Michele Mair](#) (IMG); [Nicola Kenton](#) (LET)**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72; 6,543 yards**Weather:** [Thursday Forecast](#)**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)**Purse:** \$2 million (\$300,000 – winner's purse)**TV/Streaming Times:** [How to Watch](#)**QUICK LINKS**[Interview Transcripts](#)[LPGA Tour Online Media Center \(OMC\):](#)[Tournament Website](#)**SOCIAL MEDIA**

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LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Lauren Coughlin	-6	66
T1	Jenny Shin	-6	66
3	A Lim Kim	-5	67

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leaders: **Lauren Coughlin** and **Jenny Shin** each opened with a 66 in R1
 - Coughlin made eight birdies today, the most of any player in the field
 - Hit 16/18 greens in regulation, the most of any player in the field
 - Had 10 one putts, including a 30-footer that secured her final birdie on No. 9 to move into a tie for first place going into Friday
 - In each of her three LPGA Tour wins, she opened with a 69 or better
 - This is her best R1 position at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - When she won the event in 2024, she was T5 after R1
 - This is her sixth lead or co-lead following the first round on the LPGA Tour
 - Shin made seven birdies, including three in her first five holes
 - Seventh time leading or co-leading after the first round in her career
 - Her first time since the Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba in 2025
 - Her best opening position at this event was T2 in 2018; she would go onto finish T52
 - Her first opening round of 66 or lower since the 2025 Buick LPGA Shanghai
 - [Jenny Shin First Round Highlights](#)
 - [Jenny Shin First Round Interview](#)
- 3rd: **A Lim Kim** sits behind leaders after a 67 on Thursday

- Had seven birdies in R1, tied for the second most amongst the field
 - Opened her round with three consecutive birdies
 - Picked up two more on the back nine, holes 16 and 18
 - Back-to-back birdies on Nos. 2 and 3
- Had 24 putts, tied for the least amongst the field
- Making her sixth start at the ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - Finished T4 in 2023
- Defending champion **Lottie Woad** carded a two-over 74 in her first title defense on the LPGA Tour
- Amateur and sponsor invite **Kiara Romero** opened with a five-over 77
 - Is seeking a finish inside the top 40 and ties to earn the last point necessary to be eligible for LPGA Membership through the LPGA Elite Amateur Pathway

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Lauren Coughlin	Jenny Shin
2026 Race to CME Globe Rank	25	66
2026 LPGA Tour Wins	1	0
2026 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1	1
2026 Official Season Earnings	\$924.9K	\$308.9K
Career LPGA Tour Wins	3	1
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	17	47
Career Official Money	\$4.9M	\$8M

ABOUT THE LEADERS

Rolex Rankings No. 22 Lauren Coughlin

- Fifth start at ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - Won the event in 2024 for her second LPGA Tour victory
 - Has an additional top-10 finish at the event from last year
- 2026: Seven cuts made in 12 starts with one win
 - Won the Aramco Championship
 - Missed the cut in five of her last six starts
- Career: Three wins, 17 top 10s, \$4.9 million in official career earnings
 - 2024 U.S. Solheim Cup team member
 - 2025 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown participant representing the U.S.
 - Played collegiately at the University of Virginia
 - Her husband, John Pond, is a regular caddie on the LPGA

Rolex Rankings No. 98 Jenny Shin

- Eighth start at ISPS HANDA Women's Scottish Open
 - Best finish was T16 in 2023
- 2026: Eight cuts made in 13 starts with one top-10 finish
 - Finished T7 at the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Missed the cut in three of her last four events
- Career: One win, 47 top 10s, \$8 million in official career earnings

- Won the 2016 Volunteers of America Texas Shootout presented by JTBC
- Finished fourth on the 2010 Epson Tour money list to earn LPGA Tour Membership

Tournament Scoring Records from Dundonald Links:

18 holes – 62, Ayaka Furue (R4, 2022)
36 holes – 130, Lydia Ko (2022)
54 holes – 199, Lottie Woad (2025)
72 holes – 267, Lottie Woad (2025) and Ayaka Furue (2022)

Tournament Scoring Records Overall*

18 holes – 62, three times, last by Ayaka Furue (R4, 2022) at Dundonald Links
36 holes – 128, Mi Jung Hur (2018) at Gullane Golf Club
54 holes – 197, Moriya Jutanugarn (2019) at The Renaissance Club
72 holes – 264, Mi Jung Hur (2019) at the Renaissance Club

*Scoring records are since the event became co-sanctioned in 2017

QUOTABLES

Lauren Coughlin (T1, -6) on her opening round

“Yeah, I just playing really solid. It was pretty difficult out there. I've not ever really played it when it's been this firm, especially off the tee, so quite a few different things off the tee than normal where I used to be able to hit driver a lot of places. But yeah, I hit it really well but I made almost everything that I kind of looked at today. So it kind of makes it a little bit easy.”

Jenny Shin (T1, -6) on how she prepared for links golf this week

“Yeah, I had a vacation in Sweden last week and the golf courses that I played were very linksy. So that was a very pleasant surprise. It was along the water. So a lot of wind, as well. And yeah, I guess I practised well. Definitely paid off today. So hopefully I can keep it up for the next three days.”

A Lim Kim (3rd, -5) on what she was thinking heading into the afternoon

“I really practice my imagination, and sometimes trust is very hard, trust is really hard for me but keep trying.”

Esther Henseleit (T5, -2) on the conditions she experienced

“Yeah, it's actually a true links this year. I feel like the last few years, we always had so much rain that it was playing pretty soft. But it's fast and firm out there. The wind is, I would say, the perfect amount for links golf. It's still very playable and you can plan your shots but you definitely have to think about it. Yeah, had some solid contact and ball flight.”

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Nelly bringing nothing but heat from the fairway 🔥