

## The Chevron Championship

The Club at Carlton Woods | The Woodlands, TX | April 18-21, 2024

# Partial Third-Round Notes April 20, 2024

Due to dangerous weather conditions, the third round was suspended at The Chevron Championship until Sunday, April 21 at 7 a.m. CT. Once the third round is complete, players will be repaired by score for the final round. Starting times for the final round will be approximately from 9:20-11:31 a.m. CT off Nos. 1 and 10.

Partial third-round statistics are attached, along with a reminder of third-round pairings.

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**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72; 6,639 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 73.546; R2:72.648; R3: still underway

**Weather:** Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorm development with rainfall up to a half inch and temperatures reaching the low 80s F; see above and below for

suspension information

Race to CME Globe Points: 650 points (winner)

Purse: \$7.9 million (winner's portion is \$1.2 million)

TV/STREAMING TIMES: (All times ET)

Sunday, April 21: 2 – 3 p.m. (Peacock); 3 – 6 p.m. (NBC/Peacock)

## **ESPN+ FEATURED GROUP COVERAGE: Sunday, April 21** Continued third round coverage starting at 7:00 a.m. CT

LEADERBOARD				
	Player	To par	Thru	Round 3
1	Atthaya Thitikul	-11	12	-3
T2	Brooke Henderson	-10	17	-8
T2	Nelly Korda	-10	11	-3
4	Jin Hee Im	-9	11	-1
T5	Lauren Coughlin	-8	13	-3

## HENDERSON MAKES BIG MOVE, THITIKUL LEADS BEFORE PLAY SUSPENDED ON SATURDAY

Before dangerous conditions suspended the third round at The Chevron Championship, Canadian superstar **Brooke Henderson** was making the most of moving day with an 8-under round heading into her final hole. Starting the day at T21 after two rounds of 71, Henderson made seven birdies and an eagle in a nine-hole stretch, including five straight holes under par from Nos. 7-11. She was -9 on the day and tied for the lead with **Atthaya Thitikul** and **Nelly Korda** when she made bogey on 16. After recovering with a par on 17, Henderson headed to the 18th tee when the horn blew to suspend play.

The key to Henderson's spectacular Saturday round, which will be the lowest round of the week so far if she finishes -8 or better, was her putting, she said.

"You know, I've been hitting it really well all week. I just wasn't really capitalizing on some of the opportunities. I was just playing really steady, really solid. Today I was able to make a few putts," said Henderson, who had an incredible 12 one-putts on the card through 17 holes, and 10 in a row from holes 6-15. "Made a clutch par save on 6, birdie on 7 and then a long one on 8 for eagle, so I kind of just really felt a lot of great momentum with my putter and was able to keep it pretty hot throughout the back nine. A little disappointed I dropped the one shot on 16, but I have 18 left tomorrow morning early, so hopefully go out and post a good score and then go into tomorrow with a lot of confidence and a lot of momentum."

Thitikul, who started the day at the top of the leaderboard and remains so, is -3 through 12 holes. The young Thai star opened her round with a birdie and added two more on holes 8 and 11, taking the solo lead with her last. Korda, playing in the same group, is just one stroke behind the leader just as she began the day. Also at -3 on the round, Korda too had a birdie on 1 and made two more on Nos. 5 and 8 but, unlike Thitikul, she has not completed her 12th hole. The American had to mark her putt for par as lightning closed in on The Club at Carlton Woods.

"I had a bogey-free 3-under on the front nine and I have probably a three- or four-footer for par on the hole that I didn't finish so overall I feel like I played pretty good," said Korda, who is chasing her fifth victory in as many starts on Tour. "The greens are a little softer than maybe days prior, so I could be a little bit more aggressive, but overall I felt pretty good out there."

The greens will continue to soften as heavy rainfall is expected overnight. The course took over half-an-inch on Saturday before play was finally called for the day at 5:30 p.m., a delay of 2 hours and 33 minutes. The third round will resume at 7 a.m. CT on Sunday and, once complete, players will be repaired for the fourth round, which will begin at approximately 9:20 a.m. CT.

#### **WITH A WIN**

#### Atthaya Thitikul

- She would earn her third career victory, and first since the 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
- She would be the third-ever player from Thailand to win a major championship, joining **Ariya Jutanugarn** (2016 AIG Women's Open, 2018 U.S. Women's Open) and **Patty Tavatanakit** (2021 Chevron Championship)
- She would be the first player since A Lim Kim (2020 U.S. Women's Open) to win a major in her LPGA Tour season debut
- She would be the 22nd player to make The Chevron Championship her first major title
  - o This would be the seventh-straight year where the winner of The Chevron Championship is a first-time major champion
- She would be the second Thai winner on Tour this season, joining Patty Tavatanakit (Honda LPGA Thailand)
- She would be the sixth different winner on Tour this season
- At 21 years, 2 months and 1 day, she would be the youngest Tour winner since **Chanettee Wannasaen** at the 2023 Portland Classic (19Y/4M/18D)
  - o She would be the fourth-youngest winner of The Chevron Championship, just 12 days younger than Yani Tseng in 2010
  - O She would be the youngest major champion since **Ruoning Yin** at the 2023 KPMG Women's PGA Championship (20Y/8M/28D)
- She would cross the \$4 million mark in official career earnings with the \$1.2 million winner's prize (\$4,931,761)
  - She would be projected to jump from 118th to 84th on the All-Time Official Money List in her 48th event as a Member

#### **Brooke Henderson**

- o She would earn her 14th career Tour victory, extending her record of being the winningest golfer in Canadian history (male or female)
  - o It would be her first win on Tour since the 2023 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
  - o It would be her fourth-straight season with at least one win on Tour
- She would be the first player in Tour history to win The Chevron Championship (as a major), KPMG Women's PGA Championship and the Amundi Evian Championship (as a major) in her career
  - She would just need the U.S. Women's Open or AIG Women's Open title to complete a Career Grand Slam, or both to complete the Super Career Grand Slam
- o She would be the first Canadian winner of The Chevron Championship since it was elevated to major championship status
- o She would be the first Canadian, male or female, to win three major titles in their golf career
- She would be the first Canadian winner on Tour this season, and the sixth different winner this season
- She would cross the \$13 million mark in official career earnings (\$13,752,407) and \$1 million threshold this season (\$1,542,088) with the
   \$1.2 million winner's prize
  - o She would be projected to jump from 16th to 13th on the All-Time Official Money List

#### **Nelly Korda**

- She would earn her 13th career victory, and second major title
  - She won her first major championship at the 2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - o She would be the 31st American to earn at least 13 Tour victories in her career
- She would be the 52nd player in Tour history to earn at least two major championship titles
  - She would be the ninth player in Tour history to win at least both The Chevron Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship
- She would earn her fifth win of the 2024 LPGA Tour season, and fifth consecutive victory
- She would tie the record (5) for most consecutive Tour wins in tournaments participated since 1978
  - o She would join Annika Sorenstam with the record (2004 Mizuno Classic 2005 Chevron Championship) and Nancy Lopez (1978)
- She would tie the record (4) for most consecutive Tour wins in scheduled events (won in consecutive starts without skipping an event)
  - She would join Kathy Whitworth (1969), Mickey Wright (1962, 1963), Annika Sorenstam (2001 Welch's Circle K Championship –
    The Office Depot hosted by Amy Alcott) and Lorena Ochoa (2008 Safeway International Ginn Open) with the record
- She would be the first player since herself (2021 Meijer LPGA Classic, KPMG Women's PGA Championship) to win any major championship and the event before
  - o It would be the 21st occurrence of someone winning any major championship and the event before on Tour
- She would be the first player since **Lydia Ko** (2016 Kia Classic, Chevron Championship) and fifth different player to win The Chevron Championship specifically and the tournament before
- She would become third player to win The Chevron Championship when ranked as Rolex Rankings No. 1 since the Rankings inception in 2006
  - She would join Lorena Ochoa (2008) and Lydia Ko (2016)
- She would earn two points toward the LPGA Hall of Fame, bringing her current career total to 16 since becoming a Member in 2017
  - She earned one point for 11 LPGA Tour titles and two each for her major championship victories
  - o She earned one point for her 2020 Tokyo Olympics gold medal
  - o To qualify for the LPGA HOF, LPGA Tour Members must meet a threshold of 27 points
- She would cross the \$2 million mark in official season earnings (\$2,424,216) and \$11 million threshold in official career earnings (\$11,361,489)
  - She would be the fastest player to reach \$2 million in single-season earnings in Tour history
  - She would be projected to jump from 25th to 23rd on the All-Time Official Money List, passing Yani Tseng and Na Yeon Choi

## <u>Jin Hee Im</u>

- She would become a Rolex First-Time Winner in her fourth event of the season and the sixth Tour start of her career
  - $\circ$  She would join **Bailey Tardy** (Blue Bay LPGA) as the second Rolex First-Time Winner of the season
- She would be the eighth player to win The Chevron Championship as a Rolex First-Time Winner, and first since Jennifer Kupcho (2022)
  - She would be the 22nd different player to win The Chevron as her first major title, making it the seven-straight times The Chevron winner has been a first-time major champion
- She would be the sixth different winner on Tour this season, and the first from Korea
  - She would be the 50th different player from the Republic Korea to win on the LPGA Tour, and first since Amy Yang (2023 CME Group Tour Championship)
- She would be the seventh different player from Korea to win The Chevron Championship, and first since **Mirim Lee** (2020)
- She would be the 20th different player from Korea to win any major championship, with Im claiming the 36th major championship title by a Korean overall
- She would be the first Korean to win a major championship since In Gee Chun (2022 KPMG Women's PGA Championship)

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADER

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CATEGORY	Atthaya Thitikul			
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	-			
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	0			
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0			
2024 Season Earnings	\$0			
Career LPGA Tour Wins	2			
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	29			
Career Money (LPGA)	\$3,731,761			
Career LET Wins	4			
Career KLPGA Tour Wins	0			

#### **ABOUT THE LEADER**

#### Rolex Rankings No. 10 Atthaya Thitikul

- Thitikul was on hole 13 when play was suspended
  - Through 12 holes, she was three under with three birdies
  - O She had hit six of nine fairways, 10 of 12 greens with 20 putts through 12 holes
  - o Thitikul has two par 5s, three par 4s and a par 3 remaining on her back nine of R3
- Her second-round 67 was her best 18-hole score at The Chevron Championship, besting her previous record of 68 (recorded twice: 2023, R3 and 2022, R2)
  - o This is her eighth-straight round in the 60s, dating back to the third round of the 2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- Yesterday was her second time holding the 36-hole lead/co-lead
  - o She last held the 36-hole lead/co-lead in her win at the 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
  - o This was the first time she's held any post-round lead at a major championship
- This is Thitikul's fourth appearance in The Chevron Championship
  - o Her career-best finish in the major came in 2023 with a tie for fourth
  - In 2018, she finished in a tie for 30th and was crowned low amateur
- This is her 18th major championship start
  - She's recorded six top-10 results in majors, notching career-best fourth-place finishes at the 2023 Chevron and 2022 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
  - o She's recorded her six top 10s since a solo fifth at the 2021 Amundi Evian Championship
- This is her first start of the 2024 LPGA Tour season
  - o In 2023, she made 18 cuts in 20 starts, with 13 top-10 finishes, including two runner-up performances at The Ascendant benefiting Volunteers of America and the Maybank Championship
  - She won the Vare Trophy with a season scoring average of 69.533
- This is her third season on the LPGA Tour
  - o She is a two-time LPGA Tour winner, claiming victories at the 2022 JTBC Classic and 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
  - o She was the 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
  - o She was a member of the winning Thailand Team at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
  - $\circ$  She currently ranks 10th on the Olympic Golf Ranking
  - $\circ$  She is a four-time Ladies European Tour champion and five-time Thai LPGA Tour winner

## THINGS TO KNOW

- Third-round play was suspended at 2:57 p.m. CT due to dangerous conditions
  - Play was officially called at 5:30 p.m. CT
  - Read the official weather advisory <u>here</u>
- 40 players were able to complete their third round before the stoppage of play
  - Of those 40, two players shot 6-under 66s: major champion Jiyai Shin (T9 through 54 holes, -5) and LPGA Tour winner Nanna Koerstz Madsen (T20, -4)
    - Shin was a sponsor invite in her last Tour appearance at the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship, where she finished in T5 for her 62nd top-10 finish in Tour appearances
    - Shin, an 11-time LPGA Tour winner, is a two-time major champion (2008, 2012 AIG Women's Open), and last won on the LPGA Tour at the 2013 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open
    - This is Shin's 10th start at The Chevron Championship, dating back to 2007; she's recorded two top-10 finishes at the major, including a career-best result in 2010
    - Koerstz Madsen's 66 tied her career-best 18-hole score at The Chevron, which she last recorded in the final round in 2021
      - She finished in T3, her career-best result in any major championship
- Brooke Henderson and Nelly Korda are currently in T2 at -10
  - o In 2020, Henderson and Korda both finished runner-up to Mirim Lee at The Chevron Championship after losing in a playoff
  - O Henderson has one hole left to play (18), and is currently 8-under 64 through 17 holes
    - A 64 would tie her career-best 18-hole score in any major championship, which she last recorded in the first and second rounds of her victory at the 2022 Amundi Evian Championship
  - $\circ$  Korda has not recorded a bogey since No. 7 on Friday
    - She is currently through 11 holes in her third round
- The 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur champion Lottie Woad is currently -4 overall through the first two rounds and 13 holes of the third round
  - She was one of two amateurs to make the cut
    - Jasmine Koo (a) finished her Saturday with a 2-under 70, and currently sits T31 at -2
- Thirteen-year LPGA Tour veteran **So Yeon Ryu** official retired after the second round on Friday

  O Ryu missed the cut, finishing at +7, and officially retired after the second round
  - Ryu is a six-time LPGA Tour winner, and two-time major champion
    - She was a past champion of The Chevron Championship, winning in 2017
  - She received three LPGA Awards during her career: the 2012 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year, 2017 Rolex Player of the Year and 2017 Rolex ANNIKA Major Award
  - Watch her post-round Golf Channel interview <u>here</u>

Nelly Korda (T2, -10) on having a par putt left after suspension of play

"Yeah, I think you just have to try to be positive about it and just tell yourself that you can't get caught up in possibly girls being on 18 or not having that many holes left. If you think about it positively, then I have a lot of opportunities left in the day that I can go out and maybe capitalize on a couple of them, then that's good. But I'm going to think about it positively rather than negatively."

Atthaya Thitikul (1st, -11) on the competition and challenges of tomorrow

"Of course it's going to be a challenging day tomorrow, especially because of the weather and also it's a major. I think the score is going to be there. Not just me, but other players can get low, as well, especially with kind of soft greens. I think who does it best -- I think all the players give 100 percent, more than 100 percent to get ready for tomorrow. What we can do is just stick to the process and do our best."

Brooke Henderson (T2, -10) on her string of birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie

"Honestly I think it was on 6 like when I made that par save. It really kept my round alive, and then from there I was able to get things going. It was really fun to kind of get on a bit of a run. I feel like this year I've just played pretty solid, but I haven't really seen that run and kind of had that excitement. That was really fun for me today, and hopefully just do something similar tomorrow. It's going to be really interesting tomorrow. There's a lot of people really bunched up, so it's going to be a lot of fun."

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## **CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS (OVERALL)**

18 holes - 62, Lorena Ochoa (2006) and Lydia Ko (2021)

36 holes – 132, Sung Hyun Park and Pernilla Lindberg (2018)

*54 holes* – 200, Jennifer Kupcho (2022)

72 holes – 269, Dottie Pepper (1999)

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCORING RECORDS AT THE CLUB AT CARLTON WOODS (NICKLAUS)

18 holes – 65, Shinsil Bang (R2, 2024), A Lim Kim (R2, 2023) and Amy Yang (R3, 2023)

*36 holes* – 136, A Lim Kim (2023)

54 holes – 206, Allisen Corpuz and Angel Yin (2023)

72 holes – 278, Lilia Vu and Angel Yin (2023)

## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

2023-Current – Played as The Chevron Championship at The Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus) in The Woodlands, Texas

2022 – Played as The Chevron Championship at the Dinah Shore Course at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

2015-2021 – Played as the ANA Inspiration at the Dinah Shore Course at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

2002-2014 – Played as the Kraft Nabsico Championship at the Dinah Shore Course at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

2000-2001 – Played as the Nabisco Championship at the Dinah Shore Course at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

1983-1999 – Played as the Nabisco Dinah Shore at the Dinah Shore Course at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Prior to major championship elevation: Nabisco Dinah Shore Invitational (1982), Colgate-Dinah Shore (1981) and Colgate-Dinah Shore Winner's Circle (1972-1980)