



## The Chevron Championship

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

### Second-Round Notes

April 19, 2024

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**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72; 6,738 yards

**Scoring Average:** R1: 73.546; R2:72.648

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy skies with pockets of sunshine with temperatures reaching into upper 80s and variable winds up to 12 mph

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

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

**TV/STREAMING TIMES:** (All times ET)

**Thursday, April 18:** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

**Friday, April 19:** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. (Golf Channel/Peacock)

**Saturday, April 20:** 2 – 3 p.m. (Peacock); 3 – 6 p.m. (NBC/Peacock)

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

**ESPN+ FEATURED GROUP COVERAGE: Saturday, April 20** (All tee times are local time)

7:28 a.m. – Robyn Choi / Cheyenne Knight / Alexa Pano

8:01 a.m. – Jennifer Kupcho / Caroline Inglis / Linn Grant

10:24 a.m. – Lindy Duncan / Marina Alex / Carlota Ciganda

10:35 a.m. – Lydia Ko / Auston Kim / Stephanie Kyriacou

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#### LEADERBOARD

	Player	To par	Score
T1	Jin Hee Im	-8	69-67 – 136
T1	Atthaya Thitikul	-8	69-67 – 136
3	Nelly Korda	-7	68-69 – 137
4	Haeran Ryu	-6	72-66 – 138
T5	Four players	-5	139

#### YOUNG TOUR STARS LEAD THE CHEVRON CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER 36 HOLES; NELLY KORDA LURKS ONE-STROKE BACK

LPGA Tour rookie **Jin Hee Im** and 21-year-old Thai star **Atthaya Thitikul** share the 36-hole lead (-8) at The Chevron Championship after both shot 69-67 through the first two days at The Club at Carlton Woods. Heading into the second round, the two were T5 and three strokes out of **Lauren Coughlin's** first-round lead before a bogey-free day from Im and a six-birdie, one-bogey round for Thitikul put the young players on top of the leaderboard heading into Moving Day.

Im is making her first-ever start in a major championship this week in The Woodlands and is now holding her first-ever lead or co-lead on the LPGA Tour. The 25-year-old earned Tour status for the 2024 season after finishing T17 at LPGA Q-Series in December. But even though she is a rookie, the Korean player has plenty of experience winning professional golf tournaments. Im is a six-time winner on the KLPGA Tour, earning four of those wins just last season.

"Everything was good last year (on the KLPGA), and I know the courses pretty well. I played there five years," said Im on her success in 2023. When asked why she chose to enter Q-Series to test her skill on the LPGA Tour, she said, "In KLPGA they retire a little bit earlier than --the players, they retire a little bit earlier than the LPGA, so I tried to play more in here. I want the challenge (of) more big tour. That's why I tried LPGA."

So far this season, Im has played in just three events on Tour with a season-best finish of T27 at the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship. While that may seem like too few starts, Thitikul has even less in 2024. The 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year is making her first appearance of the season here at The Chevron Championship, having recently recovered from a thumb injury that began a few weeks after the 2023 CME Group Tour Championship and was resolved just three weeks ago, according to Thitikul. Leaning on good memories from her T4 finish in last year's playing of the major, Thitikul made up for lost time and made sure to appreciate the opportunity to compete on Tour.

"I think the rest now like is just a bonus for me. I mean, coming here this week I think making the cut is -- it's good enough because, you know, I wasn't be out here for so long," she said. "Starting my season with major week is -- it's not that easy, so I think from now on it's just a bonus for me. Just go out there, staying positive, and then also being out there smiling and then just do my best."

Im was one of five players to go bogey-free on Friday, making birdie on three of the four par-5s (Nos. 4, 8 and 13) and carding two more on 6 and 17. Thitikul went out in 33 thanks to birdies on 5, 7 and 8, and then went birdie-bogey-birdie on 13, 14 and 15. She finished with a birdie on the par-5 18th to take the second 36-hole lead or co-lead of her Tour career. The last time she led after 36 holes, she won the 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship.

Four-time 2024 Tour winner **Nelly Korda** sits one stroke back of Thitikul and Im at -7. She shot a second-round 69 on Friday and is one of just three players to post two rounds in 60s this week, along with the leaders. Korda is coming off her third-straight LPGA Tour victory and fourth in consecutive starts on Tour. With a win this week, she will tie **Annika Sorenstam's** and **Nancy Lopez's** record for most wins in consecutive starts on the LPGA Tour. Although she is looking to add her name into the history books, Korda recognized there's still a lot of golf left to play.

"I'm just at the halfway point right now. The amount of golf that I've played, I still have that to go," said Korda when asked how she is handling the pressure of her historic run. "There is still a lot of golf left and anything can happen. Just going to stick to my process and 'vibe with it,' is what my coach says."

Last season's Rolex Rookie of the Year, **Hae Ran Ryu**, sits in solo fourth at -6. First-round leader **Lauren Coughlin** couldn't find her opening-round rhythm but remains in the top-5 after a shooting a 1-over 73 on Friday. She shares the T5 spot with four other players including Sweden's **Maja Stark**, Japan's **Minami Katsu**, Korea's **Shinsil Bang**, and **Weimei Zhang** of the Republic of China. Sponsor exemption and the 2024 Augusta National Women's Open champion Lottie Woad sits in a tie for 10th with seven other players at -4.

Seventy-three players made the cut at +2 following Friday's round. Notables to miss the cut are past champions **Patty Tavatanakit** (2021), **Jin Young Ko** (2019), **Pernilla Lindberg** (2018), **Lexi Thompson** (2014), **Stacy Lewis** (2011), **Yani Tseng** (2010) and **So Yeon Ryu** (2017), who announced her retirement from the LPGA Tour following The Chevron Championship.

"I wanted to make sure this week is like celebrate week, not sad week. It's been very touching. Like a lot of people just came up to me and then congrats me and then give all the warm word to me. I just feel very blessed. You cannot really have this feeling often. Maybe this is my first and last. So I really tried my best to enjoy like all the thing. Even out there I tried to enjoyed having a thrill tee shot, tough chip shot, the nervousness when I had a birdie putt kind of stuff," said Ryu. "I think I'm very satisfied with my week."

#### A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Jin Hee Im	Atthaya Thitikul
2024 Race to CME Globe Rank	96	-
2024 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0
2024 LPGA Tour Top 10s	0	0
2024 Season Earnings	\$27,293	\$0
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0	2
Career LPGA Tour Top 10s	0	29
Career Money (LPGA)	\$27,293	\$3,731,761
Career LET Wins	0	4
Career KLPGA Tour Wins	6	0

#### ABOUT THE LEADERS

##### Rolex Rankings No. 49 Jin Hee Im

- She hit 9 of 14 fairways and 11 of 18 greens, with 27 putts
  - She ranks second of the field through 36 holes in putts
- She was one of five bogey-free players on Friday
  - She made two bogeys on Thursday on Nos. 3 and 11
- According to KPMG Performance Insights, Im gained more than 5 ½ strokes on the field during the second round
  - Strokes gained total: +5.65
- This is her first appearance at The Chevron Championship and in any LPGA Tour major championship
- This is her first post-round lead of any kind in her LPGA Tour career
- This is her fourth event of the 2024 LPGA Tour season and of her LPGA Tour career
  - She has made two cuts in three starts, posting a season-best tie for 27th result at the FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship
  - Her career-best round on Tour this year is a 66, recorded in the second round of the 2024
- She is a 2024 LPGA Tour rookie
  - She currently ranks 96th on the Race to CME Globe Points List
  - She finished T17 at LPGA Q-Series to first earn LPGA Tour Membership for this year
  - Prior to becoming a Member, she made two LPGA Tour starts; she finished T20 at the 2020 ISPS Handa Vic Open and T61 at the 2021 BMW Ladies Championship
  - She turned professional in 2016
- She is a six-time KLPGA winner
  - She won four of those victories in 2023
  - She has competed on the KLPGA Since 2018, making 107 cuts in 133 starts with 29 total top-10 finishes

##### Rolex Rankings No. 10 Atthaya Thitikul

- Thitikul hit 12 of 14 fairways and 16 of 18 greens with 30 putts
  - She also had 30 putts in the first round
  - She ranks first in the field in greens in regulation through 36 holes
- Her second-round 67 is her best 18-hole score at The Chevron Championship, besting her previous record of 68 (recorded twice: 2023, R3 and 2022, R2)
  - This is her eighth-straight round in the 60s, dating back to the third round of the 2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican
- This is her second time holding the 36-hole lead/co-lead
  - She last held the 36-hole lead/co-lead in her win at the 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
  - This is the first time she's held any post-round lead at a major championship
- This is Thitikul's fourth appearance in The Chevron Championship
  - 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

- 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
  - 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
  - She is a two-time LPGA Tour winner, claiming victories at the 2022 JTBC Classic and 2022 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship
  - She was the 2022 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year
  - She was a member of the winning Thailand Team at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
  - She currently ranks 10th on the Olympic Golf Ranking
  - She is a four-time Ladies European Tour champion and five-time Thai LPGA Tour winner

#### THINGS TO KNOW

- Thirteen-year LPGA Tour veteran **So Yeon Ryu** announced she would be retiring prior to this week
  - Ryu missed the cut today, 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 [here](#)
- **Nelly Korda** is solo third after a second-round 69
  - She recorded six birdies and one bogey after opening with a double bogey on No. 1
  - She hit 10 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens with 30 putts on Friday
  - She is one of three players to shoot two consecutive rounds in the 60s, including leaders Im and Thitikul
  - Korda is in the hunt for her fifth consecutive win in official starts this season
    - She would join a short list of players including **Nancy Lopez** (1978) and **Annika Sorenstam** (2004-2005) that have won in five consecutive starts
    - She would also claim her fourth win in consecutively scheduled events (starting at the 2024 FIR HILLS SERI PAK Championship)
  - View her post-round interview transcript [here](#)
- **Haeran Ryu** is in solo fourth after a 6-under 66
  - With her round, she moved from T31 to T5 after recording the second-lowest score on Friday
  - She shot a bogey-free round, being one of five players to do so
  - Ryu was an LPGA Tour Rookie in 2023
    - She won once during her rookie season, the 2023 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G
    - She recorded six top-10 finishes last year as well, earning the 2023 Louise Suggs Rookie of the Year honors
  - View her post-round interview transcript [here](#)
- There are five players tied for fifth place after the second round
  - In R2, **Shinsil Bang** tied for the lowest 18-hole score (65) recorded at The Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus) at The Chevron Championship
    - With her second round, she moved from T68 to T5
    - She was one of five players to have a bogey-free round
    - She was one of 10 players to have an eagle in round two
    - She had just 26 putts, the lowest number of putts across the field on Friday
  - **Weiwei Zhang** recorded a 67 after hitting 10 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens with 31 putts
    - With one of the lowest rounds of the day, Zhang moved from T31 to T5
    - She recorded one bogey on No. 2
  - Swede **Maja Stark** carded a 69 in her second round
    - View Stark's post-round interview transcript [here](#)
    - Stark became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the 2022 ISPS Handa World Invitational
      - She accepted LPGA Tour Membership after winning the event as a non-member
    - She was a member of the 2023 European Solheim Cup Team
    - View her post-round interview transcript [here](#)
  - **Minami Katsu** dropped from T2 to T5 after a second-round 71
    - She recorded two birdies on the front nine, and three bogeys and two birdies on the back nine
    - She was a 2023 LPGA Tour Rookie
    - She is a 10-time winner on the JLPGA Tour, making history as the youngest winner on the JLPGA to win an event at age 15
  - First-round leader **Lauren Coughlin** dropped out of the lead after posting a 73 in R2
    - Coughlin had three bogeys and an eagle during her second rounds
      - She was one of 10 players to record an eagle on Friday
    - She recorded one of her career-best finishes on the LPGA Tour this season at the Ford Championship presented by KCC (T8)
      - Her career-best result is a tie for sixth at the 2023 CPKC Women's Open
    - View her post-round interview transcript [here](#)
- **Lottie Woad** (a) is the low amateur in the field, sitting at -4 and T10
  - She had five birdies and two bogeys to shoot 69
  - Woad hit 9 of 14 fairways, 15 of 18 greens with 31 putts
  - The best finish in a major championship by an amateur is T4 by **Michelle Wie West** (2004) and **Caroline Keggi** (1998)
  - She currently attends and plays collegiately for Florida State University
    - Her classes this semester run through April 26 and her first exam is on April 29 at 7:30 a.m. in American history
  - This is her first start in an LPGA Tour event
  - Woad won the 2024 Augusta National Women's Amateur two weeks ago to earn a spot in The Chevron Championship field
  - View her post-round interview transcript [here](#)
- **Lydia Ko** is also T10 (-4)
  - Ko is one point away from induction into the LPGA Hall of Fame (currently sitting at 26 points)
    - With a win at The Chevron Championship, she would earn two points and surpass the points threshold necessary for the LPGA Hall of Fame (27 points)
  - View her post-round interview transcript [here](#)

- Seventy-three players made the cut and will play the weekend
- Past champions to make the cut include **Jennifer Kupcho** (T49, +1), **Lydia Ko** (T10, -4), **Brittany Lincicome** (T30, -1)
- Notable players to miss the cut:
  - **Minjee Lee** missed the cut, breaking her streak of 20 consecutive major cuts made, starting at the 2019 AIG Women's Open
  - **Angela Stanford** missed the cut in her 98th consecutive start in a major championship
    - She currently holds the longest active streak of consecutive starts in majors in women's professional golf
      - **Carlota Ciganda** and **Lydia Ko** are the next closest, having made 57 consecutive starts in major championships
    - She looks to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open next week in a local qualifier
  - Past champions **Patty Tavatanakit** (2021), **Jin Young Ko** (2019), **Pernilla Lindberg** (2018), **So Yeon Ryu** (2017), **Lexi Thompson** (2014), **Stacy Lewis** (2011) and **Yani Tseng** (2010)
- 2023 runner-up **Angel Yin** withdrew after her first round on Thursday
- Defending champion **Lilia Vu** withdrew prior to the start of her first round at The Chevron Championship
  - View her statement [here](#)

#### QUOTABLE

*So Yeon Ryu (MC, +7) on her final putts to finish her LPGA Tour career on the 18th green at The Chevron Championship:*

"I saw [my friends and family] after I hit my first putt, and then I actually didn't really know what to do because I don't wanted to finish my last hole with a bogey. My par putt was quite long. I'm not saying super long, four feet, but definitely don't want to miss the four feet par putt. Then at the same time I was very thankful for everyone came out. Then I spotted my family and then my best friend, my agent and everyone, my whole team. Without them, I don't think I was able to achieve my dream, so I think that was the time I felt quite emotional."

*Atthaya Thitikul (T1, -8) on rebounding from injury and getting back to her normal distances*

"At first I hit really short. I think like 15 yards shorter than now because I'm not really get used to it, because if you play golf you know the most important thing or the most important like feeling, it's the grip. It's the hardest part to change, so that's why I just withdrew from the -- I think Arizona or last week because I'm not get used to it yet. Now it's all good. It's not gain, but like it's same as before."

*Lottie Woad (T10, -4) on heading to the weekend in her first LPGA Tour and major championship start:*

"Well, my goal wasn't just to make the cut. I wanted to play the weekend. I didn't have a number in mind where I wanted to finish. I was just kind of trying to stick to my plan and shoot I guess under par. But now I'm only I think three back maybe at the moment. That might change. But just going to I guess see how close I can get and keep trying to contend."

*Nelly Korda (3, -7) on taking advantage of her strengths on the par 5s at The Club at Carlton Woods:*

"I try to look at over every hole like an opportunity. Something like 10 today, you can possibly drain a 30-footer but you're trying to make par on that hole. If I'm continuing to hit my driver the way I do, I have some shorter clubs in compared to maybe some other girls, so just sticking to my process."

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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 Nabisco 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)*