



2025 JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
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Third-Round Notes

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Course Setup: 36-36 – 72; 6,515 yards

Scoring Average: R1: 70.064; R2: 70.430; R3: 70.466

Weather: Clear and sunny conditions throughout the day with temperatures reaching the mid-70s F; SW winds with gusts reaching up to 15 mph

Race to CME Globe Points: 500 (winner)

Purse: \$3.75 million; winner's prize is \$562,500

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LEADERBOARD

Pos.	Player	To par	Score
T1	Akie Iwai	-17	66-69-64 – 199
T1	Lauren Coughlin	-17	66-67-66 – 199
T1	Ingrid Lindblad	-17	68-63-68 – 199
4	Ina Yoon	-15	70-67-64 – 201
T5	Three players	-14	202

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Six 2025 LPGA Tour rookies are inside the top-10 heading into Sunday
 - Akie Iwai – T1
 - Ingrid Lindblad – T1
 - Ina Yoon – 4
 - Rio Takeda – T5
 - Miyu Yamashita – T8
 - Miranda Wang – T10

- T1: [Akie Iwai](#) is one of three rookies to shoot 8-under in the third round
 - She went bogey-free with an eagle and six birdies in round three
 - She recorded her fourth bogey-free round of her LPGA Tour career
 - Iwai played her third round alongside her twin sister Chisato (T12)
 - They are the first twin sisters to play in the same group on the LPGA Tour
 - This is the second time Iwai has been in contention heading into Sunday
 - She was in second heading into the final round of the Honda LPGA Thailand and finished runner-up
 - She ranks in the top five in multiple statistical categories this week, including:
 - Eagles – T2 (2)
 - Bogeys – T3 (2)
 - Greens in Regulation – 3 (50/54)
 - Sand Saves – T1 (2/2)
 - Iwai hit ten approach shots inside 20 feet during the third round
 - Greens in regulation – 16-for-18
 - Proximity 100-125 yards – 11'4"
 - Proximity 125-150 yards – 16'0"
 - Approaches inside 20 feet – 10
- T1: [Ingrid Lindblad](#) is sleeping on her first third-round lead or co-lead on Tour
 - She also co-led after the second-round at the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - Lindblad recorded five birdies and a bogey in her third round of play
 - Through 54 holes, she has recorded 20 birdies, tied for the second-most among the field
 - She has just three bogeys in three rounds
 - She needed just 27 putts in both her second and third rounds
 - She has needed 84 putts through 54 holes
- T1: [Lauren Coughlin](#) recorded her second bogey-free round at El Cab
 - Through three rounds, Coughlin has only recorded one bogey (R2, No. 4)
 - She has the fewest bogeys among the field
 - The fewest number of bogeys Coughlin has scored in a tournament is three at the 2024 Portland Classic
 - She now has a dozen bogey-free rounds since the beginning of last season – two more than she had in the previous two LPGA seasons combined, in 30 fewer rounds
 - This is the second time this season Coughlin has been inside the top five heading into Sunday
 - The last time was at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Coughlin has hit 36 of 42 fairways through 54 holes, tied for the second-most among the field
 - Coughlin has hit 48 greens through three rounds
 - If she hits all 18 greens in regulation in the final round, Coughlin will break her personal record for most hit in a single LPGA Tour event (65)
 - The last time and only time Coughlin has held a third-round lead or co-lead on Tour was at the 2024 ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open, she won
 - Of the three co-leaders, Coughlin is the only player to previously hold a 54-hole LPGA Tour lead
- Fourth: [Ina Yoon](#) was one of three rookies to shoot 8-under on Saturday
 - Yoon went from T29 to fourth after her third round 64
 - She recorded nine birdies in her third round, tied for the most among the field on Saturday

- This is the second time Yoon has been within five shots of the lead entering the final round
 - She was five shots out of the lead entering the final round of the Blue Bay LPGA, ultimately finishing T33
- T5: [Rio Takeda](#), [Nelly Korda](#) and [Minjee Lee](#)
 - Takeda is one of three rookies to shoot an 8-under 64 on Saturday
 - He bogeyed her second hole, then made nine birdies throughout the day
 - Rio Takeda hit 17 greens for the second day in a row
 - Korda shot 5-under 67
 - Went birdie-bogey-birdie-bogey to start the round
 - Made her first eagle of the week on the par-5 16th
 - Scored seven birdies, and eagle and four bogeys on Saturday
 - M. Lee is a past champion of the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - She shot a 2-under 70 on Saturday
 - Scored four bogeys in a row on holes 6-9
 - Scored six birdies
 - Lee enters the final round just three shots off the lead
 - She has the best final round strokes gained total average (3.88) of any player this season with three or more final rounds played
- Win Probability Leaders Entering Final Round:
 - Lauren Coughlin – 27.2%
 - Akie Iwai – 27.0%
 - Ingrid Lindblad – 11.8%
 - Nelly Korda – 8.7%
 - Ina Yoon – 5.7%
 - Jeeno Thitikul – 5.5%

WITH A WIN

Akie Iwai:

- Would be the second rookie to win on Tour this season
 - Would join fellow countrywoman **Rio Takeda**, who won the Blue Bay LPGA
- Would be the third Rolex First-Time Winner this season, joining **Yealimi Noh** and Takeda
- Would win in her first start at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- Would be the second player from Japan to win the JM Eagle LA Championship
 - Would join **Nasa Hataoka**, who won in 2022
- Would be the 18th player from Japan to win on the LPGA Tour

Lauren Coughlin:

- Would earn her third LPGA Tour victory and first since the 2023 ISPS Handa Women's Scottish Open
- Would win the JM Eagle LA Championship in her fifth start at the event
- Would be the 104th American to win at least three times on Tour
- Would be the oldest winner on Tour this season by two months, at 32 years, 6 months and 24 days
 - **Madelene Sagstrom** won the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards at 32 years, 4 months and 24 days
- Would earn her first victory in the United States, having previously won in Canada and Scotland

Ingrid Lindblad:

- Would be the second rookie to win on Tour this season
 - Would join **Rio Takeda**, who won the Blue Bay LPGA
- Would be the third Rolex First-Time Winner this season, joining **Yealimi Noh** and Takeda
- Would win in her first start at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- Would be the 16th player from Sweden to win on the LPGA Tour
- Would be the second-consecutive winner from Sweden, following **Madelene Sagstrom**, who won the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
- Would be the second-consecutive Swede to win at El Caballero CC, following **Annika Sorenstam**, who won the Office Depot Championship in 2003 and 2004

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

CATEGORY	Akie Iwai	Lauren Coughlin	Ingrid Lindblad
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	114	11	107
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0	0	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	1	2	0
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$9,306	\$328,001	\$11,595
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0	2	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	1	13	0
Career Official Money	\$9,306	\$3,258,020	\$11,595

ABOUT THE LEADERS

Rolex Rankings No. 26 Akie Iwai

- First start the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- Fourth start of the 2025 season, three cuts made
 - Has one top-10 finish, a runner-up result at the Honda LPGA Thailand
- Iwai is in her first season on the LPGA Tour
 - Finished in a tie for fifth at LPGA Final Qualifying to earn LPGA Tour Membership for the 2025 season
 - Made 11 starts on the LPGA Tour before becoming a member, seven in 2024 and four in 2023
 - She earned three top-10 finishes, two of which were earned at LPGA Tour major championships
- Iwai is a six-time winner on the JLPGA Tour
- Has a twin sister, Chisato, who is also a rookie on the LPGA Tour

Rolex Rankings No. 11 Lauren Coughlin

- Fifth start at the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
 - Previous best finish is T27 at Wilshire CC
- Seventh start of 2025 season, six cuts made
 - Coming off season-best finish so far, a runner-up result at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards

- One additional top-10 finishes, a seventh place finish at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
- Seventh season on the LPGA Tour
 - Two-time winner on the LPGA Tour, with both wins coming in 2024
 - Rookie year was 2018
 - Played on the Epson Tour in 2019
 - Finished T7 at the 2017 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn LPGA Tour status for the 2018 season
 - Represented the U.S. in the 2024 Solheim Cup

Rolex Rankings No. 224 Ingrid Lindblad

- First start the JM Eagle LA Championship presented by Plastpro
- Fourth start of the 2025 season, two cuts made
 - She made her first cut at the Ford Championship presented by Wild Horse Pass and finished T38
- Lindblad is in her first season on the LPGA Tour
 - Finished sixth in the Epson Tour's Race for the Card to earn LPGA Tour status for the 2025 season
- She competed on the Epson Tour in 2024
 - Made seven cuts in nine starts with five top-10 finishes
 - She earned her first professional victory at the 2024 Tuscaloosa Toyota Classic
- Lindblad played collegiate golf at Louisiana State University
 - She was No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf ranking before turning professional
 - She was the winner of the 2024 ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel Winner
 - She also won the 2024 Inkster Award presented by Workday and was the 2024 WGCA PING Player of the Year
 - In 2023, she won the McCormack Medal for the top amateur presented by the USGA and R&A

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS:

18 holes – 63, Ingrid Lindblad (R2, 2025)*, Yan Liu, (R1, 2025)*, Ashleigh Buhai (R1, 2025)*, Jin Hee Im (R3, 2024)

36 holes – 129, Jessica Korda (2021)

54 holes – 197, Jessica Korda (2021)

72 holes – 268, Brooke Henderson (2021)

**Scoring Record at El Caballero Country Club*

LPGA TOUR SCORING RECORDS AT EL CABALLERO COUNTRY CLUB:

18 holes – 63, Ingrid Lindblad (R2, 2025), Yan Liu (R1, 2025), Ashleigh Buhai (R1, 2025)

36 holes – 131, Ingrid Lindblad and Ashleigh Buhai (2025)

54 holes - 199, Akie Iwai, Lauren Coughlin and Ingrid Lindblad (2025)

QUOTABLES

Ingrid Lindblad (T1, -17) on how tough it is to put together back-to-back good rounds

"You know, obviously it felt like I got off to a little slower start. Yesterday I just made so many birdies the first couple holes, but kind of just didn't make as many putts as yesterday, but obviously still played well. I thought

I hit it in the water on 9; managed to make bogey. Then I hit a great drive on 10, so kind of got some momentum going into the back nine doing that.”

Lauren Coughlin (T1, -17) on what her biggest strength at this course has been

“My distance control with my irons. I feel like you really have to make sure -- I've been putting extremely well, too, but I put myself in some really good spots with my irons. Greens have a lot of slope and you can use it a lot of the times. If you get on the wrong side of any of the ridges, it can be really difficult. Feel like I haven't given myself any of those, so I've just -- which has just set up my putter.”

Akie Iwai (T1, -17) on if she came in with the goal of being at the top of the leaderboard

“Yeah, this year I just -- I want to just win the tournament. I want to win at least one tournament this year. Not only majors but also regular tournaments, yes. But my dream I want major and then I want to play final group with TV, Chisato, and my sister.”

Ina Yoon (4, -15) on seeing all the Korean fans in LA this week

“Actually, they came from Korea so I feel very thankful. I can play well because of them, yeah. Last year many Korean fans cheering me a lot, so I can spend the good season last year, so I got energy from them.”

Nelly Korda (T5, -14) on her eagle on No. 16

“Yeah, I hit really good drive and had a 9-iron in hand, a pretty 98 percent, and just took an aggressive route. When I play my best I'm a very aggressive player. I was just feeling really good with my irons and I took a straight line at the pin.”

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[Akie Iwai shoots 64 playing alongside twin sister for share of the LPGA Tour lead at El Caballero](#)

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SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

[Tying the low round of the day, Akie Iwai played her way into a share of the lead 🏌️](#)

[Hitting a 9-iron to two feet on a par-5 for eagle. Just Nelly Korda things 🏌️](#)

[Akie Iwai fires a flawless 64 to take the clubhouse lead at 17-under 🏌️](#)

[The Iwai twins take on Moving Day in LA side by side 🏌️🏌️](#)

[A quick look at Rio's ninth and final birdie of Moving Day to take the lead 🏌️](#)

[All smiles for weekend golf 🏌️](#)