

**Maybank Championship**

Kuala Lumpur Golf & Country Club | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, 2025

Third-Round Notes

Nov. 1, 2025

Media Contact: [Matt Jesus](#) +1 (402) 957-4674**Course Setup:** 36-36 – 72; 6,089 yards**Scoring Average:** R1: 69.732; R2: 71.077; R3: 70.284**Weather:** Partly cloudy skies with light westerly winds increasing to 5-12 mph by early afternoon and temperatures reaching the lower 90s F**Race to CME Globe Points:** 500 (winner)**Purse:** \$3 million USD; winner's portion is \$450,000**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
1	Hye-Jin Choi	-19	64-66-67 – 197
2	Yan Liu	-15	67-69-65 – 201
3	Hannah Green	-14	66-69-67 – 202
T4	Three players	-13	203

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leader: [Hye-Jin Choi](#) continues to hold the lead heading into Sunday
 - This is the first time in her career she has led after 18, 36 and 54 holes of play
 - Third time in her career that she has led a tournament heading into Sunday
 - The previous two times she has finished runner-up
 - Second time this season she has led going into the final round
 - Her 197 sets a new 54-hole tournament scoring record
 - She also set the new 36-hole tournament scoring record with her 130
 - Her 197 ties her lowest 54-hole score in her career
 - First set in 2022
 - She has 19 birdies over three days of play, tied for the most
 - Choi has just two bogeys through 54 holes, tied for the second-fewest among the field
 - She has just 79 putts, tied for the third-fewest needed

- Second: **Yan Liu** went bogey-free with seven birdies
 - Her 19 birdies overall is tied for the most among the field
 - She has just two bogeys, tied for the second fewest
 - Searching for her first top 10 finish since the Black Desert Championship presented by Zion, fourth
 - Making her third start at this event, finished 72 in 2023
- Third: **Hannah Green** recorded eight birdies, one bogey and a double bogey
 - Her eight birdies were tied for the most in the third round of play
 - She has 18 overall, tied for the fifth-most
 - She has just two bogeys, tied for the second-fewest among the field
 - Finished third in driving distance in the third round with 276 yards
 - Playing for her second-straight top 10 finish, finished T5 at the BMW Ladies Championship
- T4: Three players are tied at 13-under
 - **A Lim Kim** had the low round of the day at 8-under
 - She recorded six birdies and an eagle
 - She has 15 birdies overall and just two bogeys
 - **Jeeno Thitikul** recorded eight birdies and one bogey
 - She has 19 birdies overall
 - **Ayaka Furue** recorded seven birdies and two bogeys
 - She has hit 45 of 54 greens in regulation, tied for the second-most
- Defending champion **Ruoning Yin** is 12-under, T7
 - She has 18 birdies and six bogeys over the week
 - She has needed just 79 putts, tied for the third-fewest
- **Kelly Tan** is the lowest Malaysian player at T38
 - She has 11 birdies and six bogeys throughout the week
 - Tan joined the LPGA Tour in 2014
 - She has four top-10 finishes
- **Somi Lee** withdrew during the third round due to illness

With a Win:

- Hye-Jin Choi
 - Would become the Tour's 12th Rolex First-Time Winner
 - Would be the Tour's 28th different winner in 2025
 - The 53rd player from the Republic of Korea to win on the LPGA Tour
 - Would become the eighth player from the Republic of Korea to win in 2025, the most by any country this season
 - Would be the second-straight Korean winner after Sei Young Kim won the BMW Ladies Championship
 - Would be the fourth wire-to-wire winner this season
 - Would win the Maybank Championship in her third start
 - Would win in her 123rd start on Tour
- Yan Liu
 - Would become the Tour's 12th Rolex First-Time Winner
 - Would be the Tour's 28th different winner in 2025

- Would be the second player from the People's Republic of China to win on Tour in 2025
 - Would join Miranda Wang
 - Would be the fourth ever player from the People's Republic of China to win on the LPGA Tour
 - Would join Wang, Ruoning Yin and ShanShan Feng
 - Would win in her 66th start on Tour
 - Joined the LPGA Tour in 2023
 - Would win in her second start at the Maybank Championship
- Hannah Green
 - Would be the Tour's 28th different winner in 2025
 - Would earn her seventh career victory and first since the 2024 BMW Ladies Championship
 - Would earn her third career victory in Asia
 - Would be one win closer to catch the fourth-winningest Aussie in LPGA Tour history, Rachel Hetherington (eight wins)
 - Would win in her third start at the Maybank Championship
 - Would be the third Australian to win on the LPGA Tour this season
 - Would join Grace Kim and Minjee Lee

A LOOK AT THE LEADER

CATEGORY	Hye-Jin Choi
2025 Race to CME Globe Rank	11
2025 LPGA Tour Wins	0
2025 LPGA Tour Top 10s	8
2025 Official Season Earnings	\$1,823,281
Career LPGA Tour Wins	0
Career Official LPGA Tour Top 10s	28
Career Official Money	\$5,844,969

ABOUT THE LEADER

Rolex Rankings No. 21 Hye-Jin Choi

- Third start at the Maybank Championship
 - Finished T6 in 2024 and T29 in 2023
- 2025: 19 cuts made in 22 starts with eight top-10 finishes
 - Season-best finish of runner-up at the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give
 - Has finished T11 and T7 in the first two legs of the fall Asia swing
- Career: 28 career top 10s with \$5.8 million in official career earnings
 - Represented the Republic of Korea at the 2025 and 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
 - Runner-up in the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year standings behind Jeeno Thitikul
- Has 12 wins on the KLPGA
 - Five of those wins came in 2019

TOURNAMENT SCORING RECORDS

18 holes – 62, Jeeno Thitikul (R3, 2023)

36 holes – 130, Hye-Jin Choi (2025)

54 holes – 197, Hye-Jin Choi (2025)

72 holes – 265, Ruoning Yin (2024)

QUOTABLES

Hye-Jin Choi (1, -19) on her mentality of going into Sunday leading

“So I've been waiting for this really long and I'm going to try my best tomorrow. I think I will feel like I'm making the dream and I just imagine on it. Yeah, I'm just looking for my victory tomorrow.”

Yan Liu (2, -15) on her bogey-free round today

“Well, I just feel very good in my game, from the driver to the putting. Everything feels great. I think today at the course I just really relax. Golf cannot be perfect, so I made some mistake. I play a lot like -- I didn't make many on the fairway, yeah, so golf cannot be perfect. So I just stay patient, yeah.”

Hannah Green (3, -14) on bouncing back after her double-bogey

“Yeah, it's hard not to know what is happening with the scores. I did see the shot behind me from the group and someone hit it to like three feet, so feeling like I maybe lost four shots on one hole was kind of annoying. Again, to bounce back on the next hole and make a birdie, that was really the momentum that I used for the rest of the round. There is just so many birdies to be made. It's hard with this heat to -- it's easy to slip up with the concentration, and that's what happened with my second shot on that par-5. Hopefully I can play the par-5s a little bit better tomorrow, and, yeah, give myself lots of birdies opportunities.”

A Lim Kim (T4, -13) on her eagle on No. 18

“Yeah, that's incredible because my second shot, it's not easy, but 3-wood high cut really great. And then incredible, yeah.”

Jeeno Thitikul (T4, -13) on what she thinks the key to making more putts today was

“I'm just trying to commit to my putt, and then I was just trying to be confident with my putt more. I think everything it's went well except the putting wasn't that on the track that I wanted to. Today it's more falling and then, you know, I just more confident with the putter today.”

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[Australian Hannah Green Tied for Second in Malaysia After International Crown Win](#)

[Hye-Jin Choi maintains her tournament-long lead at the 2025 Maybank Championship heading into the 4th round](#)

[Defending Champion Ruoning Yin in the Mix With 36 to Play at Maybank Championship](#)

SOCIAL SNAPSHOT

[Ayaka Furue goes for another birdie 🐦](#)

[Jeeno Thitikul finishes with another birdie 🐦](#)

[A Lim Kim ends her impressive round with an eagle 🦅](#)

[Hye-Jin Choi is locked in 🏠](#)

[Sei Young Kim chips it right in 🎯](#)

[Hannah Green with some brilliant putts out here](#)