

**2025 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer**

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**Thursday Pre-Tournament Notes**

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[2025 U.S. Women's Open Champion Maja Stark](#)

[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)

*Stark on the messages she has received on her major championship victory*

"I think it was cool to see that Justin Rose was following along. Billie Jean King, got a message from her. Who else? I'm sure there are a lot of cool people. I haven't gone through all of my messages yet. I'm trying to do iMessage first. Not done with that."

[Defending Champion Linnea Strom](#)

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*Strom on what she remembers from her final round in 2024 and the significance of it*

"I think it did after a while, and especially when people come up to me and call me Miss 60. It's pretty cool and fun to get reminded of it. So, yeah, it's obviously just proved that anything is possible. I think I have that in the back of my head going into this week, too, that I love this golf course; I know it's very scorable; but it can also be a little bit tricky, especially if the wind picks up. When I played yesterday I played pretty late in the afternoon. It was pretty windy, so some of the holes can be tough if the wind picks up for sure. But I think just having in the back of my head that anything is possible on this golf course."

Team ShopRite Member Cheyenne Knight[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Knight on the Seaview, Bay Course and what she likes about it*

"h, every year it changes a little bit. I remember playing in COVID and it was really windy and firm and cold. I think it's just a really fun golf course to play. I think you need to be aggressive. It's only a three-day tournament. I think around 15-under normally wins. Yeah, not the longest golf course so really kind of placement golf a lot of shorter clubs in. Just have to be aggressive, and you know when it's windy it gets pretty tough. Yeah, I think if you looked -- I was just looking at the former champions. When Angela Stanford won in 2003 I think she shot 15-under, so it's always around that number, so you kind of know what to expect."

Team ShopRite Member Brooke Matthews[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Matthews on the importance of having someone to look up to when adjusting to Tour life*

"Yeah, it's super important. What we do out here isn't easy, and the more familiar faces, the more friends you can have out here, the more people that have done it for a little bit longer than you that can help you out with the little things here and there, it really makes all the difference. It can be tough to jump into an environment like this that's just hyper competitive and everybody is so go and wants to win. To be able to find that community, and I feel like with Team ShopRite we have that. All the girls have been so nice."

Team ShopRite Member Gurleen Kaur[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Kaur on sponsors investing in the LPGA Tour and its players*

"I think it's super humbling that I have three, four, five sponsors very invested in me. Financially it's really helped me settle in and be able to make decisions that I think are very helpful for my game; not having to worry about just thinking about cuts or whatever like I was more so last year. But I think it's cool because a lot more companies like you get more of a hands-on experience with a player if you're investing in them. Maybe one or two players versus more of like a tournament, and you get to have the individuality. I'm really grateful for the partnerships and sponsorships I have right now."

Team ShopRite Member Caley McGinty[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*McGinty on her thoughts on being a rookie on the LPGA Tour*

"Yeah, being a rookie has been a great experience. Unexpected to be here so s quick. I just entered Stage I of Q-School last year and all of a sudden I'm here, so it has been a bit of a whirlwind. Definitely learned a lot, and it's been a transition, a bigger one than I was probably anticipating. Every event that I played in I've grown, so I think just taking that forward for the rest of the year will just help me kind of relax and settle in a little bit."

Team ShopRite Member and Sponsor Invite Gianna Clemente[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)*Clemente on competing in the ShopRite LPGA Classic as a sponsor invite and member of Team ShopRite*

"Yeah, it's just a really cool experience for me this week. Being part of team ShopRite has been amazing. I think it's really cool what they're doing, making a little team for the tournament and us being able to rep the logo all year long. I just think it's a really cool initiative they have. It's been cool to be a part of and meet so many new

people through that. The ShopRite team has treated me so well. Yeah, just excited to hopefully play some good golf this week.”

#### [LPGA Professional and Tour Winner Meaghan Francella](#)

[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)

*Francella on how she is feeling after having back surgery earlier this year*

“Surprisingly it feels pretty good. I hadn't gotten cleared to take a full swing until May 13th. I was actually shocked how well I'm hitting it this week. I think there is no expectations, so I feel a little bit more relaxed. I remember last time I played in it I really grinded. I was playing KPMG that year, too. Am I as prepared as I want to be? Probably not. I been teaching a lot and it's been raining a lot up here. But I feel pretty good. I am taking care of my body and just trying to get some rest. This is a lot easier than teaching I think, just getting out there and playing. I've seen a lot of good friends this week, so it's been really fun.”

#### [Monday Qualifier and Director of Instruction at Merion Golf Club, Joanna Coe](#)

[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)

*Lopez on finding out she would be in the field this week*

“Yeah, I didn't plan for it. I didn't expect it at all. I'm a PGA professional. Director of instruction at Merion, and had a complete full lesson book for the rest of the week. Had no plans. But I am playing in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship in a couple weeks, so I thought I should probably play against some women. Because in the Philadelphia PGA section we play -- I play mostly men so we play a little different tee. It's a very different game. I thought, you know what? Let me get used to women's golf again. Signed up on a whim. This course is special to me. I grew up here, so I know it extremely well. Yeah, it's really special to get in the field. I ended and three putted 18 for par. I'm like, hmm, I wonder if that was meaningful. I hope I didn't need to make birdie there to get in. I'm looking at the app and I have a three-shot lead, so that was pretty cool. Headed to McGettigan's to wait it out.”

#### [Amateur and Sponsor Invite Asterisk Talley](#)

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*Talley on finishing finals this week*

“Yeah, just finished my finals in two days like right before this tournament, and then finishing every assignment before school was over so I'm not crammed with all this stuff to do during a tournament. Just studying last week during the Open and trying to get it all done, and then coming out here and grinding some more is pretty tough.”

#### [Special Exemption Kary Hollenbaugh](#)

[Transcript](#) | [Video](#)

*Hollenbaugh on her hard work and commitment paying off*

“It's super cool. I feel like my game has just kind of trended in the right direction, like super consistently. I haven't seen a lot of, like, highs and lows. So I think just kind of now getting to the point where I feel like I'm getting better and better and then seeing the work paying off, and I think that it's cool just to be here and just to have the experience for the future, playing in the U.S. Women's Open and then playing in this LPGA tournament right now is really exciting.”

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Field Breakdown: 2025 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer

Five Things to Know About the 2025 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer

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Found an aquatic side quest at the course today... 🦋 🌸

The featured groups at the @ShopRiteLPGA are looking pretty sweet 🔍 🌟

The vibes are high here in New Jersey 🙌 📸

Take a quick trip around our track this week with World No. 2 @Jeeno\_atthaya 🏇 🗨️

Maja Stark is heading right back to work after winning the @uswomensopen 🏆 100

Nelly Korda hit 100 weeks at No. 1 in the @ROLEX World Golf Rankings 👍