



2025 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer

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Wednesday Pre-Tournament Notes

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY SCHEDULE

(Zoom link available upon request; all times are local and subject to change)

Thursday, June 5

11:30 a.m. – **Meaghan Francella**, LPGA Tour winner and Philadelphia Cricket Club Teaching Professional
12 p.m. – **Joanna Coe**, Monday qualifier and Merion Golf Club Director of Instruction
1 p.m. – **Gianna Clemente**, amateur sponsor invite
2 p.m. following pro-am – **Cheyenne Knight** and **Brooke Matthews**, Team ShopRite players
2:30 p.m. – **Gurleen Kaur** and **Caley McGinty**, Team ShopRite players

NOTABLE PLAYERS

- [Rolex Rankings No. 1 Nelly Korda](#)
 - Third start at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
 - 2020 – 5th, 2017 – MC
 - 2025: Eight made cuts in eight starts
 - Four top-10 finishes including runner-up finishes at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally and the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions

- Has not finished worse than T28 in 2025
- Career: 15 wins, 70 top 10s, \$15 million Official Career earnings
 - In 2024, earned seven wins including five in consecutive starts
 - Became the first player since 2011 to win seven times in a single season
 - Became fourth American since 1970 to win seven or more times in a single season
 - 2024 Rolex Player of the Year, Rolex ANNIKA Major Award
 - Two-time major champion (2024 Chevron Championship, 2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship)
 - Two-time Olympian, 2020 Gold Medalist
 - Four-time U.S. Solheim Cup Team member
 - Member of the United States team at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- Rolex Rankings No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul
 - First appearance at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
 - 2025: Eight cuts made in nine starts with one win and five additional top-10 finishes
 - Won the Mizuho Americas Open earlier this season, her fifth career victory
 - Became the 111th player to win at least five times on the LPGA Tour
 - First player to earn their fifth career victory since **Ruoning Yin** earned her fifth win at the 2024 Maybank Championship
 - Set the 54-hole and 72-hole tournament scoring records in her win at Liberty National
 - Missed her first cut of the season at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Her first missed cut since the 2024 Amundi Evian Championship
 - Has only missed six cuts since joining the Tour in 2022
 - Current leader in the Race for the CME Globe standings
 - Career: Five wins, 47 top 10s, \$10.9 million Official Career earnings
 - Won twice in 2024, including at the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship
 - Broke **Lorena Ochoa's** single-season earnings record (\$4,364,994 in 2007) with a season total of \$6,059,309 in 2024
 - Won the Aon Risk Reward Challenge and the \$1 million winner's prize after finishing runner-up in both 2022 and 2023
 - Won twice in 2022, earning Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year honors
 - Won the 2023 Vare Trophy
 - 2024 Olympian representing Thailand
- Rolex Rankings No. 6 Maja Stark
 - First start at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
 - 2025: Six cuts made in nine starts, one major championship victory with one additional top-10 finish
 - Won the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally in her last start
 - Second career win, first major championship victory
 - Third U.S. Women's Open winner from Sweden and first since 2006
 - Sixth major champion from Sweden in the history of the LPGA
 - Third Swede to win in 2025
 - Ninth Swede to win at least twice on the LPGA Tour

- Best non-win finish of T5 at the T-Mobile Match Play presented by MGM Rewards
- Career: Two wins, 14 top 10s and \$5.2 million in career earnings
 - Won the 2022 ISPS Handa World Invitational presented by AVIA Clinics as a non-member
 - Represented Sweden at the 2024 Paris Olympics, finished T10
 - Two-time member of the European Solheim Cup Team
 - Played on Team Sweden at the 2023 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
- Has six Ladies European Tour wins and one win on the LET Access Series
- **Rolex Rankings No. 143 Linnea Strom**
 - Is the defending champion this week after claiming the title in 2024. Notables from her victory:
 - With her final-round 60, Strom set the LPGA Tour record for lowest final round by a winner
 - The previous record was a final-round 61 (-10), recorded by **Inbee Park** at the 2014 Manulife Financial LPGA Classic
 - Her 60 is also the seventh raw 18-hole score of 60 or better in Tour history, and the first recorded since **Jessica Korda** (R3, 2021 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions)
 - She broke the record for the biggest comeback by position entering the final round of an LPGA Tour event since 1984 after starting the day at T52
 - The previous best comeback by position on Tour entering the final round since 1984 was T23 (**Ayako Okamoto**, 1987 Lady Keystone Open)
 - Became the 15th different player from Sweden to earn at least one LPGA Tour victory
 - Sixth start at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer
 - 2024 – Won, 2023 – T30, 2021 – MC, 2020 – T73, 2019 – MC
 - 2025: Five cuts made in 11 starts
 - Has a season-best finish of 29th at the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - Has missed five consecutive cuts
 - Career: One win, seven top 10s, \$1.8 million Official Career earnings
 - 2018 Gaelle Truet Rookie of the Year on the Epson Tour
 - Recorded 10 top-20 finishes and a win her rookie season on the Epson Tour

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- This is the 37th playing of the ShopRite LPGA Classic
 - Starting in 1986, this is one of the LPGA Tour's longest running non-majors
 - This is one of two 54-hole events on the LPGA Tour's schedule including the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship presented by P&G that takes place in September
 - The event did not take place from 2007-2009
 - ShopRite has been the title sponsor since 1992
- **Meaghan Francella** is making her sixth LPGA Tour start in the last 10 years
 - Currently a teaching professional at Philadelphia Cricket Club
 - LPGA Tour winner earning her sole victory at the 2007 MasterCard Classic
 - This is her first event since undergoing spinal fusion surgery in 2024
 - Made her return to competition at this event in 2022 after not competing since 2013
 - See here: [Meaghan Francella Surrounded by Support in First Competitive Start Since 2013](#)

- Four sponsor invites this week: [Gianna Clemente](#) (a), [Kary Hollenbaugh](#) (a), [Asterisk Talley](#) (a), [Sarah White](#)
 - Clemente is making her ninth LPGA Tour start this week
 - This is her second consecutive start at the ShopRite LPGA Classic after finishing T47 last year
 - This is her third LPGA Tour start in 2025
 - Received sponsor exemptions into the Honda LPGA Thailand and The Chevron Championship, earning a point in the LEAP standings at each event based on her finishes
 - In 2022, Clemente Monday qualified for three consecutive events on the LPGA Tour (CPKC Women's Open, Dana Open, Kroger Queen City Championship)
 - Hollenbaugh is a rising senior at The Ohio State University
 - Competed in the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally last week
 - Earned a spot in the field as the winner of the 2025 Therese Hession Regional Challenge individual champion
 - Talley is making her fifth start on the LPGA Tour this week
 - Was the 2025 Augusta National Women's Amateur runner-up
 - Three-time Junior All-American
 - Competed last week in her second U.S. Women's Open
 - Played in the JM Eagle LA Championship and The Chevron Championship this year, missing the cut in both
 - White is making her second LPGA Tour start this week
 - Monday qualified for the MEXICO Riviera Maya Open at Mayakoba this year
 - Epson Tour winner, winning the 2020 Founders Tribute at Longbow Golf Club as an amateur
 - Played on the Epson Tour since 2020

KPMG PERFORMANCE INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

- Top-10 finishers at the ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer gained nearly 50% of their total strokes with their approach play. That was significantly higher than the same rate for all other tournaments on the LPGA schedule in 2024

Strokes Gained Approach Percentage of Total Top 10 Finishers 2024 ShopRite LPGA Classic presented by Acer	
ShopRite LPGA Classic	49.2%
All Other Events	41.2%

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SEASON-LONG INITIATIVES

[Race to CME Globe](#)

The Race to the CME Globe is a season-long points competition with LPGA Tour Members accumulating points in every official LPGA Tour event to qualify for the season-ending tournament, the CME Group Tour Championship. The player who wins the CME Group Tour Championship is named the "Race to the CME Globe Champion." The top 60 points earners and ties earn a spot into the season finale with the entire field competing for a \$11 million purse, highlighted by a \$4 million winner's check, which is the largest winner's prize in the history of women's golf.

- 1st: [Jeeno Thitikul](#) continues her lead of the Race to the CME Globe with 1,478.450 points
 - Won the Mizuho Americas Open
 - Five additional top-10 finishes this season
- 2nd: [Rio Takeda](#) moved into second after her T2 finish at the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally
 - Won the 2025 Blue Bay LPGA for her second career win
 - Has five additional top-10 finishes this season
- 3rd: [Mao Saigo](#) slides into the third spot on the leaderboard after her T4 finish at the U.S. Women's Open
 - Won the 2025 Chevron Championship for her first career victory
 - Three additional top-10 finishes in 2025
- Additional moves following the U.S. Women's Open presented by Ally:
 - **Maja Stark** jumped 47 spots to No. 14 following her win
 - 2025 rookie **Julia Lopez Ramirez** moved up 34 spots after her best finish of the season, T19
 - **Nelly Korda** is back inside the top-five at fifth after her best finish at the USWO, T2

[Aon Risk Reward Challenge](#): No. 18, par 5 at Seaview, A Dolce Hotel, Bay Course

The Aon Risk Reward Challenge is a unique, season-long competition on the LPGA Tour that highlights the game's best players as they navigate some of the most strategically challenging holes on tour. Players will take their best two scores from each Aon Risk Reward Challenge hole, with the winners having the best average score to par at the end of the regular season. The winner will take home the Aon trophy and a \$1 Million prize.

- [Ana Belac](#) continues to lead the Aon Risk Reward Challenge with a -1.100 score to par:
- [Sarah Schmelzel](#) is in second place with -0.9450 to par
- [Nasa Hataoka](#) is in third with -0.938 to par
- No. 18: The final hole that requires accuracy off the tee in order to take on the risk and go for the green in two
 - Players who find the fairway are expected to go for the green at a clip of almost nine times more with their second shot than those who find the rough or fairway bunker
 - In 2021, Celine Boutier's birdie on No. 18 increased her win probability by 31%
 - Based on where players stand on the leaderboard, they will need to decide on going for the green with their second shot or laying up to an idea yardage
- More information on No. 18 from this week's fact sheet is available [here](#)

[CME Group Cares Challenge](#)

The CME Group Cares Challenge is a season-long charitable giving program that turns aces into donations. CME Group donates \$20,000 for each hole-in-one made on the LPGA Tour in 2025, with a minimum guaranteed donation of \$500,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is leading the way in how the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and life-threatening diseases.

- There have been four hole-in-ones so far in the 2025 season
 - The last ace on Tour was Elizabeth Szokol at the Mizuho Americas Open, her second career hole-in-one
- The total for 2025 is now \$80,000 donated toward St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- In 2024: 29 aces counted towards the challenge, \$580,000 raised