



71st U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND THREE NOTES

PLAYERS

- **Lydia Ko** (19 years, 2 months and 16 days) is attempting to become the youngest three-time major champion in golf history. Young Tom Morris was 19 years, 4 months and 25 days when he won his third Open Championship in 1870.
- **Ko's** 70 is her 16th score of par or better in her last 17 major-championship rounds.
- This is the second time **Ko** (7-under, 209) has had a **54-hole lead in a major championship**. Previously, she finished runner-up to Brooke Henderson in the 2016 KPMG Women's PGA Championship.
- This is the 10th time that **Ko** has held a 54-hole lead in her career. She has won in four of her previous nine attempts.
- **Ko** has come from behind in the final round in both of her major-championship victories (2015 Evian Championship and 2016 ANA Inspiration).
- The **largest 54-hole comeback** in the U.S. Women's Open is seven strokes, which has occurred three times, most recently by Meg Mallon in 2004. **Ko** trailed by nine strokes after 18 holes.
- **Sung Hyun Park** (6-under, 210) is trying to be the fifth U.S. Women's Open champion to win on her first attempt. The last player to win in her first start was **In Gee Chun** in 2015.
- Both **Park** (2016) and **Chun** (2015) were first on the LPGA of Korea (KLPGA) Tour's money list and won the KLPGA Women's Open (Park in 2015, Chun in 2013) prior to their first U.S. Women's Open start.
- For the 2016 season, **Park** is currently ranked No. 1 on the KLPGA in greens in regulation, driving distance, scoring average, birdie average, par-4 scoring and par-5 scoring.
- **Eun-Hee Ji** (6-under, 210) is attempting to become the **second player from Korea to win two U.S. Women's Opens**. **Inbee Park** won in 2008 at Interlachen C.C. and 2013 at Sebonack G.C.
- **Ji** is tied for second in **greens in regulation**. She has hit 44 of 54 greens this week at CordeValle.
- **Ji** and **Angela Stanford** (4-under, 212) are the only players to post three rounds below par in the championship.



- This is the fifth time in the last seven U.S. Women's Opens that **Amy Yang** (tied for fourth) has been in the top 5 through 54 holes.
- **Yang** (5-under, 211) has finished in the top 10 in five of the last six U.S. Women's Opens, including runner-up finishes in 2012 at Blackwolf Run and in 2015 at Lancaster C.C..
- **Yang** has 13 career top 10s in major championships. Since 1997, that is the **most top 10s without a major championship victory**. Mi-Hyun Kim is second with 12.
- **Brittany Lang** (5-under, 211) is seeking to make the **greatest 36-hole comeback** in the U.S. Women's Open since 1990. Lang trailed Park by seven strokes through two rounds. In 1990, Betsy King trailed Patty Sheehan by nine strokes through 36 holes.
- **Lang's** tie for fourth is her **best standing through 54 holes** in 12 U.S. Women's Opens. It is the third time she has been in the top 10 heading into the final round of this championship.
- **Stanford** (sixth) is in the top 10 through 54 holes for the fifth time in her 17 U.S. Women's Open starts.
- **Stacy Lewis** (tied for eighth) is attempting to finish in the top 3 for the third consecutive U.S. Women's Open. Lewis finished runner-up in 2014 at Pinehurst No. 2 and tied for third in 2015 at Lancaster C.C.
- **Lewis'** 69 is her seventh round of par or better in her last eight U.S. Women's Open rounds.
- This week, **Lewis** (2-under, 214) has played the inward nine in 5 under par with no bogeys. She has been 3 over with five bogeys and a double bogey on the outward nine.
- **Cristie Kerr** (tied for eighth) is in the top 10 through 54 holes for the 10th time in the U.S. Women's Open.
- **Ariya Jutanugarn** (2-under, 214) played the only bogey-free round on Saturday. Going back to the second round, Jutanugarn has played 25 **consecutive holes without a bogey**.
- If **Ji, Lang, Stanford, Lewis** or **Kerr** were to win, they would be the first player over the age of 30 to win the U.S. Women's Open since Annika Sorenstam in 2006.
- **Lee Lopez** (even par, 216) made a hole-in-one on the 202-yard 12th hole with a 4-iron. It is the 25th ace in the U.S. Women's Open.
- It is the second consecutive year **Lopez** has made a hole-in-one in the U.S. Women's Open. She also made an ace in the third round of the 2015 U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster C.C.



- **Lopez** is the second player to make **two aces in the U.S. Women's Open** and first to do it in consecutive years. Amateur Nancy Porter also made holes-in-one in 1972 at Winged Foot G.C. and 1976 at Rolling Green G.C.
- This is the first time since 1998 that there have been **multiple holes-in-one** in a U.S. Women's Open. Hee Young Park made an ace on the 168-yard 16th hole in Round 2 on Friday.
- Fourteen of the last 20 players that have led or held a share of the lead through 54 holes have gone on to win the U.S. Women's Open.

PAST CHAMPIONS

- Five **past champions** made the cut.
 - Eun-Hee Ji (2009) T-2 69-71-70 – 210
 - Cristie Kerr (2007) T-8 67-75-72 -- 214
 - So Yeon Ryu (2011) T-32 71-76-71 -- 218
 - Karrie Webb (2000, 2001) T-44 73-73-73 -- 219
 - Paula Creamer (2010) T-52 74-74-74 -- 222

COURSE

- The par-4 2nd played as the **most difficult hole** in the third round with a scoring average of 4.42. There were no birdies on the third hole on Saturday.
- The par-5 18th played as the **easiest hole** in the third round with a scoring average of 4.79.
- This is the first time that players have gone off in **groupings of three off the first and 10th tees in Round 3** since the 2011 U.S. Women's Open at the Broadmoor.