



Final-Round Notes and Statistics

Kingsmill Championship presented by GEICO
Kingsmill Resort - River Course
Williamsburg, Virginia
May 20, 2018

LEADERBOARD

- 1, -14 (199) – Ariya Jutanugarn**
(won with birdie on second playoff hole)
- T2, -14 (199) – In Gee Chun, Nasa Hataoka**
- 4, -13 (200) – Brooke Henderson**
- 5, -12 (201) – Megan Khang**



Transcripts will be available this week at: <http://asaptext.com/orgs/lpga/402/>

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ARIYA JUTANUGARN WIN COULD LEAD TO FLURRY OF TITLES

Shortened to 54 holes by brutal weather, the Kingsmill Championship was just too good to end in that abbreviated time frame and instead needed two extra holes before **Ariya Jutanugarn** outlasted **In Gee Chun** and **Nasa Hataoka** to take the title. Jutanugarn, who won this tournament in 2016, closed with a 66 to finish at 14-under-par 199, tied with Hataoka, who posted a 67, and Chun, who closed with a 68.

In the playoff, both Jutanugarn and Hataoka birdied the first extra hole – No. 18 – and that eliminated Chun, who made par. Ariya again birdied the 18th while Hataoka made par and that gave her the eighth title of her LPGA career. The 22-year-old from Thailand won five times in 2016, including the Ricoh Women's British Open, and twice last year, capping the season with the CME Group Tour Championship.

"Actually, I feel it," Jutanugarn said when asked how she blocked out the pressure in the closing round. "I was just really excited about that. I did not feel that much pressure because I did a great job today. So whatever, I'm going to win or lose, I'm very proud of that." And proud she should be. To birdie the difficult 18th twice in a playoff is a stunning accomplishment.

For more from Ron Sirak, visit: <https://bit.ly/2GzADhC>

THE STREAK CONTINUES...

Ariya Jutanugarn became the 12th different winner of the 2018 season with her win at the Kingsmill Championship presented by GEICO. In 2017, the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give marked the 15th event of the season with 15 different winners, matching 1991 for the longest the Tour has gone without having a repeat champion.

INFORMATION



2018 Wins by Country

- 4 – Republic of Korea (Jin Young Ko, Inbee Park, Eun-Hee Ji, Sung Hyun Park)
 - 3 – United States (Brittany Lincicome, Jessica Korda, Michelle Wie)
 - 2 – Thailand (Moriya Jutanugarn, Ariya Jutanugarn)
 - 1 – Sweden (Pernilla Lindberg*)
 - 1 – Canada (Brooke Henderson)
 - 1 – New Zealand (Lydia Ko)
- *Major Championship

RACE TO THE CME GLOBE STANDINGS

With her win, **Jutanugarn** earns 500 points in the Race to the CME Globe and is projected to move to first in the standings with 1,735 points.

CME GROUP CARES WEEKENDS EAGLES

CME Group Cares Weekends is a season-long charitable giving program that turns eagles into donations. For each eagle recorded during weekend play (Saturday and Sunday) throughout the 2018 LPGA Tour season, CME Group donates \$1,000 to the program's total donation count. At the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship, the stakes are even higher, as the donation has been raised to a generous \$5,000 per eagle. The money raised will go towards a charitable pool and be split evenly between Wounded Warrior Project® and Bright Pink®.

There were no eagles on Sunday at the Kingsmill Championship presented by GEICO. The total number of eagles on the weekend in 2018 so far is 129, which translates to \$129,000 raised on the year.

LEADERS TOP 10 COMPETITION

With her win this week at the Kingsmill Championship, **Ariya Jutanugarn** extends her lead by recording her eighth top-10 finish of the season. Jin Young Ko is in solo second with six top-10s, followed by Brooke Henderson, Moriya Jutanugarn and Minjee Lee with five each.

The LEADERS Top 10 competition awards a \$100,000 bonus to the LPGA player with the most top-10 finishes through the completion of the Blue Bay LPGA (Nov. 7-10). In the event of a tie in total top-10 finishes, the award will go to the player with the most official wins, followed by most second-place finishes, third-place finishes, etc., until the tie is broken.

NOTABLE QUOTES

Ariya Jutanugarn, Thailand (-14, 199), on the pressure to win:

"When I'm thinking about winning I never win. So like last few month I play good and I told my caddie all the time, When I'm going to win? When I'm going to win? I never win and never play that great. I never talk about win at all and now I won the tournament, so I think I should keep doing the same thing."

Nasa Hataoka, Japan (-14, 199), on playing in her first playoff in her second year on Tour:

"I couldn't believe I played in the playoff in such an early stage in my career. I'm just going to try to keep going for the rest of the year."

Brooke Henderson, Canada (-13, 200), on being in contention:

"I came up a little bit short this week, but just to be in the hunt again and to feel that kind of adrenaline and to see my name at the top of leaderboard, it's always a lot of fun."

COUGHLIN COMPLETES 'SPECIAL' WEEK AT KINGSMILL CHAMPIONSHIP

Lauren Coughlin nearly quit golf. If it wasn't for a strong LPGA Qualifying Tournament in December, she likely would have put the clubs away for good.



Thankfully, she earned LPGA status and is now beginning to build momentum on Tour.

Coughlin backed up a bit on Sunday at the Kingsmill Championship with a 2-over, 73, but will still earn a paycheck for a third consecutive start. That's a major step in the right direction considering she missed the cut in her first six starts of the year.

She finished with a three-day total of 2-under.

For more from Bret Lasky, visit: <https://bit.ly/2IT9god>

OF NOTE

Ariya Jutanugarn is now 2-for-4 in playoffs in her LPGA career – she has now won her last two playoffs including this event and the 2017 Manulife LPGA Classic.

The Kingsmill Championship is the first tournament that **Jutanugarn** has won multiple times in her 8-win career.

Jutanugarn's playoff win was the fourth playoff in the 14-year history of the Kingsmill Championship and the first involving more than two players.

Jutanugarn led the tournament with 20 birdies this week – she had a Tour-leading 167 birdies heading into this week.

Jutanugarn made 11 starts between her last win at the 2017 CME Group Tour Championship and this week.

Jutanugarn's win came three events after her sister's first career title – Charlotta and Annika Sorenstam, the only other sisters to win on the LPGA Tour, won in back-to-back tournaments in 2000.

Jutanugarn came from two strokes behind heading into the final round to win; it was the third come-from-behind win on the LPGA Tour in 2017.

Nasa Hataoka competed in her first playoff on the LPGA this week and completed her best career-finish as co-runner up alongside In Gee Chun.

Hataoka, a 2017 LPGA rookie, previously had one top-10 finish in her career which came in her last start at the 2018 LPGA MEDIHEAL Championship (T7).

Hataoka was the Medalist at the 2017 LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament; a year earlier at age 17, Hataoka was the youngest player in the field at the Final Stage of 2016 LPGA Qualifying Tournament and finished T14 to first earn LPGA membership.

Chun has 12 top-10 finishes, including six runner-up results, in her 33 starts since her last win at the 2016 Evian Championship.

Chun is now 0-for-3 in her LPGA playoff career – she was also part of the playoff along with Lexi Thompson that Jutanugarn won at the 2017 Manulife LPGA Classic.

As of May 14th, **Chun** is the sixth-highest ranked player in the Rolex Rankings from the Republic of Korea; the top four players in the Rolex Rankings on July 2nd will make the Korean UL International Crown team.