

72nd U.S. Women's Open Championship: Round 2 Post-Round Notes

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Shanshan Feng has led the U.S. Women's Open after each of the first two rounds. She is seeking to become the first start-to-finish winner, with no ties, since Hollis Stacy in 1977.

Hye-Jin Choi's 6-under 138 is the **second-lowest 36-hole total by an amateur** in U.S. Women's Open history. Grace Park was at 7-under 137 through two rounds in 1999 at Old Waverly Country Club. Choi was the low amateur in the 2016 U.S. Women's Open at Cordevalle.

Choi is tied for second through two rounds. It is the first time an amateur has been in this position through 36 holes since Michelle Wie was also tied for second in 2005 at Cherry Hills Country Club.

This is the **second consecutive year Choi opened two sub-par rounds** in the U.S. Women's Open. She is the first amateur to do so since Park in 1999.

This is the **fourth consecutive year that Amy Yang has been in the top-5 through 36 holes** in the U.S. Women's Open. Yang was tied for third in 2014 at Pinehurst, led by three strokes in 2015 at Lancaster Country Club, was tied for second in 2016 at Cordevalle and is tied for second this year.

Jeongeun Lee is playing in her first U.S. Women's Open. Only four players have **won the championship in their first appearance**: Patty Berg (1946), Kathy Cornelius (1956), Birdie Kim (2005) and In Gee Chun (2015).

Lee (69-69) and Choi (69-69) are two of seven players to **start the U.S. Women's Open with consecutive rounds in the 60s** in the past 10 years. The others are Yang and Stacy Lewis (2015); Wie (2014); and Inbee Park and I.K. Kim (2013).

Carlota Ciganda's rounds of 69 and 71 are her only sub-par scores in 18 U.S. Women's Open rounds. A player from Spain has never won a women's major championship.

Through 36 holes, **Lydia Ko has played the back nine in 7-under (32-33)** – the best total among all players this week.

Rachel Heck (2-over 146) is the youngest player (15 years, 8 months, 22 days) to make the cut in the U.S. Women's Open since Nelly Korda (14/11/0) in 2013. In total, five amateurs made the 36-hole cut of 2-over 146.

While 2010 champion Paula Creamer's missed cut broke the longest active streak (13) in the U.S. Women's Open, two-time champion Karrie Webb, Stacy Lewis and defending champion Brittany Lang will all be **playing the weekend for the 10th consecutive year.**

Brooke Henderson played her first 30 holes of the championship bogey-free. That is the longest stretch to start a U.S. Women's Open since I.K. Kim went 32 holes in 2011.

Wie withdrew from the championship after playing one hole in the second round, citing a neck injury. **Beatriz Recari, of Spain, withdrew** from the championship due to illness on the 15th hole (her sixth hole of the day).

Jacqui Concolino made a hole-in-one on the 171-yard fourth hole in the second round using a 5-iron. It is the 25th ace in the history of the championship.

Twelve of the top 13 players on the leader board are international players. New Jersey's Marina Alex is the lone American in that group.

Seven U.S. Women's Open champions made the 36-hole cut of 2-over 146:

In Gee Chun (2015), 70-70—140

So Yeon Ryu (2011), 68-72—140

Cristie Kerr (2007), 69-73—142

Eun-Hee Ji (2009), 73-71—144

Karrie Webb (2000, 2001), 74-71—145

Brittany Lang (2016), 72-74—146

Na Yeon Choi (2012), 73-73—146

Eight of the top 10 players in the Rolex Rankings are in the top-25 through two rounds:

Shanshan Feng (No. 6), 1st

Amy Yang (No. 9), T-2

So Yeon Ryu (No. 1), T-6

In Gee Chun (No. 5), T-6

Lydia Ko (No. 4), T-10

Brooke Henderson (No. 8), T-10

Sei Young Kim (No. 10), T-14

Lexi Thompson (No. 3), T-21