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Pre-Tournament Notes

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NOTABLE TEAMS

- **Defending Champions Patty Tavatanakit and Jake Knapp**
 - Tavatanakit is making her second start at the Grant Thornton Invitational
 - Finished T7 at the CME Group Tour Championship in her last start
 - Finished No. 53 in the Race to CME Globe
 - Three top-10 finishes in 2025 including a season high T4 at the Honda LPGA Thailand
 - Two-time LPGA Tour winner including the 2021 Chevron Championship for her first major win
 - Knapp is making his second start at the Grant Thornton Invitational
 - Making his first start on TOUR since the FedEx St. Jude Championship (T62)
 - Finished No. 63 in the final FedExCup Fall standings
 - Four top-10 finishes in 2025, highlighted by two third-place finishes (Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 3M Open)
 - Earned sole TOUR title at 2024 Mexico Open at VidantaWorld
- **2023 Champions Lydia Ko and Jason Day**
 - Ko is making her third start at the Grant Thornton Invitational, all with partner Day
 - Won in 2023, finished sixth in 2024
 - Made 14 cuts in 16 starts during the 2025 LPGA season, including a win at the 2025 HSBC Women's World Championship
 - Finished No. 26 in the Race to CME Globe
 - 23-time LPGA Tour winner and three-time major champion
 - Inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 2024, youngest player to be inducted under the current criteria
 - Grant Thornton Ambassador
 - Day is making his third start at the Grant Thornton Invitational

- Posted four top-10s in 17 starts during the 2025 season, best finish was T3 at The American Express
 - Making his first start on TOUR since the Bank of Utah Championship (T20)
 - Finished No. 41 in the FedExCup
 - Most recent of his 13 PGA TOUR victories is the 2023 CJ CUP Byron Nelson
 - Grant Thornton Ambassador
- **Nelly Korda and Denny McCarthy**
 - Korda is making her third start at the Grant Thornton Invitational
 - Finished 13th in 2024 with Daniel Berger and T4 with partner Tony Finau in 2023
 - Finished 3rd in the CME Group Tour Championship at Tiburón Golf Club in her last start on Tour
 - Finished No. 5 in the Race to CME Globe
 - Made 19 of 19 cuts during the 2025 season including nine top-10s
 - 15-time LPGA Tour winner including seven during the 2024 season
 - Two-time major champion including the 2025 Chevron Championship and the 2021 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - McCarthy is making his second start at the Grant Thornton Invitational
 - Finished T4 in 2023 with Megan Khang
 - Earned two top-10 finishes in 23 starts during the 2025 season, best finish was T5 at The Genesis Invitational
 - Finished No. 40 in the FedEx Cup
 - Making his first start on TOUR since The RSM Classic (T51)
- **Brooke Henderson and Corey Connors**
 - Henderson and Connors are both making their third start at this event, all as partners; they finished fourth in 2024 and runner-up in 2023
 - Henderson finished No. 27 in the Race to the CME Globe
 - Made 19 cuts in 24 starts with one win and three top 10s
 - Earned her 14th career victory at the 2025 CPKC Women's Open
 - 14-time LPGA Tour winner and two-time major champion
 - Won the 2022 Amundi Evian Championship and 2016 KPMG Women's PGA Championship
 - She is the winningest professional golfer from Canada, male or female
 - Connors finished T4 in the FedEx Cup
 - Made 20 cuts in 21 starts with seven top-10 finishes, highlighted by a season-best third-place finish at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard
 - Connors is a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR, both at the Valero Texas Open in 2019 and 2023
- **Jessica Korda and Bud Cauley**
 - Both are making their first start at this event
 - Korda is making her first appearance on Tour since the 2023 season
 - Korda is a six-time winner on the LPGA Tour and the older sister of **Nelly Korda**
 - Her last win on Tour came at the 2021 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions
 - She has competed on three Solheim Cup teams, represented the U.S. at the 2018 Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown and at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics
 - Cauley posted four top-10s in 22 starts during the 2025 season (best: 3rd/Charles Schwab Challenge)
 - His T6 at THE PLAYERS Championship earned him an exemption on TOUR for the remainder of the 2025 season by reaching the top 125 threshold via the Major Medical category
 - Finished No. 47 in the FedExCup and is exempt into all eight Signature Events in 2026
- **Lilia Vu and Tony Finau**
 - Vu is making her third start at the Grant Thornton Invitational and first with Tony Finau as a partner (2024/T11 with Luke List, 2023/T9 with Joel Dahmen)
 - Made eight cuts in 19 starts during the 2025 LPGA season, including one top-10

- Finished No. 77 in the Race to CME Globe
- Five-time LPGA Tour winner and two-time major champion
- Grant Thornton Ambassador
- Finau is making his second start at the Grant Thornton Invitational (2023/T4 with Nelly Korda)
 - Six-time TOUR winner posted one top-10 in 20 starts during the 2025 season (best: T5/The Genesis Invitational)
 - Making his first start on TOUR since the FedEx St. Jude Championship (T64); finished No. 83 in the final FedExCup Fall standings
 - Grant Thornton Ambassador

NOTABLE TOURNAMENT INFO

- **Competition Format:** 16 teams consisting of two players, one LPGA Tour and one PGA TOUR; 54-holes, no cut
 - **Friday: Scramble**
 - Each player hits a tee shot and then the team selects the ball to be used for the next stroke. From there, both players hit their next shots from that spot. This process continues until the ball is holed.
 - **Saturday: Foursomes**
 - Each player on a team alternates hitting shots with the same ball until the ball is holed. One player tees off on the odd-numbered holes, and the other tees off on the even-numbered holes.
 - **Sunday: Modified Four-Ball**
 - Both players tee off, and then they switch balls for their second shots and play that same ball until it is holed. The lower score of the partners is then counted as the team score for the hole.
- The field features 10 major champions and a combined 137 victories across their respective circuits, with nine of those occurring this season
- There are 12 new teams competing this year:
 - **Lilia Vu/Tony Finau**
 - **Nelly Korda/Denny McCarthy**
 - **Jessica Korda/Bud Cauley**
 - **Charley Hull/Michael Brennan**
 - **Megan Khang/Keith Mitchell**
 - **Lauren Coughlin/Andrew Novak**
 - **Lottie Woad/Luke Clanton**
 - **Lexi Thompson/Wyndham Clark**
 - **Jennifer Kupcho/Chris Gotterup**
 - **Rose Zhang/Michael Kim**
 - **Angel Yin/Tom Hoge**
 - **Maja Stark/Neal Shipley**
- There are two rookies in the field from their respective Tours: **Lottie Woad** and **Luke Clanton**; the duo is paired up and both played collegiate golf at Florida State University
- Ten players in the field finished among the top 30 in each Tour's season-long standings
 - LPGA (Race to CME Globe): **Nelly Korda** (No. 5), **Charley Hull** (No. 14), **Angel Yin** (No. 17), **Jennifer Kupcho** (No. 20), **Andrea Lee** (No. 23), **Lydia Ko** (No. 26), **Brooke Henderson** (No. 27)
 - PGA TOUR (FedExCup): **Corey Connors** (T4), **Chris Gotterup** (T10), **Andrew Novak** (T25)
- 18 players in the field are ranked in the top 50 in their respective World Rankings
 - LPGA (Rolex Women's World Golf Ranking): **Nelly Korda** (No. 2), **Charley Hull** (No. 5), **Lydia Ko** (No. 6), **Lottie Woad** (No. 11), **Angel Yin** (No. 13), **Maja Stark** (No. 15), **Lauren Coughlin** (No. 20), **Andrea Lee** (No. 21), **Brooke Henderson** (No. 25), **Jennifer Kupcho** (No. 32), **Megan Khang** (No. 38), **Lilia Vu** (No. 45)
 - PGA TOUR (Official World Golf Ranking): **Chris Gotterup** (No. 28), **Corey Connors** (No. 30), **Andrew Novak** (No. 32), **Michael Kim** (No. 36), **Wyndham Clark** (No. 39), **Billy Horschel** (No. 46)