



FUTURES Golf Tour News Release

Return to El Paso: Yang Hopes to Defend Title This Week

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There was something surreal about Hong Mei Yang's win at her debut event in El Paso last year. There she stood, a smiling athletic woman from Communist China receiving the tournament trophy from one of the commanding officers at Ft. Bliss, a U.S. Army base. Certainly, the Cold War was over and now the two sides were playing games together on a military base golf course.

But if those gathered for that brief ceremony had known more about this woman who depended on others to express her gratitude that day, it might have been a good reason for pause. Yang had taken the slowest possible boat to success, by no fault of her own. Years ago, she left her family's rural home to work in an electronics factory. She also worked as a caddie in Si Chuan.

By a stroke of good fortune, she carried the bag for the winner of the 1995 Volvo China Open in Shanghai. The male pro praised Yang for her knowledge at his awards ceremony. Hearing that, Yang's supervisor at the factory granted permission for her to pursue her interest in golf. She was allowed to teach.

But Yang knew she wanted to compete. So when an American-run tournament came to China and offered scholarships to a California teaching facility as the prize for the top three finishers, Yang knew her chance had come. At age 28, she won the event and her ticket to the career she wanted more than anything.

A year later and defending her title this week at the IOS FUTURES Golf Classic in El Paso, Texas, Yang is the first to admit the difficulties of her 2004 rookie year on the FUTURES Golf Tour. Like most rookies, she had to adjust to the highway travel and to playing numerous consecutive events.

"Everything made my heart race," she said with translation help from FUTURES Tour member Natalie Wong of Montebello, Calif., a first-generation Chinese-American. "From being alone to not being able to talk to people, it was difficult. Once I got on the golf course, that was the easiest part."

Yang began the year with two other players from the People's Republic of China, but eventually, they left, both injured and homesick. So the former basketball player was faced with driving to tournaments alone in a rental car with a GPS system as her only traveling companion.

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This Week:

IOS FUTURES Golf Classic
April 29 - May 1
Underwood Golf Complex,
Sunrise Course
El Paso, Texas

Purse: \$70,000

Winner: \$9,800

Runner-Up: \$7,000

Par: 36 - 36 = 72

Pro Shop: (915) 562-7255

Pro Has Dual Life As Veterinarian, Golfer

Bogeys don't scare FUTURES Tour member Kris Nelson of Scottsdale. Why should they? This is a woman who has brushed the teeth of monkeys, treated cheetahs for stomach ulcers, removed a bladder stone from a wolf and once wrestled a 10-pound, five-foot rose-colored boa constrictor snake out of a waiting room of screaming clients.

And while Nelson is no Dr. Doolittle in golf shorts, she is a licensed, practicing veterinarian who just happens to be a professional golfer and a member of the FUTURES Golf Tour. When she's not specializing in six-foot putts and tight-fairway tee shots, Nelson is in Phoenix treating small animals and exotics, such as birds, reptiles and small rodents.

"Every day when I work as a vet, I never know what's coming through the door," said the former collegiate heptathlete from Seattle Pacific University. "It can be cancer or a broken bone or a pulled tendon. The same is true with golf. You have to be kind of flexible because you never really know what the day will bring you. In both, you have to learn to roll with the punches."

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FUTURES Tour News & Notes

Game Of Honor

Only in golf, do players turn themselves in when they have committed an infraction of the game's rules. And while it is painful, most players will agree that golf should only be played if the rules are honored -- even if it costs shots or disqualification.

That was the case with two players last week. FUTURES Tour rookie Carrie Sordel of Windermere, Fla., discovered that she had 15 clubs in her bag right after she hit her tee shot on the first hole in Friday's first round of the Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic. The rules of golf state that players must begin a round with no more than 14 clubs. Penalty for that violation is two strokes for each hole played.

"I was cleaning my clubs the night before and when I teed off on Friday, I had both my 3-iron and my Rescue Club in the bag," said Sordel, who birdied the first hole, but had to record a bogey for the penalty. She missed the 36-hole tournament cut.

Veteran player Allie Blomquist of Afton, Minn., suffered a more serious penalty. She shot an even-par 72 in the first round. Blomquist left the course and worked out. Her caddie, Claudia Pilot, stayed at the course to watch some other players and noticed that Blomquist was posted on the tournament's summary board with a one-under-par score of 71. When she called her player and reported the score discrepancy, Blomquist got a sick feeling in her stomach. Even though players are not required to add up their own scores at the end of their rounds, they are required to validate each stroke recorded on every hole.

"After a few four-letter words to myself, I drove back to the course as soon as I could," she said. "I had to D.Q. myself. I didn't add up my score before I left and it was a careless mistake. It was hard because I eagled the last hole and my round ended in excitement, but then it totally turned the other way with the D.Q."

But Blomquist said there is never a temptation to be dishonest. "If you play the game, you don't fudge with the numbers," she said. "You have to be honest because it's an expectation of sportsmanship. That was the first time I have ever done that. I'll never do it again."

Even-Par Player

Visitors to futurestour.com have nominated names and voted on the name of the web site's mythical even-par player, whom we will track each week and throughout the season. The winning name, by 41 percent of voters, is "Eve N. Par." Finishing second (25 percent) was "Anita Par," followed by Marva Leslie Dunn (13 percent). Tied for fourth (5 percent each)

were "Patty Perfect" and "Gwen Gwen." Starting today, watch how Eve N. Par stacks up on the FUTURES Golf Tour. She finished tied for 18th in last week's Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic.

Qualifying Dates Set

The FUTURES Golf Tour will host its 2006 Qualifying Tournament this fall on November 8 - 11. The tournament will be contested on Cleveland Height Golf Course, the home course of the FUTURES Tour, plus other area courses. Applications and more information will be available by August 1.

Tour Chat

Don't forget to watch the final installment of The Golf Channel's "Big Break III: Ladies Only" this Tuesday at 9 p.m. EST. Check your local listings. FUTURES Tour members **DANIELLE AIMEE** of Newport Beach, Calif., will face **PAMELA CRIKELAIR** of Westchester County, N.Y., in the final two-hour show of the series. Winner of the event will be invited to play in the LPGA Tour's Michelob ULTRA Open at Kingsmill, as well as in the LPGA Corning Classic...

She moved quietly, but efficiently. Rookie **SUN YOUNG YOO** of Seoul, Korea, jumped from fifth place to first place on the 2005 FUTURES Tour Money List after three events. Yoo's final-round 65 in last week's Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic bumped her into third and moved her up in season earnings with \$12,086. Yoo also has moved into the top spot for Rookie of the Year points.

Top Alumnae Finishes on the LPGA

| Finish | Player | Score | Money |
|--------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| T5 | Soo Young Moon | 287 (-1) | \$34,257 |
| T11 | Audra Burks | 291 (+3) | \$17,468 |
| T11 | S. Prammanasudh | 291 (+3) | \$17,468 |
| T14 | Nancy Scranton | 292 (+4) | \$14,880 |
| T14 | Leta Lindley | 292 (+4) | \$14,880 |
| T16 | Ji Yeon Lee | 293 (+5) | \$11,986 |
| T16 | Aree Song | 293 (+5) | \$11,986 |
| T16 | Jung Yeon Lee | 293 (+5) | \$11,986 |
| T16 | Lorena Ochoa | 293 (+5) | \$11,986 |
| T16 | Young Kim | 293 (+5) | \$11,986 |
| T16 | Sung Ah Yim | 293 (+5) | \$11,986 |

*Check out where our FUTURES Tour alumnae placed at last week's Corona Morelia Championship in Mexico at lpga.com.

(Yang, FROM PAGE 1)

"My coach's wife told me the GPS system is my boyfriend," Yang said on her own.

Not only did she travel alone, but she also opted to stay in private housing with American families who hosted players in the various tournament towns. Yang could have holed up in a hotel, but to stretch the money she had saved, she stayed with the families and ended up learning much of the English she knows from conversations held at dinner tables across America.

"I can get the point of what people are saying and Americans use their hands a lot when they talk, so that helps," she said with the assistance of Wong. "It helps to stay in housing because my life would be totally silent without it. When I go home to a house during tournaments, they talk to me and I can learn more English."

Yang actually became one of the most popular players in private housing last year. Week after week, host families arrived at the course to follow their "adopted" Chinese daughter. One family in Beltsville, Md., held a five-course meal in her honor with their Chinese next-door-neighbors. Weeks later, they showed up at the Tour's tournament in Queenstown, Md., to again follow Yang, much to the player's obvious delight.

But Yang also knows the reality of her life as a touring pro from a country that barely recognizes the game and can hardly comprehend a woman's place in it. A year ago, there were less than 40 women golf professionals in a nation of 1.2 billion inhabitants. Yang thinks that number will grow and she knows more Chinese citizens are now trying to play the game.

This year, she is joined on tour by Li-Ying Ye of Shanghai, who earned non-exempt LPGA Tour status last December and finished tied for 14th last week at the FUTURES Tour event in McAllen, Texas. Another Chinese player, Wei Li, may join the Tour later this summer.

"I know there are more kids starting to play at home," said Yang. "I was gone for the year and when I went back, there were so many new faces [at the course] that I didn't know."

But they know her. And golfers in China are watching the progress of Yang over the Internet as she transitions from her role as a teacher to one as a pioneering touring pro. Last November at the FUTURES Tour's annual Qualifying Tournament, Yang traveled to Florida with Ye and Li and helped them prepare for the week. Both players earned status on this year's tour, with thanks to their advisor.

"Before coming here, my life was just going to work at the golf course and teaching," said Yang. "I played maybe two tournaments a year. Now, I like being on my own and playing these tournaments here on the FUTURES Tour."

Wong looks at Yang and shakes her head.

"I played the Asian Tour for only a month and I was ready to come home," said Wong, whose Chinese grandmother still tries to understand why the Yale University graduate wants to be a touring pro. "I don't think I would play golf if I had to leave my country. I would just choose a different job, but maybe that's because in my country, this profession is available to me. It's not

available for Hong Mei in her homeland, so she had to come here."

Wong says she sometimes tries to imagine if she were sent to a different country to do a job and suddenly, all the roads, rules, food, people, language and everything else had changed.

"It's tough, but it's really hard when you still have to perform and do your job well enough to earn your check," said Wong, a fifth-year member of the FUTURES Tour.

Of course, Yang hopes to earn this week's champion's check in El Paso. She remembers how a practice partner at Oak Valley Golf Academy in California, who plays on the Japanese LPGA Tour, telephoned well wishes as Yang led last year's El Paso event. That player had won in Japan, so Yang felt she also could close out the victory.

"Every player goes into every tournament thinking they can win and every player has potential," said Yang. "In El Paso, I already know what I can do there."

(Veterinarian, FROM PAGE 1)

That's an interesting analogy by the doctor who recalls one exciting day at the clinic. She had just treated the boa named "Basil" and was in another room doing paperwork when she heard both the snake's owner and people in the waiting room screaming. When she returned to the examination room, she found the snake had become stuck, half in and half out of the door. When patients in the waiting room saw only the snake's head protruding from under the door, they grabbed their cats and dogs and ran.

"It was mass confusion," said Nelson, who played her first FUTURES Tour event of the year last week in McAllen, Texas. "We had to use K-Y Jelly to get the snake out of the door."

Her husband, Steve Nelson, gave Nelson a set of golf clubs when the two were married in 1989. Her parents played golf, but at age 29, Nelson thought the game was "for people with no sense of fashion." The couple moved from Minnesota to Arizona. When she decided to work part-time as a relief vet, her game improved as her practice time increased. In 1999, Nelson won the Arizona State Stroke Play event and decided to focus on seeing how good she could become as a golfer.

"As a little girl, I wanted to grow up and either be a vet or a professional athlete," said Nelson, now 44. "I ended up doing both. If I could get good enough, I'd like to just play golf."

Nelson shares her home with her husband, a Golden Retriever, two cats and three birds. She performs volunteer work at the Phoenix Zoo and co-chairs the zoo's major donor program as a member of the animal health committee. She hopes to play more tournaments this year and improve her playing status on the FUTURES Tour.

But one lesson she has already learned again uses the parallel between her two professional lives: "When you fly, never tell anybody that you're a veterinarian or a professional golfer," she said. "Otherwise, the person sitting beside of you will spend the next five hours telling you about his cat or his last round of golf."

Tournament Summary

Nirapathpongorn Wins First Professional Title

Virada Nirapathpongorn, the woman with the longest name in professional golf, makes no apologies for taking the long route to the winner's circle. She joined the FUTURES Golf Tour last May and was winless in 2004.

But NP3, as she is often called for expediency, earned her first professional title today at the \$70,000 Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic. And she did it by firing a four-under-par 68 in the final round at Palm View Golf Course, holding off Becky Lucidi of Poway, Calif., who finished second with a closing round of six-under 66. For 54 holes, Nirapathpongorn toured Palm View at 12-under-par 204, edging Lucidi at 205 (-11).

And while many have wondered why the player with the most decorated golf resume on the FUTURES Golf Tour has taken so long to win her first pro title, the former NCAA champion and U.S. Women's Amateur champion has a simple explanation.

"I don't like to skip a step in anything," said the native of Bangkok, Thailand. "As frustrated as I might have seemed last year, I wasn't quite ready to be there yet. Everybody was like, 'You've won on every level, so why haven't you won?' But maybe I wasn't ready. I think I needed all of that time to get ready for the next level."

Nirapathpongorn came into the week with more than a golf tournament on her mind. Earlier this month, she went home to compete in the Thailand Ladies Open outside of Bangkok. The local favorite finished tied for seventh and enjoyed a week in which her likeness was splashed on posters throughout the city.

"She's kind of like a rock star over there," said fellow FUTURES Tour member Libby Smith of Essex Junction, Vt., who also played in the Thailand Ladies Open. "Her face was everywhere."

But two days later, the golf pro found herself at home with her family, gripping the cruel reality of leukemia. Her father, Dr. Apichart Nirapathpongorn, a retired surgeon, succumbed to the disease on April 5. Stunned, the young pro spent the next week with her family about as far from golf as she could get.

Word slowly spread among her FUTURES Tour peers that the popular player's father was gone and many were surprised to see Nirapathpongorn arrive in Texas three weeks later. On Wednesday, as tough as she is, the wave of pain swept over her. Her voice quivered and she had tears in her eyes as she tried to wear the necessary game face and yet deal with an aching desire to be with her family so far away.

"We were trying to balance between letting her heal, letting her grieve and trying to play tournament golf," said caddie Chris McCalmont, who celebrated the same birthday as his player last Thursday. "On Wednesday, she cried for an hour, and then she said she was ready to play. For her to win today says a lot about how strong she is."

Nirapathpongorn must have drawn deep from something bigger than sheer human will when she carded a first-round 66 on Friday to charge into second behind frontrunner Nicole Castrale of Palm Desert, Calif., who set the pace on the par-72, 6,381-yard course with an opening 65. By Saturday, NP3 had moved to the top of the leaderboard at eight-under 136 with a 70 in the second round.

"I don't know how I did it," Nirapathpongorn said. "I wasn't sure how I was going to be able to focus. On Friday, I felt like I could burst at any time. So whenever I had a thought about my dad, I wouldn't let myself think it. I felt it would do no one any good. I knew this was going to be a different kind of preparation this week, but I said, 'I'm going to play.'"

And that, she did.

The heady four-time All-American from Duke University started today's final round with a two-shot lead and gradually put three shots between herself, Castrale and Lucidi. Nirapathpongorn was the center of a University of Southern California sandwich against the former Trojan college roommates, but she didn't get rattled even when Lucidi, herself a former U.S. Women's Amateur champion (2002), rammed in consecutive 12-foot birdies on holes six and seven.

A distant chaser, Sun Young Yoo of Seoul, Korea, fired a career-low final-round score of 65 to charge into third place at 207 (-9). The 18-year-old rookie hit 16 greens and rolled in 28 putts to move within three shots of Nirapathpongorn.

But while putts wouldn't fall for Castrale, the afternoon had largely turned into a nose-to-nose competition between Lucidi and Nirapathpongorn.

Lucidi never backed down, cranking her drive on the par-5, 488-

yard 10th hole, cutting a 3-wood to 12 feet, then holing another 12-footer for an eagle-3 to catch the leader. But the Thai player calmly pitched to 1½ feet on the 10th hole and carded a birdie to stay one shot ahead. With six holes to play, she birdied Nos. 13 and 16, stumbling only on the par-three 17th hole when she pushed her 4-iron tee shot pin-high right and didn't get up and down for par.

"I tried to swing too easy," said Nirapathpongorn of the shot that trimmed her lead to only one stroke with one hole to play. "I told myself, 'Don't worry. Do your thing and you'll be just fine.'"

With the chance of a possible playoff looming, Lucidi again striped her drive on the final hole and knocked her pitching wedge approach to 18 feet. But the dimpled Californian, playing in her first FUTURES Tour event, left her putt short, which also left the door open for Nirapathpongorn to finish off that long-awaited first professional win.

"There were quite a few people following us and it was loud and awesome out there," said Lucidi. "Unfortunately, on that last hole, I forgot to hit my putt."

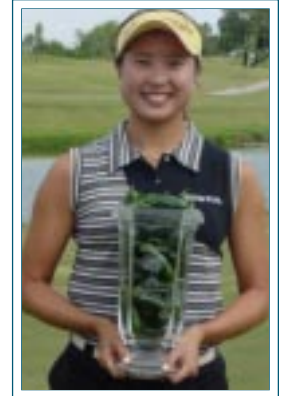
Nirapathpongorn's walk to the 18th green today must have seemed like a dream to the Thai player, who arrived at the David Leadbetter Golf Academy as a 15-year old. She came to America to follow a dream and the timing coincided with a downturn in Thailand's economy that put a pinch even on the budgets of two parents who were physicians.

"It was difficult then and I put a lot of pressure on myself because I wanted to do well for my parents," she recalled. "But I worked my way through it. That's me. I struggled with English, with golf, with everything, but it was more rewarding at the end."

And at the end of today's inaugural Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic, Nirapathpongorn stood over her putt. In the distance, she heard a marshal say, "Stand please" to the excited gallery inching forward. She told herself she'd better get used to marshals, crowds and noise. And she told herself to stay with her shot, to "finish the day."

Perhaps more importantly, Nirapathpongorn finished the week -- a grueling test of emotions that started a day before her 23rd birthday and ended with a new tradition of the champion taking a chomp out of one of the jalapeno peppers stuffed inside her crystal trophy. NP3 gamely took the chomp. NP3 was the champ, moving from 27th to second on the season's money list and putting her into position to move on to another dream on the LPGA Tour.

"I'm coming along just the way I planned," she said after the awards ceremony. "Of course, life is not so linear. It comes with a lot of challenges, but I think it's a blessing in disguise."



Tools of The Winner:

Virada Nirapathpongorn of Bangkok, Thailand

Age: 23

Driver: TaylorMade R510, 9.5 degrees with TaylorMade YS-6 graphite shaft, Regular flex

Fairway woods: Callaway Steelhead III 3, 5, 7, Callaway graphite shaft R-flex

Irons: Mizuno MP-30 4-iron through pitching wedge, Mizuno Exsar Blue graphite shaft, R-flex

Wedges: Cleveland Tour Action 52 degrees, 56 degrees, True Temper lightweight steel shaft

Putter: Odyssey White Hot No. 5, 32 1/2 inches

Ball: Pro V1

Glove: FootJoy

Grips: driver through wedges, Golf Pride; Putter, Lamkin

Bag: Titleist Tour bag

Eyewear: Oakley Half-Jacket

Shoes: Adidas

Spikes: Adidas (factory) spikes

Visor Contract: Bank of Ayudhya (Thailand)

Other Sponsors: Honda, Amata Spring Country Club (in Chonburi, Thailand)

Tournament Summary (Continued)

\$70,000 Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic Palm View Golf Course -- McAllen, Texas

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|----------|-------|---------|--|-----------------------|----------|-------|-------|
| 1 | Virada Nirapathpongporn | 66-70-68 | - 204 | \$9,800 | | Anna Knutsson | 72-74-74 | - 220 | \$466 |
| 2 | Becky Lucidi | 68-71-66 | - 205 | \$7,000 | | T35 Randi Meadows | 74-74-73 | - 221 | \$417 |
| 3 | Sun Young Yoo | 69-73-65 | - 207 | \$5,177 | | Natalie Wong | 74-73-74 | - 221 | \$417 |
| 4 | Nicole Castrale | 65-73-70 | - 208 | \$4,127 | | Jessica Krasny | 68-78-75 | - 221 | \$417 |
| 5 | Anna Rawson | 71-71-67 | - 209 | \$3,357 | | T38 Heather Zielinski | 74-77-71 | - 222 | \$350 |
| T6 | Cristina Baena | 71-72-67 | - 210 | \$2,277 | | Lori Atsedes | 74-76-72 | - 222 | \$350 |
| | Seon-Hwa Lee | 71-72-67 | - 210 | \$2,277 | | Kareen Qually | 75-75-72 | - 222 | \$350 |
| | Libby Smith | 72-69-69 | - 210 | \$2,277 | | Kristy McPherson | 76-74-72 | - 222 | \$350 |
| | | | | | | Heidi Chua | 76-74-72 | - 222 | \$350 |
| | | | | | | Shayne Wild | 76-74-72 | - 222 | \$350 |
| | | | | | | Courtney Trimble | 77-71-74 | - 222 | \$350 |
| T9 | Su A Kim | 69-71-71 | - 211 | \$1,782 | | T45 Tara Bateman | 71-80-72 | - 223 | \$286 |
| | Mollie Fankhauser | 70-70-71 | - 211 | \$1,782 | | Briana Vega | 72-79-72 | - 223 | \$286 |
| | | | | | | Lisa Chang | 75-75-73 | - 223 | \$286 |
| T11 | Kellee Booth | 72-71-70 | - 213 | \$1,437 | | Kelly Lagedrost | 75-75-73 | - 223 | \$286 |
| | Kyeong Bae | 72-70-71 | - 213 | \$1,437 | | Christine Boucher | 77-73-73 | - 223 | \$286 |
| | Alena Sharp | 74-67-72 | - 213 | \$1,437 | | Julie Turner | 71-78-74 | - 223 | \$286 |
| | | | | | | Allison Fouch | 71-77-75 | - 223 | \$286 |
| T14 | Li-Ying Ye | 71-73-70 | - 214 | \$1,257 | | Sapna Patel | 75-73-75 | - 223 | \$286 |
| | Taylor Leon (a) | 70-73-71 | - 214 | | | Jeanne Cho | 71-75-77 | - 223 | \$286 |
| | | | | | | Sarah Huarte | 72-72-79 | - 223 | \$286 |
| | | | | | | May Wood | 72-71-80 | - 223 | \$286 |
| T16 | Marianne Morris | 71-72-72 | - 215 | \$1,126 | | T56 Kristina Tucker | 74-77-73 | - 224 | \$231 |
| | Meredith Ward | 73-68-74 | - 215 | \$1,126 | | Kylie Pratt | 76-75-73 | - 224 | \$231 |
| | | | | | | Sasha Medina | 74-76-74 | - 224 | \$231 |
| T18 | Hye Jung Choi | 72-75-69 | - 216 | \$1,005 | | Dana Lacey | 77-72-75 | - 224 | \$231 |
| | Ji Min Jeong | 74-72-70 | - 216 | \$1,005 | | Blair O'Neal | 77-70-77 | - 224 | \$231 |
| | | | | | | T61 Kim Augusta | 74-75-76 | - 225 | \$203 |
| | | | | | | Nisha Sadekar | 73-76-76 | - 225 | \$203 |
| | | | | | | Amy Langhals | 72-74-79 | - 225 | \$203 |
| T20 | Jan Dowling | 73-74-70 | - 217 | \$860 | | T64 Carrie Dykstra | 74-76-76 | - 226 | \$185 |
| | Courtney Wood | 74-73-70 | - 217 | \$860 | | Tamara Johns | 74-75-77 | - 226 | \$185 |
| | Katie Connelly | 71-73-73 | - 217 | \$860 | | T66 Yuho Okubo | 75-76-76 | - 227 | \$154 |
| | Kristin Dufour | 70-73-74 | - 217 | \$860 | | Lynn Valentine | 74-76-77 | - 227 | \$154 |
| | Sarah Lynn Johnston | 71-72-74 | - 217 | \$860 | | Annie Schlosser | 73-77-77 | - 227 | \$154 |
| | | | | | | Chiharu Yamaguchi | 75-75-77 | - 227 | \$154 |
| | | | | | | Leigh Anne Hardin | 75-74-78 | - 227 | \$154 |
| | | | | | | Lindy Hitdlebaugh | 72-76-79 | - 227 | \$154 |
| | | | | | | Julie Tvede | 75-73-79 | - 227 | \$154 |
| 25 | Jenny Gleason | 75-70-73 | - 218 | \$750 | | | | | |
| T26 | Tiffany Faucette | 71-77-71 | - 219 | \$609 | | | | | |
| | Hong Mei Yang | 74-74-71 | - 219 | \$609 | | | | | |
| | Sarah-Jane Kenyon | 74-73-72 | - 219 | \$609 | | | | | |
| | Laura Myerscough | 73-74-72 | - 219 | \$609 | | | | | |
| | Seul Ki Kim | 71-76-72 | - 219 | \$609 | | | | | |
| | Meredith Duncan | 71-75-73 | - 219 | \$609 | | | | | |
| | Katie Futcher | 72-74-73 | - 219 | \$609 | | | | | |
| T33 | Christi Cano | 71-78-71 | - 220 | \$466 | | | | | |

Missed Cut

Meaghan Francella, Anna Temple, Jin Young Pak, Melanie Willhite, Jo Clingan, Adrienne Gautreaux, Katie Quinney, Kimberly Adams, Ashley Prange, Courtney Pomeranz, Jana Peterkova, Salimah Mussani, Aimee Cho, Beth Hermes, Ashley Leonard, Debbie Eckroth, Suzie Fisher, Lisa Fernandes, Jen Hanna, Rachel Bates, Cortney Reno, Alison Hiller, Jeannine Fiorito, Maria Kim, Jennifer Perri, Marousa Polias, Sunny Oh, Jessica Lewis, Cindy Wulf, Saki Uechi, Wendy Mazza, Yoo La Kim, Sue Horton, Melanie Holmes-Smith, Heather Angell, Jillian Wyne, Jamie Koizumi, Logan Johnson, Katrina Leckovic, Jamie Stevenson, Christina Monacelli, Carrie Sordel, Andrea Werner, Kim Kouwabunpat, Brandi Jo Newman, Patricia Beliard, Kim Lewellen, Stephanie Bell, Susan Fasoldt, Lorna Miedema, Lisa Whitt, Jennifer Carter, Celina James, Jana Harmon, Cecilie Eckbo, Lacey Englert, ; WDI - Valeria Ochoa; DQ - Allie Blomquist, Kris Nelson

FUTURES Tour Statistics

FUTURES Tour Official Money List

As of April 24, 2005

| Rank | Player | Events | Wins | Earnings | Rank | Player | Events | Wins | Earnings |
|------|--------------------------|--------|------|----------|------|-----------------------|--------|------|----------|
| 1 | *Sun Young Yoo | 3 | | \$12,086 | 31 | Ji Min Jeong | 3 | | \$1,798 |
| 2 | *Virada Nirapathpongporn | 3 | 1 | \$11,350 | 32 | Meredith Ward | 3 | | \$1,797 |
| 3 | *Sarah-Jane Kenyon | 3 | 1 | \$10,466 | 33 | Kris Tamulis | 2 | | \$1,605 |
| 4 | *Seon-Hwa Lee | 3 | | \$9,994 | 34 | Kellee Booth | 3 | | \$1,525 |
| 5 | *Jin Young Pak | 3 | 1 | \$9,739 | 35 | Marianne Morris | 3 | | \$1,500 |
| 6 | *Lori Atsedes | 3 | | \$7,755 | 36 | Jessica Lewis | 3 | | \$1,491 |
| 7 | *Becky Lucidi | 1 | | \$7,000 | 37 | Kristin Dufour | 3 | | \$1,472 |
| 8 | *Becky Iverson | 2 | | \$5,908 | 38 | Meaghan Francella | 3 | | \$1,439 |
| 9 | *Nicole Castrale | 3 | | \$5,849 | 39 | Courtney Wood | 3 | | \$1,348 |
| 10 | *Anna Rawson | 3 | | \$4,983 | 40 | May Wood | 3 | | \$1,346 |
| 11 | *Cristina Baena | 2 | | \$4,281 | 41 | Meredith Duncan | 3 | | \$1,269 |
| 12 | *Sasha Medina | 3 | | \$4,270 | 41 | Jan Dowling | 3 | | \$1,269 |
| 13 | *Kyeong Bae | 3 | | \$4,198 | 43 | Li-Ying Ye | 1 | | \$1,257 |
| 14 | *Aimee Cho | 3 | | \$4,169 | 44 | Kelly Lagedrost | 3 | | \$1,210 |
| 15 | *Hye Jung Choi | 3 | | \$4,092 | 45 | Karen Dennison | 2 | | \$1,166 |
| 16 | Mollie Fankhauser | 3 | | \$3,786 | 45 | Danielle Downey | 2 | | \$1,166 |
| 17 | Alena Sharp | 3 | | \$3,503 | 47 | Allison Fouch | 3 | | \$1,129 |
| 18 | Libby Smith | 2 | | \$3,034 | 48 | Katie Futcher | 3 | | \$1,106 |
| 19 | Chiharu Yamaguchi | 3 | | \$2,909 | 49 | Jeanne-Marie Busuttil | 2 | | \$1,059 |
| 20 | Ashley Prange | 3 | | \$2,755 | 50 | Natalie Wong | 3 | | \$1,056 |
| 21 | Kristy McPherson | 3 | | \$2,735 | 51 | Kim Augusta | 3 | | \$1,046 |
| 22 | Courtney Trimble | 3 | | \$2,338 | 52 | Kathy Choi-Rogers | 2 | | \$959 |
| 23 | Su A Kim | 3 | | \$2,257 | 53 | Janell Howland | 2 | | \$950 |
| 24 | Dana Lacey | 3 | | \$2,235 | 54 | Bo Mi Suh | 2 | | \$939 |
| 25 | Tara Bateman | 3 | | \$2,232 | 55 | Jessica Krasny | 3 | | \$908 |
| 26 | Allison Hanna | 2 | | \$2,173 | 56 | Sarah Lynn Johnston | 3 | | \$860 |
| 27 | Jen Hanna | 3 | | \$2,074 | 56 | Katie Connelly | 3 | | \$860 |
| 28 | Naree Song | 1 | | \$2,004 | 58 | Christi Cano | 2 | | \$847 |
| 29 | Jenny Gleason | 3 | | \$1,924 | 59 | Tiffany Faucette | 3 | | \$824 |
| 30 | Erica Blasberg | 2 | | \$1,876 | 60 | Kristina Tucker | 3 | | \$806 |

*A minimum of six tournaments is required to be eligible for the LPGA Exempt Card and Qualifying School Opportunity

Rookie of the Year

| Rank | Player | Events | Money |
|------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 | Sun Young Yoo | 3 | \$12,086 |
| 2 | Sarah-Jane Kenyon | 3 | \$10,466 |
| 3 | Jin Young Pak | 3 | \$9,739 |
| 4 | Anna Rawson | 3 | \$4,983 |
| 5 | Hye Jung Choi | 3 | \$4,092 |
| 6 | Mollie Fankhauser | 3 | \$3,786 |
| 7 | Ashley Prange | 3 | \$2,755 |
| 8 | Ji Min Jeong | 3 | \$1,798 |

The Ostrop Award

| Rank | Player | Points |
|------|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Sarah-Jane Kenyon | 9.5 |
| 2 | Jenny Gleason | 10.2 |
| 3 | Cristina Baena | 10.6 |
| 4 | Lori Atsedes | 12.1 |
| 5 | Anna Rawson | 12.3 |
| 6 | Kris Tamulis | 13.0 |
| 7 | Allison Hanna | 13.2 |
| 8 | Seon-Hwa Lee | 13.6 |

Scoring Average

| Rank | Player | Rounds/Average |
|------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 | Cristina Baena | 6 70.833 |
| 2 | Seon-Hwa Lee | 9 71.111 |
| 3 | V. Nirapathpongporn | 9 71.222 |
| 4 | Sun Young Yoo | 9 71.333 |
| 5 | Libby Smith | 6 71.500 |
| 6 | Nicole Castrale | 9 71.667 |
| 7 | Kyeong Bae | 9 71.889 |
| 7 | Anna Rawson | 9 71.889 |

Par 3 Average

| Rank | Player | Holes/Average |
|------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | Cristina Baena | 24 2.792 |
| 2 | Kyeong Bae | 33 2.909 |
| 3 | Anna Rawson | 33 2.939 |
| 4 | Libby Smith | 21 2.952 |
| 5 | Courtney Wood | 33 2.970 |
| 5 | Seon-Hwa Lee | 33 2.970 |
| 5 | Nicole Castrale | 33 2.970 |

Par 4 Average

| Rank | Player | Holes/Average |
|------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Seon-Hwa Lee | 96 3.990 |
| 1 | V. Nirapathpongporn | 96 3.990 |
| 3 | Mollie Fankhauser | 84 4.024 |
| 4 | Kris Tamulis | 66 4.030 |
| 4 | Libby Smith | 66 4.030 |
| 6 | Nicole Castrale | 96 4.031 |
| 7 | Anna Rawson | 96 4.042 |

Par 5 Average

| Rank | Player | Holes/Average |
|------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Sun Young Yoo | 33 4.545 |
| 2 | Sarah-Jane Kenyon | 33 4.606 |
| 3 | V. Nirapathpongporn | 33 4.636 |
| 4 | Jin Young Pak | 29 4.655 |
| 5 | Allison Hanna | 21 4.667 |
| 6 | Katie Futcher | 33 4.697 |
| 7 | Hye Jung Choi | 33 4.727 |

FUTURES Tour Tournament Schedule

| Date | Tournament | Golf Course | Charity | Purse | Champion |
|--|---|---|---|-----------|---|
| March 11 - 13 Pro-am: March 9 & 10 | Lakeland FUTURES Golf Classic | Cleveland Heights Golf Course 2900 Buckingham Avenue Lakeland, FL 33803 (863) 682-3277 | The First Tee of Lakeland at YMCA Par 3 | \$ 65,000 | 2005 Champion: Jin Young Pak |
| March 18 - 20 Pro-am: March 16 & 17 | Tampa Bay FUTURES Golf Classic | East Lake Woodlands Golf & Country Club 1055 East Lake Woodlands Parkway Oldsmar, FL 34677 (727) 784-7270 | Various Local Charities | \$ 65,000 | 2005 Champion: Sarah-Jane Kenyon |
| April 22 - 24 Pro-am: April 21 | Jalapeno FUTURES Golf Classic | Palm View Municipal Golf Course P.O. Box 220 McAllen, TX 78505 (956) 688-3444 | McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce | \$ 70,000 | 2005 Champion: Virada Nirapathpongporn |
| April 29 - May 1 Pro-am: April 28 | IOS FUTURES Golf Classic | Underwood Golf Complex, Sunrise Course 3200 Coe Avenue El Paso, TX 79904 (915) 562-7255 | The Rotary Club of West El Paso Foundation | \$ 70,000 | 2004 Champion: Hong Mei Yang |
| May 6 - 8 Pro-am: May 5 | Lawrence FUTURES Golf Classic | EagleBend Golf Course 1250 E. 902 Road Lawrence, KS 66047 (785) 748-0600 | Various Local Charities | \$ 70,000 | Inaugural Event |
| May 26 - 28 Pro-am: May 25 | Northwest Indiana FUTURES Golf Classic presented by Horseshoe Casino Hammond | The New Innsbrook Country Club 6701 Taft Street Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 980-9060 | Lake Area United Way | \$ 70,000 | 2004 Champion: Naree Song |
| June 3 - 5 Pro-am: June 2 | Quality Concepts Kankakee FUTURES Golf Classic | Kankakee Elks Country Club 2283 Bittersweet Drive Saint Anne, IL 60964 (815) 937-9547 | Harbor House & The Illinois Elks Crippled Children's Corp | \$ 70,000 | Inaugural Event |
| June 10 - 12 Pro-am: June 9 | Lima Memorial Hospital FUTURES Golf Classic | Lost Creek Country Club 2409 Lost Creek Boulevard Lima, OH 45804 (419) 228-8244 | Lima Memorial Hospital Foundation | \$ 70,000 | 2004 Champion *Danielle Downey |
| June 17 - 19 Pro-am: June 15 & 16 | Michelob ULTRA FUTURES Charity Golf Classic presented by Ameren and Miles Chevrolet | Hickory Point Golf Course 727 Weaver Road Forsyth, IL 62535 (217) 421-7444 | Various Local Charities | \$ 70,000 | 2004 Champion: Aram Cho |
| June 24 - 26 Pro-am: June 23 | Bank of Ann Arbor FUTURES Golf Classic | Lake Forest Golf Club 3110 W. Ellsworth Road Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (734) 994-8580 | TBA | \$ 65,000 | 2004 Champion: Lindsey Wright |
| July 8 - 10 Pro-am: July 7 | CIGNA Chip In For A Cure Connecticut FUTURES Golf Classic | Gillette Ridge Golf Club 1360 Hall Boulevard (RT 218) Bloomfield, CT 06002 (860) 726-1430 | Chip In For A Cure | \$ 70,000 | 2004 Champion: Nicole Perrot |
| July 15 - 17 Pro-am: July 14 | Albany FUTURES Pro Golf Classic | Capital Hills at Albany 65 O'Neil Road Albany, NY 12208 (518) 458-5689 | Albany Police & Fire Foundation | \$ 70,000 | 2004 Champion: Nicole Perrot |
| July 22 - 24 Pro-am: July 21 | Laconia Savings Bank FUTURES Golf Classic | Beaver Meadow Golf Course 1 Beaver Meadow Road Concord, NH 03301 (603) 228-8954 | The Havenwood-Heritage Heights Trust Fund (Resident Support Fund) | \$ 65,000 | 2004 Champion: Erica Blasberg |
| July 29 - 31 Pro-am: July 28 | M&T Bank Loretto FUTURES Golf Classic | The Links at Erie Village 5900 North Burdick Street Syracuse, NY 13507 (315) 656-4653 | The Loretto Foundation | \$ 65,000 | 2004 Champion: Michelle Murphy |
| August 5 - 7 Pro-am: August 4 | Children's Hospital FUTURES Golf Classic | Cross Creek Golf Club 12800 Bay Hill Drive Beltsville, MD 20705 (301) 595-8901 | Children's National Medical Center Foundation | \$ 70,000 | 2004 Champion: *Courtney Wood |
| August 12 - 14 Pro-am: August 10 & 11 | Betty Puskar FUTURES Golf Classic | The Pines Country Club 3062 Point Marion Road Morgantown, WV 26505 (304) 296-3462 | Betty Puskar Breast Care Center | \$ 70,000 | 2004 Champion: Jimin Kang |
| August 19 - 21 Pro-am: August 18 | Hunters Oak FUTURES Golf Classic | Hunters Oak Golf Club 500 Amberly Lane Queenstown, MD 21658 (410) 827-0800 | TBA | \$ 65,000 | 2004 Champion: Smriti Mehra |
| August 26 - 28 Pro-am: August 24 & 25 | YWCA FUTURES Classic | Regents' Glen Country Club 1000 Golf Club Drive York, PA 17403 (717) 505-4653 | YWCA of York | \$ 75,000 | 2004 Champion: Malinda Johnson |

*Rain-shortened to 36 holes