

**2017 U.S. Women's Open Championship
Round 1 Media Notes
July 13, 2017**

Shanshan Feng's 6-under 66 is her first round in the 60s in 33 U.S. Women's Open rounds played.

Amy Yang (5-under 67) is in second place at the conclusion of play on Thursday. When first-round play concludes on Friday morning, it will mark the fourth consecutive year she has been in the top-10 after 18 holes in the U.S. Women's Open.

Lydia Ko had 24 putts in her opening 4-under 68. That is the fewest number of putts she has recorded 21 U.S. Women's Open rounds. Ko led the field in putting during the 2016 championship at CordeValle and ranks third on the LPGA Tour in putts per green in regulation in 2017.

The four players at the top of the leader board – Feng, Yang, Ko and So Yeon Ryu – are all in the top-10 of the Rolex Rankings. Four other top-10 players – Lexi Thompson, In Gee Chun, Brooke Henderson and Sei Young Kim – also broke par on Thursday.

Before darkness halted play for the day at 8:33 p.m. EDT, 46 players were under par at Trump National Golf Club's 6,732-yard, par-72 Old Course. If that number holds, it would surpass the first-round record of 44 set at Old Waverley Golf Club in 1999.

Amateur Hye-Jin Choi opened with a 3-under 69 on Thursday. The last amateur to shoot a round of 3 under or better in the U.S. Women's Open was Numa Gulyanamitta (3-under 68) in the third round of the 2011 championship at The Broadmoor. Fifteen-year-old amateur Rachel Heck, the youngest player in the field, is also 3 under through 13 holes.

Seven amateurs were at par or better when play concluded on Thursday. The last time that many players shot rounds of par and better in a U.S. Women's Open was when 10 did so in the first round of the 2008 championship at Interlachen Country Club.

The shortest hole on the course played as the most difficult on Thursday. The 154-yard seventh hole played to a stroke average of 3.35 and yielded nearly as many double bogeys (11) as birdies (14).

The first round was suspended at 4:29 p.m. EDT due to dangerous weather conditions. Play resumed at 6:34 p.m. EDT. It was suspended again at 8:33 p.m. EDT due to darkness with 39 players still on the course. The first round will resume at 6:45 a.m. EDT on Friday. The second round will begin at 7 a.m. EDT with all tee times delayed 15 minutes from the original posted times.