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STEPHANIE MEADOW SHOOTS 6-UNDER 66 TO TAKE CLUBHOUSE LEAD AT CP WOMEN'S OPEN

- *News and notes from Priddis Green Golf and Country Club for Thursday, August 25th -*
- *Weather delay forces suspension of Thursday's opening-round with 54 golfers still to finish -*
- *Friday is Red & White Day at the CP Women's Open -*

CALGARY – A two-hour and fifty-minute weather delay Thursday forced the suspension of opening-round play at the 2016 CP Women's Open.

Thundershowers hit Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club late Thursday morning with 78 players in the afternoon wave yet to begin their opening round. Play would resume mid-afternoon with Ireland's Stephanie Meadow firing a 6-under 66 to take the early clubhouse lead. Meadow, who finished T31 at last week's Olympic golf competition, felt she carried over some momentum from her incredible experience at the Olympics.

"I think Rio was a huge adrenaline rush for everyone that was there," said Meadow. "I know all of us had a fantastic experience. I played pretty good in the second round there, too. I think I definitely took some confidence and am rolling it into this week."

Defending champion Lydia Ko continued her impressive play at the CP Women's Open with an opening-round 5-under 67 to sit a shot off the lead. The 19-year old New Zealand native with 14 LPGA victory has won three of the past four iterations of the championship. The Olympic golf silver medalist has found a comfort zone competing for Canada's National Women's Open Championship.

"I've felt such a warm welcome whenever I come to Canada, and obviously because I think I've played well here, that I think that grows a little bit more," said Ko, winner of the event in 2012, 2013 and 2015. "But the fans have been great. I said Canada reminds me a lot like home in New Zealand, and when you can relate back to places where you can relax and you love being there, I think that's just another great part of that tournament."

For Ko, even more impressive than her own quick start was the loyal support of the local gallery following a nearly three-hour delay.

"Even after the delays, the fans still come out to watch me play," commented Ko. "I don't know if I was in their shoes if I would be able to come out three hours later, but for them to be so interested and so excited to see us here, I think it's really cool to see that."

Alena Sharp of Hamilton finished her round of 4-under 68 just as play was called for the day to sit as the early round low Canadian. Maude-Aimee LeBlanc of Sherbrooke, Que. shot a 3-under 69, while Jessica Wallace of Langley, B.C., and Toronto's Rebecca Lee-Bentham shot matching rounds of 2-under 70. Seven of the 16 Canadians competing at Priddis will complete their opening round on Friday morning.

The horn was blown at 8:23 pm MDT at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club with 54 golfers yet to complete their opening-round. Play will resume at 7:15 am MDT with second-round action to follow.

CANADIAN SCORES – ROUND ONE

Alena Sharp - 68 (-4)
Maude-Aimee LeBlanc - 69 (-3)
Jessica Wallace - 70 (-2)
Rebecca Lee Bentham - 70 (-2)
Jennifer Ha - 72 (E)
Brittany Marchand - 73 (+1)
Lorie Kane - 73 (+1)
Naomi Ko * - 74 (+2)
- (Did not complete opening round) -
Brooke Henderson
Sara Maude Juneau
Jennifer Kirby
Jaclyn Lee *
Samantha Richdale
Maddie Szeryk *

Anne-Catherine Tanguay
Brigitte Thibault *

* *Denotes Amateur*

FRIDAY IS RED & WHITE DAY AT THE CP WOMEN'S OPEN
Friday, August 25 is Red & White Day at the CP Women's Open. Players, spectators and media are encouraged to wear red and white to show their national pride in support of the 16 Canadians playing in Canada's National Open Championship.

PAIRING AND START TIMES

Pairings for the 2016 CP Women's Open are available [here](#).

PLAYER INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS, AUDIO FILES AND VIDEO

Interview transcripts, audio MP3 files, as well as downloadable royalty-free images and broadcast quality videos for all media interviews and scrums will be available online [here](#).

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Friday, August 26	Golf Channel & TSN2 RDS2	4 p.m. – 7 p.m. 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 27	Golf Channel & TSN3 RDS Info	1 p.m. – 4 p.m. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, August 28	Golf Channel & TSN3 RDS2 (Tape delay)	1 p.m. – 4 p.m. 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Note: All times listed are in MDT. Times are approximate and are subject to change without notice.

2016 MEDIA GUIDE

Media can download the [2016 CP Women's Open Media Guide](#) for complete statistics, records and historical information.

FREE ADMISSION FOR JUNIORS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Golf Canada and CP are proud to offer free admission to the Canadian Pacific Women's Open to any spectator aged 17-and-under. The free junior pass is [available here](#). Parents of juniors can take advantage of discounted tickets by using the promotional code JUNIOR and [clicking here](#).

As a small token of appreciation for all the valued work they do in the communities they serve, we've also extended a complimentary invitation to the CP Women's Open to all Southern Alberta First Responders and their families.

TICKETS

Juniors – 17 & Under	Free
First Responders	Free
Anyday Grounds (Thurs-Sun)	\$40
Weekly (Mon-Sun)	\$100

First conducted in 1973, Canada's National Women's Open Championship has allowed the brightest stars of the LPGA Tour to shine on Canadian soil and inspire the nation's next generation of female golfers.

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ABOUT THE 2016 CP WOMEN'S OPEN

The stars of the LPGA Tour will challenge for the CP Women's Open from August 22-28, 2016 at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club in Priddis, Alta. The CP Women's Open, Canada's National Women's Open Golf Championship, is proudly sponsored by Canadian Pacific, RBC, WestJet, Molson Canadian 67, TaylorMade adidas Golf, AutoCanada, Corby Distilleries Ltd., Delta Calgary South, Coca-Cola and CVS Controls Ltd. For information on volunteer opportunities, tickets or corporate hospitality, visit www.CPwomensopen.com, or call [1-866-571-5742](tel:1-866-571-5742).

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