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Washington clinches first win of season at Kā'anapali

Washington's Vivian Lu birdies final hole for co-title with Gonzaga's Grace Lee

MAUI, Hawai'i – The Washington Huskies showed great resilience during their final round to win the 2025 Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational at Kā'anapali at 19-under. Their 11-stroke victory came against two-time Dr. Donnis' team champions, Sacramento State (2022, '23), who finished in second at 8-under. Oregon State (-7), Denver (-2) and BYU (E) rounded out the top five.



Washington celebrates their 2025 Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational win on Royal Kā'anapali.

“We didn’t begin this tournament great. I attributed it to the nerves of starting three freshman and Royal Kā’anapali’s challenging layout,” described Washington women’s head coach, Mary Lou Mulflur, who will retire at season’s end after leading the Huskies for 42 seasons. “However, we stayed present, focused and showed terrific grit. I can’t think of a better place to celebrate a win!”

Washington’s victory is the Huskies’ first team title of the 2024-25 season.

Sacramento State continues to flirt with the winner’s circle. The Hornets have come up just short in their last three events, finishing in second, fourth and second, respectively.



Sacramento State poses with their 2025 Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational runner-up trophy on Royal Kā’anapali.

In an exciting individual competition that came down to the final hole, Washington’s Vivian Lu birdied the treacherous 18th hole – which World Golf Hall of Fame member Arnold Palmer called, “One of the best and most challenging finishing holes I’ve ever played,” – to tie Gonzaga’s Grace Lee at 11-under. Lu and Lee were named individual co-champions.



Washington’s Vivian Lu (left) and Gonzaga’s Grace Lee celebrate their 2025 Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational individual co-championship.

“Viv is very deserving of her co-title after putting in the work necessary to nurture success,” continued Mulflur. “She has always harnessed great potential. Her commitment to continuous improvement has paid off. I am proud of her.”



Vivian Lu's clutch birdie putt on the 18th hole clinched her individual co-title with Grace Lee in the 2025 Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational on Royal Kā'anapali.

The New Zealand native and top-ranked player at Kā'anapali (No. 29) had an eventful final day, featuring six birdies and four bogies to clinch her first collegiate win. In five events across the 2024-25 season, the Husky sophomore and 2024 Annika Award Final Fall Watch List finished no worse than 11th, including three top-fives.

After five top-five finishes last season, including a win at the 2023 Coeur d'Alene Collegiate, Gonzaga's Grace Lee broke through to earn her second collegiate win on Maui. The former WCC Freshman of the Year was consistent during her final round, carding sixteen pars and two birdies.



Gonzaga's Grace Lee bombs her tee shot on the par 4 3rd hole on Royal Kā'anapali.

"As the greens sped up, I just continued to play within myself," remarked Lee, a junior from Bellevue, Wash. "This was a really special week with my team that I will cherish for a long time."

Denver's Emma Bryant and Oregon State's Kyra Ly began the day in four-way tie for second (-5). They both finished in a two-way tie for third (-7). Bryant was named a 2024 All-Summit League First Team selection. Ly was a three-time Oregon Junior Golf Player of the Year.



Denver's Emma Bryant eyes her 6th hole putt on Royal Kā'anapali.



Oregon State's Kyra Ly smiles on hole six after consecutive birdies during her final round on Royal Kā'anapali.

BYU freshman María José Barragán, the 2025 Women's Mexico Amateur runner-up, finished in solo fifth (-5).



BYU's María José Barragán tees off on Royal Kā'anapali's fourth hole.

Oregon State sophomore and O'ahu native Raya Nakao earned a three-way tie for sixth with Cal Poly's Jensen Jalufka and Sacramento State's Sneha Sharan (-4). Nakao previously won the 2022 HHSAA State Championship at Kā'anapali.



Sacramento State's Sneha Sharan observes her drive on hole seven on Royal Kā'anapali.



Oregon State's Madde Sund escapes the greenside bunker on hole six on Royal Kā'anapali.

Two hole-in-ones were recorded on Wednesday. Montana State's Becca Tschetter and Washington's Kennedy Knox both aced the 17th hole.



San Diego State's Maya Benita (left) high fives Montana State's Becca Tschetter following Tschetter's hole-in-one on Royal Kā'anapali's 17th hole.

“On my very last hole (started on hole 18), I hit a 50-degree wedge that was tracking well, but couldn’t believe my eyes when it disappeared in the cup!” reminisced Knox. “My first ever hole-in-one, in Hawai’i of all places, was really memorable.”

The host Rainbow Wahine were led by junior Emiko Sverduk (T40; +2), the team scoring leader in five tournaments last year.

Next on Hawai’i’s schedule, they travel to Fresno, Calif. to play in the Fresno State Classic.

All team and individual scores can be found here: [SCOREBOARD](#)

Team Leaderboard

Place	School	To Par	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Total
1	Washington	-19	-3	-15	-1	845
2	Sacramento State	-8	-2	-7	+1	856
3	Oregon State	-7	-5	-4	+2	857
4	Denver	-2	-2	-7	+7	862
5	BYU	E	+3	-10	+7	864
6	Mercer	+8	-4	+4	+8	872
7	Seattle	+10	+7	E	+3	874
T8	Cal Poly	+12	+3	E	+9	876
T8	UC Riverside	+12	+3	+3	+6	876
10	Gonzaga	+15	E	+12	+3	876
T11	UC Davis	+16	+4	+5	+7	880
T11	Fresno State	+16	+9	+5	+2	880
13	San Diego State	+18	+11	-3	+10	882
14	Sam Houston	+22	+6	+7	+9	886
15	Montana State	+25	+7	+5	+13	889
16	Hawai’i	+37	+14	+10	+13	901
17	Arkansas State	+39	+8	+19	+12	903

Top Individuals

Place	Player	School	To Par	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Total
T1	Grace Lee	Gonzaga	-11	-3	-6	-2	
T1	Vivian Lu	Washington	-11	-2	-7	-2	
T3	Emma Bryant	Denver	-7	-2	-3	-2	
T3	Kyra Ly	Oregon State	-7	-1	-4	-2	
5	Maria Jose Barragan	BYU	-5	-4	+1	-2	
T6	Sneha Sharan	Sacramento State	-4	-3	-2	+1	
T6	Raya Nakao	Oregon State	-4	-2	E	-2	
T6	Jensen Jalufka	Cal Poly	-4	+3	-5	-2	
T9	Vari Karimanal	UC Davis	-3	-4	E	+1	
T9	Mikayla Dubnik	Mercer	-3	-3	-1	+1	
T9	Athena Ni	Washington	-3	-2	-2	+1	
T9	Caitlin Maurice	Sacramento State	-3	-2	-2	+1	

*Competing as Individual

TOURNAMENT FACTS

Dates: March 24–26, 2025

Venue: Royal Kā'anapali

Location: Lahaina, Maui

Yardage (Par): 6,013 (72)

Format: 54 holes; 18 holes each day; 5-count-4

Host: Hawai'i

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Built on 300 acres of land once home to Hawaiian royalty (Royal Chiefs of Maui), Kā'anapali Golf Courses offers pristine conditions and panoramic views of Lana'i, Molokai, the Pacific Ocean and West Maui Mountains.

Opened in 1962 and designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr., the par-71, 6,700-yard Royal Kā'anapali Course features wide fairways and undulating greens which make it distinctive and demanding. The tournament-tested layout has welcomed Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Greg Norman, Fred Couples, Jan Stephenson, Betsy King and other legends.

High-profile events have included Shell's Wonderful World of Golf (1964), Canada Cup (1964), LPGA's Kemper Open (1982-85), PGA TOUR Champions' Kā'anapali Classic (1987-2000) and SKINS Game (2008-11), and Hawaii High School Athletic Association Golf State Championships (1998, 2009, '13, '17, '22).

Complementing Royal Kā'anapali is the modernized Kai Course, which hosted Golf Channel's "Big Break Kā'anapali" in 2008. The 6,400-yard, par-70 layout boasts an array of strategically placed bunkers, contoured fairways and resurfaced greens.

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