

Annika Sorenstam

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Born: 10/9/70 Stockholm, Sweden

Residence: Incline Village, Nev.

Rookie year: 1994

Status: Exempt

Career victories (last): 66 (2005)

Majors won: 9

Career-low round: 59

Career earnings (rank): \$18,332,821 (1)

LPGA career holes-in-one: 3

Playoff record: 14-5

International victories: 13

Education: University of Arizona



Professional

2005

- Earned her eighth Rolex Player of the Year award to pass Kathy Whitworth for the most in LPGA history; finished first on the ADT Official Money List for the eighth time in her career to tie Whitworth for the most in LPGA history; won her sixth career Vare Trophy and is one shy of Whitworth for most all time.
- Became the only player in LPGA history to sweep Rolex Player of the Year honors, the Vare Trophy and the ADT Official Money List title five times.
- Won 10 of 20 tournaments entered, joining Mickey Wright as the only players in LPGA history to win 10 or more events in two seasons (Sorenstam won 11 events in 2002).
- Successfully defended six out of eight tournaments: Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola; McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola; John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic; Samsung World Championship; Mizuno Classic; and the ADT Championship.
- Won the Kraft Nabisco Championship and the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola for her eighth and ninth majors respectively; became only the seventh player in LPGA history to win the first two majors of the year.
- Became the first player in LPGA history to win the same major three consecutive years when she won the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola.
- Tied Nancy Lopez's 1978 record by winning five consecutive events entered; Sorenstam won the 2004 Mizuno Classic and ADT Championship before winning the 2005 MasterCard Classic *honoring Alejo Peralta*, the Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola and the Kraft Nabisco Championship.
- Won three tournaments by eight shots or more: Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez (10 shots); Kraft Nabisco Championship (eight shots); and the Samsung World Championship (eight shots).
- Picked up her fifth-career win at the Samsung World Championship to tie Mickey Wright's LPGA record for most wins at the same event; equaled the mark at the Mizuno Classic.
- Earned her fifth consecutive Mizuno Classic title, making her the first golfer in LPGA history to win the same event five consecutive years.
- Crossed the \$16 million mark in career earnings at the Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola, the \$17 million mark in career earnings at the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola and the \$18 million mark in career earnings at the Mizuno Classic; Sorenstam is the first player in LPGA history to surpass these milestones.
- Set or tied LPGA records for fastest to \$200,000, \$300,000, \$400,000, \$500,000, \$600,000, \$700,000, \$800,000, \$900,000 and \$1 million in season earnings.
- Set or tied LPGA records for most consecutive \$400,000, \$500,000, \$600,000, \$700,000, \$800,000, \$900,000 and \$1 million seasons.
- Set an LPGA record, breaking her own, by playing 14 straight rounds in the 60s.
- Posted a 4-1-0 record for the European Team at The Solheim Cup to become the event's all-time points earner with 21-1/2.
- Won the Scandinavian TPC Hosted by Annika on the Robe di Kappa Ladies European Tour (LET) with a birdie on the final hole for her 13th international victory.

2005 Stats (rank)

Rds under par: 52/70 (1)

Eagles: 15 (1)

Sand saves: 59.5% (2)

Rds in the 60s: 42/70 (1)

Greens in reg: 77.2% (1)

Putts per GIR: 1.75 (1)

Birdies: 291 (11)

Driving accuracy: 80.4% (12)

Driving avg: 263 (4)

Career

- Has won both the Samsung World Championship (1995, 1996, 2002, 2004-05) and the Mizuno Classic five times (2001-05). Has also won the following tournaments multiple times: U.S. Women's Open *conducted by the USGA* (1995-96), CoreStates Betsy King Classic (1996-97), Japan Airlines Big Apple Classic (1998, 2000), Welch's/Circle K Championship (2000-2001), Evian Masters (2000-2002), Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez (2001, 2005), Kellogg-Keebler Classic (2002-03), Safeway Classic Presented by Pepsi (2002-03), Michelob Light Classic (1997-99), ShopRite LPGA Classic (1998, 2002, 2005), Kraft Nabisco Championship (2001-02, 2005), Office Depot Championship Hosted by Amy Alcott (2001, 2003-04), Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola (2001, 2004-05), John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic (2002, 2004-05), McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola (2003-2005), ADT Championship (1997, 2002, 2004-05),

- In 2004, earned her seventh Rolex Player of the Year award to tie Kathy Whitworth for the most in LPGA history; posted 16 top-10 finishes in 18 starts, including eight wins—Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola, Office Depot Championship Hosted by Amy Alcott, LPGA Corning Classic, McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola, John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic presented by Ford, Samsung World Championship, Mizuno Classic and ADT Championship; her win at the Mizuno Classic was her fourth-straight victory at the event, making her the second LPGA player to win the same LPGA event four consecutive years (joined Laura Davies, who won the Standard Register PING from 1994-97); defeated Cristie Kerr in a one-hole, sudden-death playoff at the ADT Championship; became the first player to reach \$14 million in career earnings with her win at the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola and the first player to reach \$15 million in career earnings with her win at the John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic presented by Ford; broke the LPGA single-season scoring average record, which she set in 2002; her 68.69696 average bested her previous record by .000399; won the ANZ Ladies Masters and the HP Open on the LET for her 11th and 12th international wins.
- In 2003, officially qualified for the LPGA Tour and World Golf Halls of Fame on Oct. 10 after completing the first round of the Samsung World Championship, giving her 10 years of membership on the LPGA Tour; inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame on Oct. 20; Sorenstam is the first international player to be inducted into the Hall of Fame through the LPGA criteria; earned her sixth Rolex Player of the Year award; won the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by AIG in a sudden-death playoff over Grace Park; captured the Weetabix Women's British Open to become only the sixth player in LPGA history to complete the LPGA Career Grand Slam; became the first woman since 1945 to compete on the PGA Tour when she teed it up at the Bank of America Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas, May 22-23; shot 71-75 to miss the cut, but garnered unprecedented worldwide interest and media attention; the week after her PGA Tour appearance, shot 62 in the opening round of the Kellogg-Keebler Classic and went on to win the event, setting an LPGA record for lowest first round by a winner; at the Safeway Classic Presented by Pepsi, her fifth win of the season, became the sixth player in LPGA history to record back-to-back eagles (round three, holes 6 and 7); set or tied a total of 22 LPGA records; became the first player to reach \$12 million in career earnings with her win at the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by AIG and the first player to reach \$13 million in career earnings with her win at the Mizuno Classic; a member of the European Solheim Cup Team, where she posted a 4-1-0 record to lead the team to victory; won the Nichirei Cup on the LPGA of Japan Tour for her 10th international victory; competed against Fred Couples, Phil Mickelson and Mark O'Meara in The Skins Game, finishing second with five skins worth \$225,000; Sorenstam holed a 39-yard bunker shot on the ninth hole for eagle, only the eighth eagle in The Skins Game history, to win \$175,000 and four skins on the first day; competed against Reteif Goosen, Jesper Parnevik and Lam Chih Bing in the Tiger Skins Event in Singapore, finishing second with five skins worth \$35,000; finished second to Karrie Webb in the ConAgra LPGA Skins Game, capturing three skins worth \$70,000.
- In 2002, won 11 LPGA tournaments, joining Mickey Wright as the only players to win 11 tournaments in one season (Wright won 11 times in 1964; she also won an LPGA-record 13 tournaments in 1963); earned her fifth Rolex Player of the Year title and fifth Vare Trophy; set or tied a total of 20 LPGA records; won her fourth major championship title by successfully defending the Kraft Nabisco Championship; her 11-stroke victory at the Kellogg-Keebler Classic tied the LPGA record for largest margin of victory in a 54-hole event; became the first player to cross the \$9 million, \$10 million and \$11 million marks in career earnings; recorded the third hole-in-one of her LPGA career during the first round of the Samsung World Championship; competed on her fifth consecutive European Solheim Cup Team and posted a 3-1-1 record; won the ANZ Ladies Masters in Australia and Compaq Open in Sweden on the LET, giving her 13 wins in 25 starts worldwide.
- In 2001, recorded eight wins, six second-place finishes, and a total of 20 top-10 finishes en route to her fourth career Rolex Player of the Year Award, Vare Trophy and money title; set or tied a total of 30 LPGA records, including a 59 (-13) during the second round of the Standard Register PING; became the first LPGA player to cross the \$2 million mark in single-season earnings; tied the LPGA record for wins in consecutive weeks with four-straight victories at the Welch's/Circle K Championship, Standard Register PING, Nabisco Championship and The Office Depot Hosted by Amy Alcott; came from 10 strokes behind on the final day to win The Office Depot Hosted by Amy Alcott, tying the LPGA record for largest come-from-behind victory (Mickey Wright came from 10 strokes back on the final day to win the 1964 Tall City Open); became the first LPGA player to cross the \$7 million and \$8 million mark in career earnings; won the State Farm LPGA Series Bonus Pool; teamed with Tiger Woods to defeat Karrie Webb and David Duval in the Lincoln Financial Group Battle at Bighorn, marking the LPGA's first-ever appearance on "prime-time" television.
- In 2000, won her first title of the season in a sudden-death playoff with Pat Hurst at the Welch's/Circle K Championship, which gave Sorenstam the requisite 27 points to qualify for the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame, however, she had to wait until 2003 to fulfill the 10-year Tour membership requirement; won the Firststar LPGA Classic in conjunction with the Children's Medical Center; defeated Webb, who beat her in a sudden-death playoff at the LPGA Takefujii Classic earlier in the season, in a sudden-death playoff at the Evian Masters; won back-to-back titles at the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic and Japan Airlines Big Apple Classic; defeated Rachel Hetherington, who dealt the Swede her first career playoff loss in 1998, in a two-hole, sudden-death playoff at the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic; recorded her second LPGA career hole-in-one during the third round of the Welch's/Circle K Championship; crossed the \$5 million mark in career earnings after the Standard Register PING and the \$6 million mark following the Safeway LPGA Golf Championship; earned two points for the victorious European Solheim Cup Team.
- Won more LPGA tournaments than any other Tour player in the 1990s (18).
- In 1999, won the Michelob Light Classic in a three-hole, sudden-death playoff with Tina Barrett, her third consecutive victory at the event; won the New Albany Golf Classic with all four rounds in the 60s; was a runner-up four times, including a one-hole playoff loss to fellow Swede Catrin Nilsmark at the Valley of the Stars Championship; recorded her first LPGA career hole-in-one during the third round of the Standard Register PING; crossed the \$4 million mark in career earnings.

- In 1998, defeated Donna Andrews on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff at the Michelob Light Classic; won the ShopRite LPGA Classic and JAL Big Apple Classic with all rounds in the 60s; recorded her 16th career victory at the SAFECO Classic; suffered her first sudden-death playoff loss at the First Union Betsy King Classic to Rachel Hetherington; crossed the \$3 million mark in career earnings; became the first player in LPGA history to finish a season with a sub-70 scoring average (69.99); won her third Rolex Player of the Year and third Vare Trophy; was a member of the European Solheim Cup Team; won the Compaq Open on the European Ladies Professional Golfers Association Tour.
- In 1997, captured six titles – the Chrysler-Plymouth Tournament of Champions, Cup Noodles Hawaiian Ladies Open, Longs Drugs Challenge (in a two-hole playoff with Pamela Kometani), Michelob Light Classic, CoreStates Betsy King Classic (where she successfully defended her title) and ITT LPGA Tour Championship (in a three-hole playoff with Lorie Kane and Pat Hurst); won the JCPenney/LPGA Skins Game with eight skins worth \$220,000; crossed the \$2 million mark in career earnings after her victory at the Longs Drugs Challenge; won her second Rolex Player of the Year title; won the Compaq Open on the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET).
- In 1996, won three tournaments – successfully defended her title at both the U.S. Women's Open and Samsung World Championship of Women's Golf and won the CoreStates Betsy King Classic; crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings; won her second consecutive Vare Trophy for lowest season scoring average; was a member of the European Solheim Cup Team; won the Trygg Hansa Ladies' Open on the WPGET.
- In 1995, became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the U.S. Women's Open, making her one of 14 LPGA players to have the Open as her first LPGA career victory; won the GHP Heartland Classic by 10 strokes; won the Samsung World Championship of Women's Golf with a 45-foot chip-in on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff with Laura Davies; became the second international player to win Rolex Player of the Year; is the only player besides Nancy Lopez to have won Rolex Rookie of the Year and then the Rolex Player of the Year and Vare Trophy the following year; became the first international player to win the Vare Trophy for lowest scoring average; also led the WPGET Order of Merit on the strength of two wins (OVB Damen Open, and Hennessy Cup); won the Australian Masters on the Australian Ladies Professional Golf (ALPG) Tour.
- In 1994, was the Rolex Rookie of the Year on the strength of three top-10 finishes, including a season-best tie for second at the Weetabix Women's British Open; qualified for her first European Solheim Cup Team; won the Holden Australian Open Championship on the ALPG Tour.
- In 1993, competed in three LPGA events before joining the Tour, earning more than \$47,000; tied for 38th at the PING Welch's Championship in Tucson, Ariz., placed fourth at the Standard Register PING and tied for ninth at the Las Vegas LPGA at Canyon Gate; was the Rookie of the Year on the WPGET; qualified for the Tour by tying for 28th at the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn non-exempt status for the 1994 season.

Amateur

A member of the Swedish National Team from 1987-92, Sorenstam enjoyed a very successful amateur career. In 1992, she was the World Amateur champion, runner-up at the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship and the second-lowest amateur at the U.S. Women's Open. In addition to winning seven collegiate titles during her career at the University of Arizona, she was the 1991 NCAA Co-Player of the Year (with Kelly Robbins), 1991 NCAA champion and runner-up the following year, 1992 Pac-10 champion and a 1991-92 NCAA All-American.

Personal

5'6", blond hair, blue eyes...Started playing golf at the age of 12...Credits her parents Tom and Gunilla and her sister Lotta (Charlotta) as the individuals most influencing her career...Her sister Charlotta also is an LPGA Tour member...In 1995, she won the Athlete of the Year Award in Sweden, the country's most prestigious award in sports...Recognized during the LPGA's 50th Anniversary in 2000 as one of the LPGA's top-50 players and teachers...Named Golf Writers Association of America Female Player of the Year in 1995, 1997, 2000-05...Has won seven ESPY Awards, six for outstanding women's golf performer of the Year (1996, 1998-99, 2002-04) and one for Female Athlete of the Year (2005); her seven awards make her the second-most decorated athlete in the history of the ESPYs...Honored by the March of Dimes with the 2003 Sports Woman of the Year Award...In 2003, won the LPGA's Patty Berg Award and the 2003 Golf Writers' Trophy by the Association of Golf Writers...Named 2003 Sportswoman of the Year by the Laureus World Sports Academy...Named 2003-05 Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year...Named 2003 Female Athlete of the Year by the United States Sports Academy...Received the 2004 Golf Tee Award from the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association (MGWA)...Won the Association of Golf Writers (Europe) Player of the Year award in 2004 and 2005...Named the 2004 Women's Sports Foundation Sportswoman of the Year...Authored her first book, *Golf Annika's Way*, which was released in October 2004...Hobbies include sports, music and cooking...Qualified for the Tour on her first attempt...Represents Callaway Golf, Lexus, Oakley, Cutter & Buck, Rolex, Kraft, ADT and Ginn Clubs & Resorts.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (66): 1995 U.S. Women's Open, GHP Heartland Classic, Samsung World Championship of Women's Golf. **1996 U.S. Women's Open**, CoreStates Betsy King Classic, Samsung World Championship of Women's Golf. **1997** Chrysler-Plymouth Tournament of Champions, Cup Noodles Hawaiian Ladies Open, Longs Drugs Challenge, Michelob Light Classic, CoreStates Betsy King Classic, ITT LPGA Tour Championship. **1998** Michelob Light Classic, ShopRite LPGA Classic, JAL Big Apple Classic, SAFECO Classic. **1999** Michelob Light Classic, New Albany Golf Classic. **2000** Welch's/Circle K Championship, Firststar LPGA Classic in conjunction with the Children's Medical Center, Evian Masters, Jamie Farr Kroger Classic, Japan Airlines Big Apple Classic. **2001** Welch's/Circle K Championship, Standard Register PING, **Nabisco Championship**, The Office Depot Hosted by Amy Alcott, Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez, Bank of Montreal Canadian Women's Open, CISCO World Ladies Match Play Championship, Mizuno Classic. **2002** LPGA Takefuji Classic, **Kraft Nabisco Championship**, Aerus Electrolux USA Championship Hosted by Vince Gill and Amy Grant, Kellogg-Keebler Classic, Evian Masters, ShopRite

LPGA Classic, Williams Championship, Safeway Classic, Samsung World Championship, Mizuno Classic, ADT Championship. **2003** The Office Depot Championship Hosted by Amy Alcott, Kellogg-Keebler Classic, **McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by AIG, Weetabix Women's British Open**, Safeway Classic Presented by Pepsi, Mizuno Classic. **2004** Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola, Office Depot Championship Hosted by Amy Alcott, LPGA Corning Classic, **McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola**, John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic presented by Ford, Samsung World Championship, Mizuno Classic, ADT Championship. **2005** MasterCard Classic *honoring Alejo Peralta*, Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola, **Kraft Nabisco Championship**, Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez, ShopRite LPGA Classic, **McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by Coca-Cola**, John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic, Samsung World Championship, Mizuno Classic, ADT Championship.

Unofficial Victories (2): **1997** JCPenney/LPGA Skins Game. **2001** Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge (with Dottie Pepper and Karrie Webb).

LPGA Awards (18): Rolex Player of the Year (8), Vare Trophy (6), Rolex Rookie of the Year.

1994 Rolex Rookie of the Year. **1995** Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. **1996** Vare Trophy. **1997** Rolex Player of the Year. **1998** Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. **2001** Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy, Crowne Plaza Achievement Award. **2002** Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy, Crowne Plaza Achievement Award. **2003** Rolex Player of the Year, Patty Berg Award. **2004** Rolex Player of the Year. **2005** Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy.

The Solheim Cup (7): 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005.

Major Championship History

	92	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	
KNC	DNP	DNP	T24	T2	T8	T7	T7	T17	1	1	2	T13	1	
LPGA	DNP	DNP	10	T14	3	T30	T16	T12	5	3	1	1	1	
OPEN	T64	DNP	1	1	MC	T41	MC	T9	T16	2	4	2	T23	
DM/WB	DNP [^]	T22 [^]	T45 [^]	T6 [^]	MC [^]	2 [^]	DNP [^]	3 [^]	T32	MC	1	T13	T5	

[^] indicates finishes in the du Maurier Classic.

Sorenstam's LPGA Record

Information above the line indicates record before originally qualifying for the LPGA Tour.

Year	# of events	Cuts made	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top 10s	Best finish	Earnings	Rank	Scoring average
1992	1	1	0	0	0	0	T64	N/A	N/A	77.00
1993	3	3	0	0	0	2	4	\$ 47,319	N/A	71.09
1994	18	14	0	1	0	3	T2	127,451	39	71.90
1995	19	19	3	3	1	12	1	666,533	1	71.00
1996	20	20	3	2	1	14	1	808,311	3	70.47
1997	22	20	6	5	3	16	1	1,236,789	1	70.04
1998	21	21	4	4	2	17	1	1,092,748	1	69.99
1999	22	21	2	4	3	12	1	863,816	4	70.40
2000	22	22	5	2	4	15	1	1,404,948	2	70.47
2001	26	26	8	6	1	20	1	2,105,868	1	69.42
2002	23	22	11	3	3	20	1	2,863,904	1	68.70
2003	17	17	6	4	1	15	1	2,029,506	1	69.02
2004	18	18	8	4	0	16	1	2,544,707	1	68.70
2005	20	20	10	2	0	15	1	2,588,240	1	69.33