

Lorena Ochoa

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Rookie year: 2003

Status: Exempt

Career victories (last): 17 (2007)

Majors won: 1

Career-low round: 62

Career earnings (rank): \$10,434,216 (4)

LPGA career holes-in-one: 1

Playoff record: 1-5

Education: University of Arizona

Professional

2007

- Won eight events en route to her second-straight Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy and LPGA Official Money List honors.
- In April, surpassed Annika Sorenstam as the top player on the Rolex Rankings.
- Successfully defended two tournaments: the Sybase Classic presented by ShopRite, where she became the fastest in LPGA history to reach \$7 million in career earnings, and the Samsung World Championship; carded all four rounds in the 60s at each event.
- Won her first major championship in 24 attempts at the RICOH Women's British Open, which was the first women's professional golf tournament to be held on the Old Course at St. Andrews; went on to win the next two events: the CN Canadian Women's Open, where she carded a season-low 64 in the third round, and Safeway Classic Presented by Pepsi.
- Recorded 21 top-10 finishes in 25 starts—a Tour-high 84 percent average—which included eight wins, five runner-up finishes and six additional top-six finishes.
- Carded 64s in the second round of the Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola, which she won with all rounds in the 60s and went 53 consecutive holes without a bogey; and in the third round of the Corona Championship, where she finished tied for second and was recognized by the President of Mexico for being the top-ranked female professional golfer in the world.
- Became the fastest in LPGA history to earn \$8 million (4 years, 2 months, 7 days) and \$9 million (4 years, 6 months, 17 days) in career earnings with ties for third at the Evian Masters and Navistar LPGA Classic, respectively.
- Earned her first LPGA playoff victory at the Wegmans LPGA via a two-hole, sudden-death playoff with rookie In-Kyung Kim; lost a one-hole, sudden-death playoff to Nicole Castrale at the Ginn Tribute Hosted by ANNIKA.
- Became the first player in LPGA history to earn \$3 million in a season at the Longs Drugs Challenge, where she posted a runner-up finish to Suzann Pettersen after a two-hole, sudden-death playoff.
- Became the first to earn \$4 million in a season and fastest to earn \$10 million in a career with her victory at the \$1 million-to-the-winner ADT Championship just days after her 26th birthday. She reached the \$10 million milestone in 4 years, 8 months and 5 days, which eclipsed the previous mark held by Annika Sorenstam at 8 years, 5 months and 3 days.
- After winning the ADT Championship, donated \$100,000 to the flood victims of Tabasco, Mexico.
- Led the Tour in birdies, rounds under par, rounds in the 60s, top-10 finishes, greens in regulation and putts per GIR.

2007 Stats (rank)

Rds under par: 66/89 (1)

Rds in the 60s: 44/89 (1)

Birdies: 383 (1)

Eagles: 12 (3)

Greens in reg: 73.1% (1)

Driving accuracy: 68.2% (52)

Sand saves: 47.1% (22)

Putts per GIR: 1.76 (1)

Driving avg: 270.6 (3)

Career

- Has played in 124 LPGA events as a member and has finished in the top three 47 times (37.9 percent) and recorded a top-10 finish 77 times (62.1 percent).
- In 2006, captured her first Rolex Player of the Year award, Vare Trophy and ADT Official Money List honors; won six tournaments and posted an additional 14 top-10 finishes; tied the LPGA record for lowest round in a major championship with a career-low 62 in the first round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship; became the second player in LPGA history to surpass the \$2 million mark in season earnings (Karrie Webb became the third later in the season to join Annika Sorenstam); was the fastest player in LPGA history to cross the the following career earnings milestones: \$4 million with her win at the LPGA Takefuji Classic; \$5 million after finishing fifth at the Evian Masters, where she recorded the first double-eagle of her career and the 26th in the history of the Tour; and \$6 million with her runner-up finish at the ADT Championship.
- In 2005, picked up the third win of her career at the Wegmans Rochester LPGA, where she birdied six of her last seven holes and also crossed the \$3 million mark in career earnings, making her the fastest player in LPGA history to reach that milestone (record was broken by Paula Creamer in 2007); recorded four runner-up finishes: second at the Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola after a one-hole playoff with Annika Sorenstam; second at the LPGA Takefuji Classic; second at the Franklin American Mortgage Championship benefiting the Monroe Carell, Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt; and tied for second at the Evian Masters.
- In 2004, recorded the first two wins of her career, at the Franklin American Mortgage Championship benefiting Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, where she became a Rolex First-Time Winner and first Mexican-

born player to win on the LPGA Tour, and the Wachovia LPGA Classic Hosted by Betsy King; notched 18 top-10 finishes, including a tie for second at the Michelob ULTRA Open at Kingsmill; posted her first LPGA career hole-in-one during the first round of the CJ Nine Bridges Classic Presented by Sports Today; won the State Farm LPGA Series Bonus Pool; crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings at the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez; crossed the \$2 million mark at the Wachovia LPGA Classic Hosted by Betsy King, becoming the fastest player in LPGA history to reach that milestone (record was broken by Paula Creamer in 2006); set LPGA single-season records for most birdies (442), most rounds under par (75) and most rounds in the 60s (51).

- In 2003, had a stellar season that included eight top-10 finishes, giving her a decisive victory in the race for the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award; best finish was second at the Wegmans Rochester LPGA; also tied for second at the Michelob Light Open at Kingsmill.
- In 2002, turned professional in May; as a sponsor exemption, tied for fifth at the Welch's/Circle K Championship and for eighth at the Kraft Nabisco Championship; won the JWA/Michelob Light Futures Charity Golf Classic, the Ann Arbor Futures Classic and the Betty Puskar Futures Golf Classic on the Futures Tour; finished first on the Futures Tour money list to earn exempt status for the 2003 LPGA Tour.

Amateur

Ochoa had a record-setting amateur career that included 12 collegiate victories at the University of Arizona, eight of which came in 10 events in her sophomore year. In 2001, she tied for seventh at the Welch's/Circle K Championship as an amateur. She finished second in the 2001 NCAA Championship after losing to now fellow LPGA Tour player Candy Hannemann in a playoff. She was also NCAA Player of the Year and NCAA Freshman of the Year in 2001. Her eight consecutive wins in the 2001-02 season is an NCAA record. She was the NCAA Player of the Year and a First-Team All-American in 2002 after finishing tied for second in the NCAA Championship. She was a two-time winner in Japan as a junior, a five-time U.S. 8-12 Junior World Championship winner, a three-time champion in Colombia and an eight-time national champion in her native Mexico. She was the 2003 recipient of the Nancy Lopez Award, which is given to the best female amateur golfer from the previous year.

Personal

5'6"...Started playing golf at the age of 5...Credits her family, coach and friends as the individuals most influencing her career...Hobbies include reading and water skiing...Selected as the 2005 Hispanic Female Athlete of the Year for the first Hispanic Sports Honors Presented by State Farm...Named Mexico's Female Athlete of the Year in 2001, 2006-07...Qualified for the LPGA Tour by finishing first on the 2002 Futures Tour money list...Recognized in 2006 and 2007 as both the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year and Golf Writers Association of America (GWAA) Female Player of the Year...In 2007, opened Ochoa Golf Academies... Through the Lorena Ochoa Foundation, opened three schools for elementary children in Mexico...Named 2007 Women's Sports Foundation Individual Sportswoman of the Year, recognized as one of *Newsweek* Magazine's 11 Most Powerful Women in 2007 and one of *Glamour* Magazine's 2007 Women of the Year... Represents Banamex, CitiGroup, Audi, El Rio Country Club, Rolex, Lacoste, Selther, PING and Aeromexico... Has her own Web site, www.lorenaochoa.com.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (17): 2004 Franklin American Mortgage Championship benefiting Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Wachovia LPGA Classic Hosted by Betsy King. **2005** Wegmans Rochester LPGA. **2006** LPGA Takefujii Classic, Sybase Classic presented by Lincoln Mercury, Wendy's Championship for Children, Corona Morelia Championship, Samsung World Championship, The Mitchell Company LPGA Tournament of Champions presented by Kathy Ireland Worldwide. **2007** Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola, Sybase Classic Presented by ShopRite, Wegmans LPGA, **RICOH Women's British Open**, CN Canadian Women's Open, Safeway Classic Presented by Pepsi, Samsung World Championship, ADT Championship. **LPGA Awards (5):** Rolex Player of the Year (2), Vare Trophy (2), Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year. **2003** Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year. **2006** Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. **2007** Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy.

Major Championship History

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KNC	DNP	T21	8	3	T8	T35	2	T10
LPGA	DNP	DNP	DNP	T20	T8	T5	T9	T6
OPEN	MC	DNP	WD	T13	T44	T6	T20	T2
WBO	X	DNP	DNP	T24	4	MC	T4	1

Ochoa'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
2000	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	76.50
2001	2	2	0	0	0	1	T7	N/A	N/A	70.75
2002	5	4	0	0	0	2	T5	\$ 19,080	N/A	71.00
2003	24	23	0	2	3	8	2	823,740	9	70.97
2004	27	27	2	1	5	18	1	1,450,824	3	70.02
2005	23	20	1	4	0	10	1	1,201,786	4	71.39
2006	25	25	6	6	2	20	1	2,592,872	1	69.24
2007	25	25	8	5	2	21	1	4,364,994	1	69.69