

Nancy Lopez



Rookie year:	1977
Priority List Category:	15
LPGA Career Victories:	48
Career Earnings (rank):	\$5,320,877(32)
Career Low Round:	64
Education:	University of Tulsa
LPGA Career Holes In One:	2
Playoff Record:	8-7



Year	Events	Cuts Made	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top 10s	Best Finish	Earnings	Rank	Scoring Average
1978	26	25	9	2	0	19	1	\$189,813	1	71.76
1979	19	19	8	3	1	16	1	\$197,488	1	71.20
1980	24	24	3	6	0	17	1	\$209,078	4	71.81
1981	24	23	3	1	2	17	1	\$165,679	6	72.10
1982	22	21	2	1	3	16	1	\$166,474	6	72.10
1983	12	10	2	1	0	5	1	\$91,477	15	72.59
1984	16	16	2	1	1	6	1	\$183,756	7	72.00
1985	25	25	5	5	5	21	1	\$416,472	1	70.73
1986	4	4	0	2	1	3	T2	\$67,700	35	70.29
1987	18	18	2	4	1	9	1	\$204,823	7	71.91
1988	22	21	3	3	2	13	1	\$322,154	4	71.40
1989	20	20	3	6	5	16	1	\$487,153	3	70.73
1990	18	17	1	2	2	7	1	\$301,262	8	71.33
1991	11	9	1	1	0	4	1	\$153,772	26	71.69
1992	21	20	2	3	0	11	01	\$382,128	8	71.05
1993	18	17	1	1	0	11	01	\$304,480	14	70.83
1994	18	15	0	1	1	4	02T	\$197,952	25	71.98
1995	18	18	0	0	3	6	03	\$210,882	28	71.83
1996	18	15	0	2	0	5	02T	\$262,451	20	71.78
1997	16	14	1	1	1	9	01	\$470,386	9	70.70
1998	19	13	0	1	0	2	02T	\$151,169	46	72.05
1999	14	11	0	0	0	0	12T	\$86,081	90	71.65
2000	11	9	0	0	0	1	09T	\$52,184	126	73.77
2001	11	5	0	0	0	0	37T	\$12,436	157	74.81
2002	14	2	0	0	0	0	31T	\$10,485	168	75.50
2003	3	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	219	79.17
2004	5	1	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	222	75.55
2005	2	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	220	77.25

2006	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	199	79.00
2007	6	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	193	81.83
2008	3	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	223	81.33
2010	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	166	86.50

Tournament	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	T6
LPGA	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1	T10	T19	T5	T35	T21
OPEN	T18	T2	MC	2	T9	T11	T7	WD	T7	DNP
DM/WBO	X	X	X	X	X	2	T6	T2	T9	WD

Tournament	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
KNC	T16	T11	DNP	T33	T5	T18	MC	T30	MC	08T
LPGA	T14	1	DNP	T28	T24	1	T14	DNP	18T	25T
OPEN	T35	T4	DNP	T21	T12	2	T19	DNP	16T	07T
DM/WBO	T8	DNP	DNP	T21	T45^	9^	DNP^	DNP^	DNP	DNP

Tournament	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
KNC	09T	03T	15T	23T	13T	21T	43T	63T	MC	MC
LPGA	WD	18T	18T	37T	44T	DNS	65T	MC	MC	MC
OPEN	35T	28T	MC	02	MC	MC	46T	DNP	MC	DNP
DM/WBO	22T	DNP	02T	DNP	27T	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

Tournament	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
KNC	WDC	MC	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
LPGA	MC	DNP	DNP	MC	DNP	DNP	MC
OPEN	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
DM/WBO	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

Professional

Career

- In 2007, named captain of the 2009 PING U.S. Junior Solheim Cup Team; competed in six LPGA Tour events.
- In 2005, captained the U.S. Solheim Cup Team to a three-point victory to regain the Cup from Europe, 15-½ to 12-½.
- In 2004, named captain of the 2005 U.S. Solheim Cup Team.
- In 2002, announced she would compete in just 14 events as part of the Nancy Lopez Farewell Tour; recorded the third hole-in-one of her LPGA career during the second round of the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic Presented by ALLTEL.
- In 2000, played in a limited number of events due to gall bladder surgery in late May; season-best finish was a tie for ninth at The Office Depot; the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship officially renamed its title to the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez in her honor and she hosted the tournament for seven years; in March, the tournament announced the creation of the Nancy Lopez Award, which is presented annually in conjunction with the tournament to the world's outstanding female amateur golfer.
- In 1999, played in a limited number of events due to knee surgery in May; best finish was a tie for 12th at both the Standard Register PING and AFLAC Champions Presented by Southern Living.
- In 1998, best finish was a tie for second at the Sara Lee Classic, where she lost in a four-way, sudden-death playoff to Barb Mucha.
- In 1997, won her 48th career title at the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship; with rounds of 69-68-69-69, became the first player to record four rounds in the 60s at the U.S. Women's Open, yet still finished one stroke behind Alison Nicholas for her fourth runner-up finish at the event; crossed the \$5 million milestone in career earnings after the season-ending ITT LPGA Tour Championship.
- In 1996, top finish was a tie for second at both the du Maurier Classic and the ITT LPGA Tour Championship.
- In 1995, posted nine top-20 finishes, including a season-best third place at the Youngstown-Warren LPGA Classic.
- In 1994, best finish was a tie for second at the Chrysler-Plymouth Tournament of Champions; crossed the \$4 million mark in career earnings at the McCall's LPGA Classic at Stratton Mountain.
- In 1993, won the Youngstown-Warren LPGA Classic in a sudden-death playoff with Deb Richard for her 47th career victory.
- In 1992, recorded back-to-back, sudden-death playoff victories at the Rail Charity Golf Classic and the PING-Cellular One LPGA Golf Championship; tied her career-low 64 during the final round of the Rail Charity Golf Classic.
- In 1991, played in only 11 events due to pregnancy; won the Sara Lee Classic; gave birth to third daughter, Torri Heather.

- In 1990, became the second player in LPGA history to cross the \$3 million mark in career earnings when she captured the MBS LPGA Classic title in a sudden-death playoff with Cathy Gerring; was a member of the victorious U.S. Solheim Cup Team, carding a 2-1-0 record.
- In 1989, enjoyed her most successful financial season, earning \$487,153 and registering three victories, including the Mazda LPGA Championship.
- In 1988, won three tournaments and was in three sudden-death playoffs – defeated Marta Figueras-Dotti at the Ai Star/Centinel Hospital Classic, lost to Juli Inkster at the Crestar Classic and lost to Mei-Chi Cheng at the Rochester International; became the fourth player in LPGA history to cross the \$2 million mark in career earnings; captured Rolex Player of the Year honors for the fourth time.
- In 1987, season was highlighted by her 35th career victory at the Sarasota Classic (the same event in which she claimed her first career win in 1978), which qualified her for the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame; after waiting six months to meet the Tour's membership requirement, was inducted on July 20 as the 11th member; also won the Cellular One-PING Golf Championship.
- In 1986, top finish was a tie for second at the Nestle World Championship and Cellular One-PING Golf Championship; gave birth to second daughter, Erinn Shea.
- In 1985, won five events, including the LPGA Championship; her win at the Portland PING Championship came by way of a sudden-death playoff with Lori Garbacz; won Rolex Player of the Year and the Vare Trophy for the third time in her career.
- In 1984, won the Uniden LPGA Invitational and Chevrolet World Championship of Women's Golf.
- In 1983, crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings and won two tournaments; gave birth to first child, Ashley Marie.
- In 1982, captured the J&B Scotch Pro-Am and Mazda Japan Classic; recorded the first hole-in-one of her LPGA career during the Peter Jackson Classic.
- In 1981, won three tournaments: the Arizona Copper Classic; Colgate Dinah Shore, where she tied her career low score of 64 in the final round; and the Sarah Coventry Classic; also tied her career-low score with a 64 in the final round of the Columbia Savings LPGA Classic, where she finished eighth.
- In 1980, won the Women's Kemper Open, Sarah Coventry Classic and Rail Charity Golf Classic; narrowly missed out on a fourth victory at the Mary Kay Classic, which she lost in a sudden-death playoff to Jerilyn Britz; her win at the Rail Charity Golf Classic was the 20th of her career, setting an LPGA record for youngest to that milestone (23 years, 7 months and 26 days old); carded a career-low 64 in the final round of the United Virginia Bank Classic to finish second.
- In 1979, captured eight tournament victories (including the Coca-Cola Classic in a sudden-death playoff with Bonnie Bryant) and finished second to JoAnne Carner at the Women's Kemper Open following a sudden-death playoff; set the LPGA record for youngest to 10 career wins (22 years, 2 months and 5 days old at the Sunstar Classic); won her second Player of the Year and Vare Trophy to become the first player to win Rookie of the Year followed by Player of the Year and Vare Trophy the very next season (Annika Sorenstam joined her in 1995).
- In 1978, as a rookie, won nine tournaments, including a record-setting five in a row (record was tied by Annika Sorenstam in 2005); recorded her first sudden-death playoff victory at the Coca-Cola Classic, defeating LPGA Tour Hall of Famer JoAnne Carner; came close to two more victories that season, losing sudden-death playoffs to Michiko Okada at the Mizuno-Japan Classic and to Sally Little at the Kathryn Crosby/Honda Civic Classic; remains the only player to win Rookie of the Year, Player of the Year and Vare Trophy honors in the same season.
- In 1977, two days prior to the summer LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament, competed in the U.S. Women's Open as a professional and finished second for the second time in her career; qualified for the Tour by finishing third at the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn exempt status; after qualifying for the LPGA Tour, posted two additional second-place finishes in her first two starts as an LPGA professional.

Amateur

Lopez was only 12 when she won the New Mexico Women's Amateur, and in the following years, she won the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship twice (1972, 1974). She won the Western Junior three times and the Mexican Amateur in 1975. Also in 1975, Lopez entered the U.S. Women's Open as an amateur and finished in a tie for second. The next year, she claimed the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (IAIW) National Championship and was a member of the U.S. Curtis Cup and World Amateur teams. At the University of Tulsa, Lopez was named a 1976 All-American and the university's Female Athlete of the Year.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (48): 1978 Bent Tree Classic, Sunstar Classic, Greater Baltimore Classic, Coca-Cola Classic, Golden Lights Championship, **LPGA Championship**, Bankers Trust Classic, Colgate European Open, Colgate Far East Open. 1979 Sunstar Classic, Sahara National Pro-Am, Women's International, Coca-Cola Classic, Golden Lights Championship, Lady Keystone Open, Colgate European Open, Mary Kay Classic. 1980 Women's Kemper Open, The Sarah Coventry, Rail Charity Golf Classic. 1981 Arizona Copper Classic, Colgate-Dinah Shore, The Sarah Coventry. 1982 J&B Scotch Pro-Am, Mazda Japan Classic. 1983 Elizabeth Arden Classic, J&B Scotch Pro-Am. 1984 Uniden LPGA Invitational, Chevrolet World Championship of Women's Golf. 1985 Chrysler-Plymouth Classic, **LPGA Championship**, Mazda Hall of Fame Championship, Henredon Classic, Portland PING Championship. 1987 Sarasota Classic, Cellular One-PING Golf Championship. 1988 Mazda Classic, Ai Star/Centinel Hospital Classic, Chrysler-Plymouth Classic. 1989 **Mazda LPGA Championship**, Atlantic City Classic, Nippon Travel-MBS Classic. 1990 MBS LPGA Classic. 1991 Sara Lee Classic. 1992 Rail Charity Golf Classic, PING-Cellular One LPGA Golf Championship. 1993 Youngstown-Warren LPGA Classic. 1997 Chick-fil-A Charity Championship.

Unofficial Victories (4): 1979 Portland-PING Team Championship (with Jo Ann Washam) 1980 JCPenney Classic (with Curtis Strange). 1987 Mazda Championship (with Miller Barber). 1992 Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge [with Dottie (Pepper) Mochrie and Patty Sheehan].

LPGA Awards (9): Rookie of the Year (1), Rolex Player of the Year (4), Vare Trophy (3), William and Mousie Powell Award (1).

1978 Rookie of the Year, Vare Trophy, Player of the Year. **1979** Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. **1985** Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy. **1987** William and Mousie Powell Award. **1988** Rolex Player of the Year.
The Solheim Cup (2): 1990, 2005 (as captain).