

# Mickey Wright

Rookie year: 1955  
 Priority List Category: 15  
 LPGA Career Victories: 82  
 Career Earnings (rank): \$368,770(305)  
 Career Low Round: 62  
 Education: Stanford University  
 Playoff Record: 8-6



Year	Events	Cuts Made	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top 10s	Best Finish	Earnings	Rank	Scoring Average
1955	19	19	0	0	0	0	T3	\$6,325	N/A	78.04
1956	23	23	1	0	0	0	1	\$8,253	7	76.06
1957	24	24	3	0	0	0	1	\$11,131	3	75.38
1958	18	18	5	0	0	0	1	\$11,775	3	75.03
1959	26	26	4	0	0	0	1	\$18,182	5	74.51
1960	23	23	6	0	0	0	1	\$16,380	2	73.25
1961	17	17	10	0	0	0	1	\$22,236	1	73.31
1962	33	33	10	0	0	0	1	\$21,641	1	73.67
1963	28	28	13	0	0	0	1	\$31,269	1	72.81
1964	27	27	11	0	0	0	1	\$29,800	1	72.46
1965	11	11	2	0	0	0	1	\$8,888	13	73.10
1966	22	22	7	0	0	0	1	\$26,672	3	72.40
1967	21	21	4	0	0	0	1	\$20,613	4	72.65
1968	12	12	4	0	0	0	1	\$17,147	7	72.31
1969	21	21	1	0	0	0	1	\$17,851	10	73.92
1970	5	5	0	0	0	0	T2	\$4,436	-1	74.08
1971	9	9	0	0	0	0	T3	\$6,575	36	73.35
1972	9	9	0	0	0	0	2	\$14,379	-1	74.00
1973	8	8	1	0	0	0	1	\$36,262	11	74.27
1974	4	4	0	0	0	0	T21	\$1,929	74	75.66
1975	2	2	0	0	0	0	T22	\$610	99	74.17
1976	5	5	0	0	0	0	8	\$3,049	83	74.81
1977	11	10	0	0	1	1	T3	\$16,685	46	73.46
1978	6	5	0	0	1	2	3	\$3,175	70	73.60
1979	7	6	0	1	0	1	T2	\$8,892	79	74.14
1980	2	1	0	0	0	0	T33	\$554	146	76.00

Tournament	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LPGA	T14	4	T11	1	8	1	1	8	1	2
OPEN	16	9	T22	1	1	5	1	T4	DNP	1
DM/WBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tournament	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
KNC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	DNP	DNP
LPGA	DNP	2	5	10	T8	DNP	T15	DNP	DNP	DNP
OPEN	DNP	3	WD	2	T13	37	T3	T6	DNP	DNP
DM/WBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	DNP	DNP
Tournament	1975		1976		1977		1978			
KNC	DNP		DNP		X		X			
LPGA	DNP		DNP		T21		T25			
OPEN	DNP		DNP		DNP		T23			
DM/WBO	DNP		DNP		X		X			

## Professional

### Career

- One of the greatest players in LPGA history, Wright owns 82 tournament titles and ranks second in all-time career LPGA wins behind Kathy Whitworth, who has 88; is a five-time Vare Trophy winner (1960-64).
- Wright is the only player in LPGA history to hold all four major titles at the same time. She won the final two majors of the year in 1961, the U.S. Women's Open and the LPGA Championship, and then took the first two majors of 1962, the Titleholders Championship and the Western Open.
- In 1995, placed third at the Sprint Senior Challenge, an unofficial event.
- In 1994, finished second in the Sprint Senior Challenge, which earned her \$30,000, the biggest paycheck of her career.
- In 1993, made her first competitive appearance since 1985 at the Sprint Senior Challenge, where she tied for fifth.
- In 1980, collected her last official paycheck on Feb. 4, when she tied for 33<sup>rd</sup> at the Whirlpool Championship.
- In 1979, participated in the Coca-Cola Classic, eventually losing to rookie Nancy Lopez in a five-way, sudden-death playoff; Wright wore sneakers throughout the event and shot 70-74-72 to finish tied for second; recorded her eighth LPGA career hole-in-one at the Bent Tree Classic; she is tied for second in the LPGA's all-time records for most holes-in-one recorded during a career.
- In 1969, stopped playing regularly on Tour for a variety of reasons, including an adverse reaction to sunlight, aversion to flying and foot problems.
- In 1968, won 80 tournaments by the age of 33.
- In 1967, when the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame was created, became one of the six inaugural inductees; the LPGA recognized her induction year into the Hall of Fame of Women's Golf (1964) as her official induction year into the LPGA Tour Hall of Fame.
- In 1966, won 70 tournaments by the age of 31.
- In 1964, won 11 events, including the U.S. Women's Open for the fourth time, sharing the record for winning the most Open titles with Betsy Rawls; also won the LPGA Championship to become the only player in LPGA history to win that title four times; shot a career-low 62 (setting an LPGA record for the lowest final round by a winner) and came from 10 shots down in the final round to win the Tall City Open, marking the largest come-from-behind win in LPGA history (Annika Sorenstam tied her record in 2001); won 60 tournaments by the age of 29.
- In 1963, posted 13 wins, equaling 40.6 percent of the events that season (32); holds the record for most wins in a single season; totaled 27 top-10 finishes (in 28 starts), an LPGA record <sub>that</sub> still stands; won 50 tournaments by the age of 28.
- In 1962, completed the LPGA Career Grand Slam with her victory at the Western Open (Wright had already won the LPGA Championship, U.S. Women's Open and Titleholders Championship); a total of six women have accomplished this feat in LPGA history; won the Sea Island Women's Invitational for her 30<sup>th</sup> career victory, setting an LPGA record for youngest to reach 30 wins (26 years, 11 months and 7 days old).
- In 1961, won three of the four LPGA majors – U.S. Women's Open, LPGA Championship and Titleholders Championship; became the only player to twice win the U.S. Women's Open and the LPGA Championship in the same year (1958 and 1961).
- In the 1960s, dominated the decade by claiming 68 of her 82 career victories, 15 more tournaments than any other player in that decade (Kathy Whitworth, 53 wins); won 44 tournaments in four years (1961-64).
- In 1958, became the first LPGA player to win the LPGA Championship and U.S. Women's Open in the same year (five more players have since accomplished that feat).
- From 1959-68, she captured 79 of her 82 victories, averaging 7.9 victories per year.
- Her 14-year winning streak from 1956-69 is bettered only by the 17-year record of Kathy Whitworth.

- In 1955, joined the LPGA Tour.

#### Amateur

Wright began playing golf at the age of 12. She won the 1952 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, 1954 World Amateur Championship and was low amateur at the 1954 U.S. Women's Open.

#### LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

**LPGA Victories (82):** 1956 Jacksonville Open. 1957 Sealsland Open, Jacksonville Open, Wolverine Open. 1958 Sealsland Open, **LPGA Championship, U.S. Women's Open**, Opie Turner Open, Dallas Open. 1959 Jacksonville Open, Cavalier Open, **U.S. Women's Open**, Alliance Machine International Open. 1960 Sealsland Open, Tampa Open, **LPGA Championship**, Grossinger Open, Eastern Open, Memphis Open. 1961 St. Petersburg Open, Miami Open, **Titleholders Championship**, Columbus Open, **U.S. Women's Open**, Waterloo Open, Spokane Women's Open, Sacramento Valley Open, Mickey Wright Invitational, **LPGA Championship**. 1962 Sea Island Women's Invitational, **Titleholders Championship, Western Open**, Milwaukee Open, Heart of America Invitational, Albuquerque Swing Parade, Salt Lake City Open, Spokane Open, San Diego Open, Carlsbad Cavern Open. 1963 Sea Island Women's Invitational, St. Petersburg Women's Open, Alpine Civitan Open, Muskogee Civitan Open, Dallas Civitan Open, Babe Zaharias Open, **Women's Western Open**, Waterloo Women's Open Invitational, Albuquerque Swing Parade, Idaho Centennial Ladies' Open, Visalia Ladies' Open, Mickey Wright Invitational, **LPGA Championship**. 1964 Peach Blossom Invitational, Clifford Ann Creed Invitational, Squirt Ladies' Open Invitational, Muskogee Civitan Open Invitational, Lady Carling Eastern Open, Waldemar Open, **U.S. Women's Open**, Milwaukee Jaycee Open, Visalia Ladies' Open, Tall City Open, Mary Mills Mississippi Gulf Coast Invitational. 1965 Baton Rouge Invitational, Dallas Civitan Open. 1966 Venice Ladies Open, Shreveport Kiwanis Invitational, Bluegrass Ladies Invitational, **Women's Western Open**, Pacific Ladies' Classic, Shirley Englehorn Invitational, Mickey Wright Invitational. 1967 Shreveport Kiwanis Club Invitational, Bluegrass Invitational, Lady Carling Open, Pensacola Ladies Invitational. 1968 Port Malabar Invitational, Palm Beach County Open, Tall City Open, "500" Ladies Classic. 1969 Bluegrass Invitational. 1973 Colgate-Dinah Shore Winner's Circle.

**Unofficial Victories (8):** 1959 Hoosier Celebrity. 1961 Haig and Haig Scotch Mixed Foursomes (with Dave Ragan). 1962 Naples Pro-Am (with Marilyn Smith). 1963 Haig and Haig Scotch Mixed Foursomes (with Dave Ragan), Shell's Wonderful World of Golf. 1966 Ladies World Series of Golf, Shell's Wonderful World of Golf. 1967 Seven Lakes Invitational.

**LPGA Awards (5):** Vare Trophy (5). 1960 Vare Trophy. 1961 Vare Trophy. 1962 Vare Trophy. 1963 Vare Trophy. 1964 Vare Trophy.