

Lorena Ochoa

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Rookie year: 2003

Status: Exempt

Career victories (last): 9 (2006)

Career-low round: 62

Career earnings (rank): \$6,069,222 (14)

LPGA career holes-in-one: 1

Playoff record: 0-3

Education: University of Arizona

Professional

2006

- Won six tournaments en route to claiming her first Rolex Player of the Year award, Vare Trophy and ADT Official Money List title.
- Carded a career-low 62 in the first round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship, where she tied the LPGA record for lowest round in a major championship.
- With \$2,592,872 in season earnings became only the second player in LPGA history to surpass the \$2 million mark in season earnings (Karrie Webb became the third later in the season).
- Her scoring average of 69.24 was the fourth lowest average recorded in LPGA history.
- Crossed the \$4 million mark in career earnings with her win at the LPGA Takefujii Classic, the \$5 million mark 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 the \$6 million mark with her runner-up finish at the ADT Championship; became the fastest player in LPGA history to reach these milestones.
- Added six additional runner-up finishes and ended the season with 20 top-10 finishes, which tied Annika Sorenstam for the best percentage (80 percent) on Tour.
- One of only two players (Natalie Gulbis) to finish in the top 20 in all four major championships.
- Led the Tour in birdies, eagles, rounds in the 60s and greens in regulation.

2006 Stats (rank)

Rds under par: 62/89 (4)

Rds in the 60s: 46/89 (1)

Birdies: 395 (1)

Eagles: 1 (15)

Greens in reg: 75.5% (1)

Driving accuracy: 73.3% (49)

Sand saves: 43.3% (35)

Putts per GIR: 1.75 (2)

Driving avg: 269 (7)

Career

- Has played in 99 LPGA events as a member and has finished in the top three 32 times (32.3 percent) and recorded a top-10 finish 56 times (56.56 percent).
- 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; 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 Takefujii 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 for 2006...Qualified for the LPGA Tour by finishing first on the 2002 Futures Tour money list...Named 2006 Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year...Represents Banamex, CitiGroup, Audi, El Rio Country Club, Rolex, Lacoste, Selther and Aeromexico...Has her own Web site, www.lorenaochoa.com.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (9): 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.

LPGA Awards (3): 2003 Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year. 2006 Rolex Player of the Year, Vare Trophy.

Major Championship History

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

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