

Rising superstar

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MICHELLE WIE

- ▶ **Born:** Oct 11, 1989 in **Honolulu, Hawaii**, of Korean descent. Begins playing golf at age four
- ▶ **2000:** Qualifies for **USGA** amateur championship at age 10
- ▶ **2002:** Youngest player to qualify for **LPGA** event – **Takefuji Classic**
- ▶ **2003:** Round of 66 at **Kraft Nabisco Championship** ties amateur record for women's major
- ▶ **2004:** Plays **Sony Open** on men's **PGA Tour**, missing cut by one stroke. Plays in two majors, finishing 4th in **Kraft Nabisco Championship** and tied 13th at **U.S. Women's Open**
- ▶ **2005:** Finishes in top three at four **LPGA** events, including two majors. Turns pro six days before 16th birthday, with sponsorship deals from **Nike** and **Sony** worth over \$10m, but disqualified from debut tournament for rule violation, forfeiting 4th place finish
- ▶ **Nov 24-27:** Competes in **Casio World Open**, among richest events on Japan's men's tour