

## Nathan Anderson takes shot lead; three only a shot behind

Nathan Anderson of , 18, of Burleson bagged enough birdies -- seven -- to put some distance between him and the field after the first round of the Fort Worth City Boys Junior Golf Championship. However, four bogeys on the card left him with only a one-shot margin over three players after finishing with a 3-under-par 67 at Rockwood Golf Course.



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Sitting at 68 on the clear, hot morning were 2007 champion Jordan Hoffmann of Haslet, Gregory Yates, 18, an all-district player from Mansfield, and Jeffrey Merrell, 16, of Aledo. Another shot behind is Brady Capshaw, 18 of Kennedale and a three-time all district champ. Forrest Bench, 16, of Weatherford is alone at 70 and Asa Manor, 16, of Trophy Club is at 71 along with Colby Webb, 16, of Burleson.

The players from Rockwood were divided into Division I and II for the second round. Division I players, those who shot 78 and lower, are going to Ridglea Country Club North and the Division II players (79 and higher) are going to Diamond Oaks Country Club.

Players from Z Boaz will be divided into flights and will begin single-elimination match play Tuesday. They will go to either Glen Garden Golf & Country Club or Pecan Valley Hills. The 13-younger players will begin single-elimination match play Tuesday.

Anderson collected four birdies on the front nine to make the turn at 31, but he gave two shots back with bogeys on the 10th and 12th holes. He birdied the par-4 13th, but bogeys on the 15th and 16th left him at only 1 under. However, he rallied with birdies on the 380-yard par-4 17th and the 573-yard par-5 18th.

“I made some putts, missed some putts,” said Anderson, who along with playing partners Robert Perry and Austin Struble had decked out in white shorts and blue-white striped shirts as a gag to make other playing partner Caleb Minor feel out of place. However, Minor didn’t show up.

After making the turn, Anderson said it “was better than I shot.”

Anderson, who tied for second with Kolton Crawford last year, said he has been inconsistent this summer, so had no expectations other than to “play good,” in the first round. Last year’s champion Andrew Presley, who won by eight shots, was a spectator Monday, but couldn’t play because of a tournament conflict.

Hoffmann, whose family vacation prevented him from playing last year, said he had a solid round, but his putter wasn’t hot enough to take advantage of his ball striking. “I missed a 5-foot eagle putt on the first hole (a 481-yard par 5). I kept missing...I had 18

putts the front nine," he said, which included a three-putt on the 8th. The only green he missed was the ninth and he got that up and down for a par. ``That was pretty much my game -- hit greens and two putt."

Hoffmann said he took a break from playing after high school competition, but has been playing solid coming into the tournament. A back injury that hampered him in district play isn't bothering him and he liked his start. ``I hit the ball really good," he said. And his mental game is stronger. ``Normally, I would have been ticked off with my putting."

He did what he wanted, though, by posting a good score to start the 72-hole trek that will conclude at Colonial Country Club,

At Sycamore, Mason Greenberg, 12, of Southlake led the 12-13 division with a 33, two shots ahead of Riley Shryoc, 13, of Aledo. They'll be vying for the 9-hole division Championship Flight in single-elimination match play.