

Nathan Anderson regains lead heading to final round

Nathan Anderson, 18, of Burleson shook off a double-bogey on the par-4 eighth hole to shoot a 1-over-par 72 at Mira Vista Country Club to regain the lead in the Fort Worth City Boys Junior Golf Championship.



Colby Webb is tied for second

Anderson's 54-hole 213 total leads by two shots over Colby Webb, 16, also of Burleson and Gregory Yates, 18, of Mansfield.

Webb, carding a 1-under 34 on the front to move within a shot of the lead, finished with a 71. Yates, almost making two aces, struggled with his putting and finished with a 74.

Second-round leader Jeffrey Merrell, 16, of Aledo had "one of those days" and stumbled to an 84 to finish with a 224 total.

Jordan Hoffmann, the 2007 champion from Haslet, endured putting woes to card a 74 and fall back to 218.

The best score of the day was by Jeff Hageman, 18, of Grapevine. The three-year letterman at Southlake Carroll fired a 4-under 67 to move to 220. A cut was made after 54 holes and approximately the top 16 from each of the Championship, First, Second and Third flights will go to Colonial for the final round.

Awards for all flights will be presented at Colonial after play finishes (approximately 3:30 p.m.). Tom Schieffer, a former competitor in the tournament and former president of the Texas Rangers baseball team, is scheduled to present the championship trophy.

Boys from Meadowbrook will finish play Thursday at Woodhaven C.C. with the final four in each flight playing stroke play. The Sycamore boys will finish Thursday with the final two in each flight continuing match play.

Anderson said his play "overall was pretty good." However, he missed "about a 12-inch" for a par after just missing his birdie putt on the par-3 11th. His double-bogey came on the par-4 eighth when he hit his tee shot in the trees to the left, chipped out sideways, hit his next shot in the green-side trap and took three to get down. On the back nine, he had one birdie (on the par-4 14th), but bogeyed the par-3 15th. He made a good par on the par-5 11th when it appeared his second shot might have gone out of bounds to

the right. But the ball stayed in, but the only shot Anderson had was to chip sideways and in front of the green. He got up-and-down for his par. ``That was a good break," he said.

``I didn't make too many putts today and had only one bad putt," he said. Anderson said he has played Colonial a couple of times, but not since it has been renovated. ``It should be interesting."

Webb made his run on the front with birdies on the second and fourth holes. He bogeyed the par-5 sixth, but got that back with a birdie on eight. However, his momentum was temporarily slowed with bogeys on No. 10, 11 and 13. But he birdied the 16th after he drove the 310-yard par-4 and 18th with a 30-foot putt for his 70. Webb said he has never played Colonial, but has walked it during the PGA Tour stop.

Yates said he didn't putt ``well at all." However, he almost made two holes-in-one. ``I was about six inches short on No. 3 and on 7, the ball kind of spun down the hill and I don't know how it didn't go in. It was right in line with my divot."

He double-bogeyed the par-5 sixth. On his fourth shot from the trees, he hit ``one of his best shots" after he hooked it around the trees to prevent further damage.

Jordan said he never got the feel for his putts and set the tone for the day with a three-putt on the first hole. ``Not making anything," he said summarizing his round. ``I might have missed four greens. I was hitting great iron shots. I mean I had five three-putts. The ball-striking day was better than yesterday. Hopefully, it will change tomorrow."

Merrell said he got off to a slow start though he said he hit the ball solid. His putter cooled after carrying him at Ridglea. ``Ridglea's greens are faster and I was overplaying the breaks here all day. But I'm not too worried about it."

He's looking forward to the final round when he said anything can happen. ``I've played Colonial three or four times since they've redone it and I've played good every time. So, I should do good."

Hageman's 67 was highlighted by an eagle on No. 11. ``I putted really well today," Hageman said after carding a 1-under 34 on the front and a 3-under 33 on the back. He was helped by holing out from just off the green for an eagle on the par-5 11th and sinking a 35-foot birdie putt on the par-3 12th. He will be chasing the leaders in his first trip around Colonial.