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Four-time 1A state champion Gabriella Dominguez of Chilton shot a 4-under-par 68 at Rockwood Golf Course on Monday (July 6) to take the first-round lead of the Fort Worth City Girls Junior Golf Championship.

Dominguez, who's headed for Texas Tech to play golf, wasn't particularly happy with her iron play, but still managed to take a three-shot lead after the first day of the 54-hole tournament. She'll lead the field on Tuesday when they play Diamond Oaks Country Club before finishing Wednesday at Woodhaven

Country Club.

Among those at 71 was defending champion Paloma Nunez of Granbury. However, Nunez, who carded an eagle during the round, said her hands were hurting and decided to withdraw late Monday. "They been sore for several days, and they were getting worse today," she said after carding her 71. "I don't know what's wrong. Maybe I've been hitting too many balls."

Dominguez said her chipping saved her because she wasn't controlling her irons, and her putting was inconsistent. "I was chipping up to four and five feet and making the putts. But I was missing the seven- and eight-footers for birdies. I missed a lot of opportunities."

Dominguez said she chose to play in the Fort Worth tournament because she had nothing on her schedule and wanted to keep working on her game. "My father saw this on the Internet and asked if I wanted to play it. I said sure," Dominguez said.

Another at 71 was Grace Choi of Dallas, who became the youngest winner of the Dallas City champion last year when she was 13. She carded a 2-under on the front nine, needing only 11 putts, but "My putting kind of slipped on the back," she said as she carded a 1-over on the back nine. She opted to play in Fort Worth for the first time because, "They're really a lot of good girls out here, and this is a good time to work on my game."

Stephanie Kalapach, a Boswell High player who has won two district titles, was at 72, but lamented the many chances she had to be lower. "It could have been better," Kalapach said, noting how many birdie putts she missed. "I had 16 putts on the front and 18 on the back. I two-putted every hole on the back.. I had three birdies, but I had so many looks for birdies."

Others at 71 included April McCoy, 16, of Carrollton and Carly Ragains, 16, of Highland Village. Ragains, a walk-up Monday morning, plays for Flower Mound Marcus.