

Turner MacLean's 66 takes boys lead

Turner MacLean, 14, of Fort Worth and a Fort Worth Country Day student carved out an adventurous 4-under-par 66 at Rockwood Golf Course to take the first round lead of the Fort Worth Boys City Junior Golf Championship. A stroke behind were Sean Walsh of Keller and Javier Manrique, who recently moved to Denton from Southlake. They had held the early lead on the hot, humid morning. They lead Division I, but have a big pack bunched behind them as they head to Ridglea Country Club's North Course for Tuesday's second round

Turner is a previous qualifier and participant in US Kids Golf World Championships in Pinehurst, N.C., and plays in several TJGT events.

The players from Rockwood have been split into two Divisions. Those who made the Division I are players who shot 77 or lower and will play at Ridglea C.C. North Course. The Division II players will play at River Crest Country Club. Players from Z Boaz will be playing either Woodhaven C.C. or Glen Garden G&CC and will begin single-elimination match play. Check back for pairings.

Quotes from first round at Rockwood:

Javier Manrique, 67 -- "I did not play my best today, but I played good and knew I was doing good." However, he also knew others were doing well, too, because the course was not playing hard. "I think the course was in good condition and I like it." He was 3-under through four holes, but a bogey put him at 2-under after nine. He told himself, "OK, let's do this. I'm playing well and I need to make it go more under par." He finished the back in 1-under for his 67.

Michael Walton, 67 -- The TCU bound player said he struggled on the par-3s, carding bogeys on two of them. "I was putting really well and had some good up-and-downs. My putting kept me going." He also has played Ridglea several times and has scored well there. "But my ball-striking can be better."

Sean Walsh, 67 -- "I hit 16 of 18 greens and missed only two fairways." He had four birdies and one bogey. He said he regretted only one shot, when he chipped to six feet and missed the putt on the par-3 eighth, resulting in his lone bogey. "I've been playing really good.. I tied for 13th at an AJGA tournament last week in San Antonio and tied for fourth in Lubbock at an AJGA tournament. I was 10-under there. I feel really good about my game and I really like the (Ridglea C.C.) course."

Luke Neeley, 69 -- "Overall I played pretty well. I didn't make very many putts, which was a little disappointing. But I kept grinding and making pars." Luke finished third last year, and he said his game is a "lot better" than last year. "I've matured a lot as a player," he said. He's coming off a disappointing showing at the AJGA tournament in San Antonio. "I wasn't really looking forward to playing in this tournament, but my dad kept encouraging me."

Colby Webb, 68 -- "I'm hitting the ball well and getting on a lot of greens (in regulation). I had a lot of two putts." Colby had four birdies and two bogies. Colby will be headed to Texas Wesleyan this fall to

play golf. "I'm pretty confident." He said he has played Ridglea three or four times and describes it as a "short and fun course." He said, though, it's the kind of course a golfer needs to play a few times because of some blind tee shots."

Payden Parrish, 68 -- "I played pretty solid. I putted well and had some good up-and-downs."