

Weatherford player moves into second-round lead



Erica Lautensack and Jaqueline Strickland

(Results, pairings below story; See [First-Round](#), [Second-Round](#) Slideshows)

Note: Angela Stanford, four-time winner of the girls championship, a former TCU player, four-time winner on the LPGA Tour since joining it in 2001 and a winner of almost \$6 million, will present the girls championship trophy on July 13.

Jaqueline Strickland, 18, of Weatherford wasn't bursting with happiness after finishing with a 78 at the demanding Ridglea Country Club North Course on Tuesday (July 12), but she hadn't realized that the first-round leaders of the FWJGA City Junior Girls Championship were much more frustrated with their second rounds.

Jaqueline, a three-time all district selection at Weatherford High School, a three-time regional qualifier and who tied for second in the First Flight (10th overall) last year, smiled a little more when she found herself in the lead by one shot after her 36-hole rounds of 80-78--158. But she bemoaned the several three-putt greens she had and especially three missed 1-footers. "The greens were really fast," she said. She was becoming frustrated because "I thought everyone (the leaders) were playing fine. That's what made me mad."

Moving into second was Erica Lautensack, 15, of Arlington, who also posted a 78 to go with her opening 81 at Rockwood Golf Course on Monday. Erica, who attends Arlington High School, was medalist at the district championship, MVP for the 2010/2011 season and recently finished second at a TJGT event at Bridlewood. Both Jaqueline and Erica played their district championships at Woodhaven C.C., site of the third and final round, which could give them an edge over the first-round leaders who will be seeing the course for the first time, as they did at Ridglea.

Erica, who was one of the few who enjoyed a decent putting round, liked the fast greens even though she too had "two or three" three-putt greens. "But had made a lot of long putts," she said. She's looking forward to playing Woodhaven because she knows the course after playing the district championship there. "It's pretty short, but it has smaller green," she said.

First-round leader April McCoy, 18, of Carrollton, having trouble with her approach shots and putter at Ridglea, posted an 85 ("I don't remember when I last shot in the 80s," she said. She is at 160 along with Marisa Marquez, the 12-year-old from Amarillo. April said what made the round so disappointing is that her driving was on target, but she seldom found the greens with her approaches. Then when she did, her putter betrayed her. "I missed a 1-footer on No. 10," she said.

Marisa, a shot behind April starting the day, came in with an 84. Rainy Manor, 16, of Trophy Club was tied after a first-round 78 with Allison Bock, 17, of Southlake and Amy Kuprasertkul, 15, of Keller. Rainy struggled on the fast Ridglea greens ("I think I four-putted three times) and posted a 94, one of the highest scores she has shot in several years. Bock shot an 82 and is tied with April and Marisa at 160 and Amy is at 164 after an 86.

Marisa said because the almost 6,100-yard course from the White Tees was difficult, she believed her 84 translated more to a 76. She said she was amazed at how fast the greens were, describing a 15-foot putt on the last hole that she barely tapped but the ball still rolled six feet past the hole.

Bock was moving to the head of the field after a front-nine 39, but "The greens got away from me on the back," as she finished with her 82. She liked the way she played, though, and is confident heading into the final round.

Leading the First Flight at 174 are Alexandra Schies, 15, from Mansfield and Jessica Liptake, 16, of Haslet. They have a two-shot lead over Olivia Gibbs, 15, of Fort Worth.

The Championship and First Flight play the final round Wednesday at Woodhaven C.C. and the girls who played at Glen Garden will finish at Diamond Oaks C.C.