

## Last year's runner-up Luke Neeley takes first-round lead with 70



Luke Neeley  
tees off Monday

The 2012 Fort Worth Junior Golf Association's City Boys Junior Championship, the only free city junior tournament of its kind, opened Monday, July 16, with 2011 runner-up, Luke Neeley, of Mansfield taking the lead by a narrow one shot margin at Meadowbrook Golf Course.

The 17 year-old who is a member of the Mansfield golf team, carded four birdies and scored an even-par 70 (a temporary green on the first hole, normally a par-5, shortened the hole to a par-4, thus changing the course's par 71 into a 70). Close behind by only one stroke was a three-way tie for the championship. Cole Barnett, 17, of Mansfield shot a 71 with four birdies, Jeremy Salas, 18, of Arlington, shot 71 with seven birdies, and Jared Bailey, 18, of North Richland Hills posted a 71 with three birdies.

If Neeley continues his trend in the 72-hole tournament, the lefty could claim his first title after the final round at Colonial Country Club on Thursday. In 2010, he finished third and last year he tied for second, winning in a scorecard playoff.

Larry Redmond, Meadowbrook Assistant said, "We are pleased with the greens and fairways and have had lots of compliments from players. Several of the holes out here present challenges and birdies are exceptional scores."



Cole Barnett



Jared Bailey



Jeremy Salas

The 18-hole field will be split for Tuesday's second round. Boys who scored low enough at Meadowbrook will be in Division I and will compete at Ridglea Country Club . The others who qualify for Division II will play at River Crest Country Club. Flights for Division I and II won't be determined until after the second round.

On the third day, the Championship and First flights will play at Mira Vista and the Second and Third flights will be at Shady Oaks. The other flights will play at Woodhaven. On the final day, the players who make the cuts in the Championship, First, Second and Third flights will play at Colonial Country Club. The others will play at Diamond Oaks Country Club. The 13-younger boys will play each day at Z Boaz.

In the 9-hole division at Z Boaz Golf Course, Coursey Peyton, 12, of Mansfield, took the lead by carding a 36 on the back nine from the white tees at Z Boaz Golf Course. Peyton has played in the tournament for five years. In the short tee 9-hole division, Tucker Allen, 11, of Tolar led the way with a 29. Tucker is a five-time US Kids Player of the Year, has placed in the top five in the US Kids European Championship and is ranked in the top 20 in the Junior World Championship.