

Hayley Dambold holds on to win 2012 girls title, shooting 75 at Colonial C.C.



Hayley Dambold, 17, of Flower Mound, holds the permanent FWJGA Girls City Junior Golf Championship trophy while LPGA Hall of Fame great Kathy Whitworth holds the championship trophy she presented Hayley for winning the girls championship with a final-round 75 at Colonial Country Club. Photo by [Movin' Pictures](#).



Hayley Dambold is set to putt on the 10th green at Colonial. She sank the putt for a birdie for her second consecutive. But she followed with a double-bogey 7 on the 11th. Kellie Martin is in the center and Jessie White, who finished second, is on the right.

Hayley Dambold, 17-year-old from Flower Mound, won the 2012 FWJGA's Girls City Junior Golf Championship on Wednesday, July 11, by three shots by shooting a final-round 5-over-par at Colonial Country Club. Her 54-hole 228 total edged Jessie White, 17, of Mansfield, who shot a final-round 76. The seemingly always-smiling Hayley, whether posting birdies or bogeys, was presented the championship trophy at the Ben Hogan Learning Center at Rockwood Golf Course by LPGA Hall of Fame great Kathy Whitworth.

But the margin of Hayley's victory was somewhat deceiving as to how close the victory was for the Marcus senior-to-be. Hayley entered the final round with a shot margin over Kellie Martin, 17, of Mansfield and two over Jessie. But after only three holes, Hayley had fallen two behind Jessie.

Playing from the white tees (about 6,043 yards) at Colonial, Hayley bogeyed the first two holes and Jessie parred to pull into a tie. Kellie struggled to a quadruple-bogey 9 on the par-5 first hole to quickly fall out of contention.

On the third hole, Hayley stumbled to a double-bogey and Jessie parred, pulling into a two-shot lead. But Hayley began fighting back and birdied the par-3 fourth to gain back a shot. And then Jessie ran into problems and carded two consecutive bogeys and then a double-bogey on the seventh, which allowed Hayley, who also had bogeyed the sixth and seventh, to gain a shot lead. After Hayley parred the par-3 eighth and birdied Nos. 9 and 10, she jumped ahead by a seemingly comfortable four shots. A double-bogey on the par-5 11th, allowed Jessie to cut off one of the shots, and then she pulled within two with a birdie on the par-3 16th. But Jessie bogeyed the 18th and Hayley scrambled from the left rough for a par to win by three.

Adriana Morillo, 16, from Southlake finished third after a final-round 78 and 235 total. She was hanging close to the lead until a triple-bogey on the eighth set her back. But she rallied somewhat with birdies on 10, 11 and 16. The other girl to break 80 was Jacey Patton, 16, of Fort Worth and who was the TAPPS 3A State runner-up after winning district and regional titles.

"I didn't hit my driver very good," Hayley said, "but I was putting good." A hook on No. 11 into the left rough led to her double-bogey. She began playing golf about four years ago and Hayley credits her grandfather for getting her started. She played basketball and soccer, but started focusing on golf "when I realized I wasn't going to get any taller." She's been working with swing coach Shawn Humphries for about two years, she said.

Jessie also has been playing about four years, and she turned to golf after sustaining an injury in basketball. "I thought I'd try it. And I liked it," she said. The lefty, who has been coached by Alan Raspberry since she began playing, displayed some accurate iron play as she kept the pressure on Hayley.

The 18-hole division was split after the first round and the Championship and First flights finished at Colonial. The other 18-hole flights finished at Rockwood Golf Course.

Winning the Second Flight was Amy Cox, 16, an all-district selection at Grapevine High School; Third Flight -- Rylee Pedigo, 16, of Paschal and first-team all district the past two years; Fourth Flight -- Chelsea Henshaw, 16, of Arlington; Fifth Flight -- Jamie Gisburne, 17, of Arlington; Sixth Flight -- Gabriela Kackley, 15, of Southlake.

In the 9-hole division, which also finished at Rockwood, Quinn Barber, 12, of Grapevine continued to dominate and won by 14 shots. She was the Fall 2011 and 2012 US Kids Dallas Player of the Year and has qualified for the US Kids World Championship in August in Pinehurst, N.C. Other 9-hole winners were: First Flight -- Rebecca Prewitt, 14, of Midlothian; Second Flight -- Paige Savage, 13, of Arlington; Third Flight -- Lilli Ingram, 12, of Fort Worth and winner of the third flight last year. In the 9-hole Short Tee Division, Amy Moon, 8, of Fort Worth won the Championship Flight.