

Andrew Hudson claims boy championship;
cruises to last round 72 at Colonial



Andrew Hudson holds the permanent Marv Leonard trophy after winning the FWJGA Boys City Junior Golf Championship. He was presented the trophy by Marvin's daughter Marty and longtime boys director who retired this year, Wendell Conditt. Photo submitted by [Movin' Pictures](#)

Andrew Hudson made his statement as early as the first hole Thursday at Colonial Country Club in the final round of the FWJGA Boys City Junior Golf Championship. Hudson entered the fourth round of the 72-hole tournament with a two-shot advantage and quickly let everyone know he was not going to relinquish the lead without a fight. He sailed his 3-wood second shot on the green at the 555-yard par-5 hole and sank about a 25-foot putt for an eagle. It was game on.

And his, as it turned out, was the only game on in the Championship Flight on a near perfect, warm day.

The 18-year-old from Burleson cruised around the storied Colonial 6,837-yard course from the blue tees with a 2-over-par 72 and won by 10 shots despite a double-bogey on the par-4 18th. His four-day total was 292 after rounds of 70-77-73-72. Closest to him was William Mullins, 17, of Mansfield, who finished with a 79 for a 302 total to edge three others by a shot. Mullins was tied with Back Howe, 15, of Mansfield for third entering the final round, three behind Hudson and one behind Jorge Morello, 16, of Southlake. Howe slipped to an 85 and Morello finished with an 81 to tie for third place with Zachary Campbell, 16, of Fort Worth and Hayden Springer, 16 of Trophy Club. Springer, four shots behind entering the final round, shot a final-round 79. Campbell, who shot a 77, won third in a scorecard playoff.

Hudson, who will be entering the University of North Texas this year on a golf scholarship, did what he set out to do. He mostly stayed in the fairway and hit a lot of greens, and he joins his friend Andrew Presley on the permanent Marvin Leonard trophy. Presley won the title by eight shots in 2008 when he was 16.

"The eagle pumped me up," Hudson said. "I felt pretty comfortable (before the round started) because I played here last week and shot a 73. I knew if I had good drives, I'd be in good standing."

He said it was somewhat disappointing that he double-bogeyed the final hole after hitting right off the tee, landing short with his second after avoiding trees on his second shot, hitting a poor chip and then three-putting "I thought if I could hit a good drive there, I'd have a chance for a birdie." From holes 14-17, he had relatively short birdie putts on them all and sank one on No. 15.



Wendell Conditt presents the Wendell Conditt Medalist Award to Andrew Hudson for shooting the lowest first-day score. The award, started this year, will be given each year to the low girl or boy during the junior girls and boys championships.

He ranked the round as one of his best, though his lowest score is a 68 he shot at Timarron.

Hudson said he was feeling confident that he could nail down the title fairly early in the round. "I was pretty much even par all day and I knew someone would have to shoot a 67 or 68 to catch me."

The victory confirms that Andrew took the correct sports path entering his freshman year when he gave up aspirations to play football and basketball to concentrate on golf. "My dad (Mark) told me it's better to be good at one sport rather than decent in several," he said. It was also his dad who placed a golf club in his hands when he was about three years old and let him whack at whiffle balls. He was successful at Southwest Christian High School and helped the team to three 4A TAPPs State Championships and was selected three times to the all-state team.

The best score of the day at Colonial was a 68 from the gold tees (6,527 yards) by Turner MacLean, 16, of Fort Worth to win the Second Flight by 15 shots with a 292. He shot a 71 Wednesday, also the low round at Mira Vista. MacLean was selected All-Southwest Preparatory Conference as a sophomore.

Awards for the 18-hole flights and 9-hole flights were presented at Colonial after play finished. Hudson also earned the Wendell Conditt Medalist Award for low score the first day with a 70. Conditt, who had directed the tournament since 1973, retired this year but was at the ceremonies to present the award to Hudson. Marty Leonard, daughter of the tournament's founder Marvin Leonard, was there to help present awards, as well. Marvin, also founder of Colonial and Shady Oaks, started the free tournament in 1936.