

## Lead changes after second round of boys championship



Matt Adler became somewhat frustrated Tuesday after he played the first four holes at Ridglea Country Club North in 1-under par and then bogeyed the next three holes during the second round of the FWJGA Boys City Junior Golf Championship. Adler stopped the slide with a birdie on No. 8 and escaped some difficulties on the back nine to finish with a 3-over-par 74 and take a one-shot lead over Hayden Springer, 16, of Trophy Club with a 145 36-hole total heading into the third round of play at Shady Oaks C.C.

First-round leader Andrew Hudson, 18, of Burleson fell two shots back with a 77. Hudson said he was hitting the ball OK and his iron play was solid, but he was having trouble judging distances and he struggled at times to finish at 77. That left him at 147 after his opening 70 at Rockwood G.C. and he's tied with Zachary Campbell, 16, of Fort Worth and Zack Howe, 15, of Mansfield, who shot 75s. Hudson got off to a rocky start at Ridglea when he bogeyed the first two holes and added bogeys on the seventh and eighth holes to make the turn in 40.

The 16-year-old Adler, of Argle and who was a regional qualifier this past school season while playing for Marcus, said long hours of practicing this past year is showing positive results. Adler has spent most of his days at the golf course, has made adjustments to his swing and has seen his putting improve. "I've hit a lot of range balls," he said. This was his first trek around Ridglea and he'll be seeing Shady Oaks for the first time Wednesday. "I feel good about my ball striking," Adler said. "I made some good putts today, though I did 3-putt some."

Springer, despite a double-bogey on the par-4 10th, had a chance to at least tie for the lead heading into the 495-yard par-5 18th, a hole several players reached in two. However, he hit his tee shot into trees to the right, hit short of the green, chipped 25 feet past the hole and 3-putted. Springer said his short game, "which has been my downfall," has improved but still isn't very good. But he's looking

forward to playing Shady Oaks. "It's a tough course and maybe a little longer. I like it longer and I like fast greens."

Campbell, who attends Arlington Heights was playing his home course at Ridglea and knew, at times, that he was hitting the ball into some unfriendly locations. He said the turning point came on the par-5 530-yard ninth when he scrambled for a par despite hitting his tee shot into a hazard. As the day wore on and with the temperature climbing into the 90s, he said the greens were rolling faster, making putting an adventure. Overall he was satisfied with his 75 that kept him in the chase.

The lowest score at Ridglea was a 73 turned in by Trent Hill, 16, of Trophy Club. He's tied at 148 with Chase Lansford (74) and Conner Parish (76).

The Division I players, which has been divided into Championship and First flights, will compete Shady Oaks C.C. The cut for the Championship Flight was 153. Division II players, which was separated into Second and Third flights, will play at Mira Vista C.C. Those who won their matches at Riverside and Glen Garden will move to Woodhaven C.C. The Championship, First, Second and Third flights will be cut to the low 16 (approximate) scores for the final round at Colonial. The six surviving players in the match-play flights will finish playing stroke play at Diamond Oaks C.C.