

2015 Champ Trinity King shoots 65 for first-round lead



Trinity King, 15, of Arlington (right, below) and winner of the 2015 Fort Worth Junior Golf Association's Girls City Junior Championship took a giant step Monday (July 10) toward adding another title by opening with a six-under par 65 at Shady Valley Country Club.

King, who finished third last year, had a reason to smile as her round included an eagle from the Red Tees (5,118 yards). to take a seven-shot lead over second place Stephanie Lee, 15, of Southlake. Lee, who was runner-up in the Second Flight last year, shot a one-over par 72. She stumbled to a three-over par seven on

the 15th hole, but managed to offset some of the damage with birdies on the second and 16th holes. King scored her eagle three on the 384-yard par-5 ninth hole.

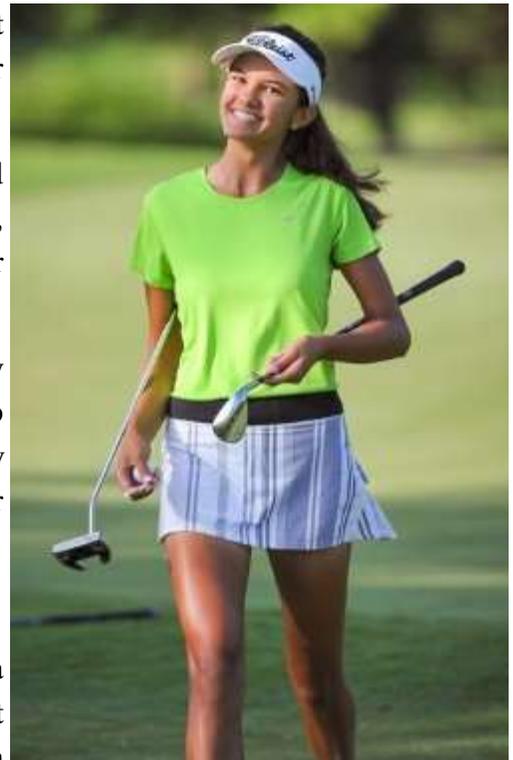
Seven was an unlucky number for a few of the leaders as Jacqueline Moreno carded one on the 18th hole en route to her 74 and Stephanie's sister Karen, 16, had one on the 16th hole, leading to a 75. Moreno enjoyed a good season this past school year, earning first team all district and helping the Arlington Martin team qualify for the 6A Regionals, where they finished fourth.

Three others were at 75, including Aysis Azarcon, 15, of Grand Prairie and who attends Mansfield Timberview; Ashley Davis, 16, of Justin (Northwest HS) and Michelle Zhou, 15, of Keller (Carroll High School).

Brooke Sullivan, 17, of Bedford pulled off the shot of the day when she scored an eagle two on the 297-yard ninth hole to help the Texas Wesleyan bound player finish with an 80. It probably was a disappointing start for Sullivan, who was two-time golfer of the year at Bell and a two-time regional qualifier.

Approximately 130 girls teed off Monday morning.

Lauren Gastos, 12, a Fort Worth St. Paul Lutheran student, took a two-shot lead Monday in the 9-Hole Championship Flight at Sycamore Creek G.C. Gastos, who finished seventh last year in the flight, shot a 45 at Sycamore Creek G.C. and leads last year's 9-hole champion Jax Betz, 12, a Keller Indian Springs Middle School student. Betz's 47 is a shot in front of Micaiah Joubert, 12, a student at UME Prep Academy in Grand Prairie and who finished third in the division last year. Rounding out the Championship Flight are Maia Dabney, 13, a student at Mansfield Wester Middle



School and winner of the First Flight last year, and Katie Freeman, 11, a student at Hurst Hills Elementary and fifth in the First Flight last year with scores of 51 and 52, respectively. Dabney also won the middle school seventh grade individual girls championship this past season.

Catherine Haas-Black, 13, of Benbrook and Isabella Sandoval, 14, of Euless are tied for the lead in the First Flight with 58s. Haas-Black tied for second last year in the 9-hole First Flight division. She has competed on the NTPGA Junior Tour since she was seven and has won several times.

The 9-hole girls will continue stroke play Tuesday at Sycamore Creek G.C. with tee times beginning at 7 a.m.

The 18-hole girls were vying for the 34 spots that formed Division I, which will include the Championship Flight. They will continue Tuesday at Ridglea Country Club's Family Course with tee times beginning at 7:30 a.m. They will be flighted after the second round. The other girls formed Division II and will be flighted according to first-day scores and will play match play at Hawks Creek G.C. with a 7 a.m. shotgun start.

On Wednesday, the 18-hole girls will finish at Mansfield National with tee times beginning at 7 a.m. The Division II girls will play stroke play at Diamond Oaks Country Club and the 9-hole girls will finish at Sycamore Creek.

(Photo: Bill Hatley, co-director for the boys tournament, is shown passing out scorecards and reviewing the rules with girls at Sycamore Creek. Photos from Shady Valley supplied by [Movin' Pictures.](#))