

## Trinity King builds lead after second round 73

It might be premature to hand Trinity King the winner's trophy for the Fort Worth Junior Golf Association's Girls City Junior Championship considering there is one more round to play, but the 15-year-old stretched her lead to a seemingly insurmountable 16 shots after the second round Tuesday.

King, who opened with a 6-under par 65 at Shady Valley Country Club when she carded six birdies, an eagle and two bogeys from the Red tees, toured the Ridglea Country Club's Family Course in a one-over par 73 from the White Tees (6,097 yards) to give the Arlington Martin student a two-day 138 total.

King, who won the 2015 title when she was 13 and finished third last year, leads Ashley Davis, 16, of Justin and Stephanie Lee, 15, of Southlake, who are tied at 154. Davis, a Northwest High School student, was among the few challengers to dip under 80 by carding a 79 to go with her opening 75.



So, that appears the main race the next two days Wednesday will be for the second-place trophy with at least five players in contention..

Lee was the nearest pursuer after an opening 72 the first day, but she struggled to an 82 Tuesday. Jacqueline Moreno, 17, of Arlington had carded a 74 at Shady Valley, but fell back with an 83 at Ridglea, which features fast and subtle slopping greens. Two shots behind the two are Chatham Betz, 15, of Keller whose 75 was the second lowest score of the day. She is tied with Ashley Azarcon, 15, of Grand Prairie (75-82), Moreno, and Michelle Zhou, 15, of Keller (75-82). They're one shot ahead of Quinn Barber, 17, of Colleyville Heritage (77-83).

King managed two birdies and saved par on the par-5 ninth after hitting her tee shot into a water hazard to make the turn at one-under 36. (She's shown above taking a drop near the hazard.) But she bogeyed the first three holes on the back nine, got one stroke back with a birdie on the par-4 14th before dropping another on the par-3 17th.

Lee was only one over par through seven holes, but double-bogeyed the par-4 eighth and the par-5 ninth for a 42, She was regrouping on the back nine, but finished with bogey, double-bogey and bogey for a 40.

Moreno had problems from the start, with a bogey on the par-5 first hole and a double-bogey on the par-4 third and then a triple-bogey on the par-4 fifth and finished the front nine with a 46. She rallied on the back, though, to post a 37.

Betz went through the front nine with a 40, and also rallied on the back with three bogeys and three birdies for an even-par 35.

Nothing much changed in the standings in the 9-hole division after Tuesday's second round, though Lauren Gastos, 12, a Fort Worth St. Paul Lutheran student, stretched her lead in the Championship Flight from two shots to seven over last year's champion Jax Betz. Gatsos' low score of the day, a 39, gave her a two-day 84 total. Betz, 12, a Keller Indian Springs Middle School student, followed her opening 47 with a 44 for a 91 total. Micaiah Joubert, 12, from Grand Prairie, was only three behind the lead after an opening 48, but struggled to a 55 Tuesday and fell back to 103.

Catherine Haas-Black, 13, of Benbrook and Isabella Sandoval, 14, of Euless remained tied for the First Flight lead after carding consecutive 58s for 116 totals. Third place Lindsey Gatsos, 9, fell back with a 63 and a 124 total.

The 9-hole girls will finish Wednesday at Sycamore Creek G.C. with tee times beginning at 7 a.m.

(Photos from Ridglea, Hawk's Creek, Shady Valley and the second day at Sycamore were supplied by [Movin' Pictures](#).)