

The Orange Park Open

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It was a smaller field of competitors that gathered for tournament play this weekend, with this division seeing five player's tee-up for day one, round one action at The Golf Club of **Fleming Island. Competing for the first time with this age group was Jacob Wright, joining Kyle** Jewett and Ben Dryden on their home course, and Ashin Chadha and John Norris rounding out the roster. As play came to a close Saturday evening, Jewett's low round 73 was of little surprise, and landed him in first position on the leaderboard. Jewett attributed his performance to confident course management and "feeling comfortable" on every hole. Close behind, though, at just four-strokes off the lead was Chadha. His 77 was enough to have him in the hunt for a title, yet again, and made for an exciting contest come day 2. As it would turn out, however, the only difference in where this slate of golfers finished from day one to day two, was the course location, itself. The second round of tournament play was hosted by The Country Club of Orange Park, on a golf course that proved to be much faster than had been the case the prior day. All of the players finished in the same spot at the conclusion play that they'd occupied at the start, which meant Jewett and Chadha found themselves raising the first trophies of the Summer Tournament Series, securing first and second place, respectively. Jewett was quick to say that "no one [was] more surprised than [him] that [his] 87 carried the day." Walking off 18, after his last putt was finally in the cup, Jewett said he "didn't think it was possible to still win this thing". And, while Chadha did turn in the low round for day two (85), he yielded 10-strokes to Jewett's even par, on the four par-5 holes played on the day.

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This division saw the addition of RJ Glod to its ranks for this weekend's competition. As was the case with the entire field throughout the tournament, the unique set of challenges afforded by the two-day, two different courses format would prove to be a factor for this group. Players in contention at the close of day one would find themselves scattered up and down the length of the leaderboard as the tournament came to close. Peyton Billings, who, along with Elliott Wright, had a low round 71 on the first day of play, was prepared to make the necessary adjustments to accommodate the change in course conditions. Day two saw a score of 76 from Billings, who would go on to take first place, winning his first championship title with the NFJG. He felt his "ability to adjust [his] game to the faster, smoother course conditions" on Sunday was the key to his win. Harrison Presta would rise, for the second week in a row, from the middle of the pack of challengers to finish in second place, shooting a low round 75 on day two to secure a trophy.

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This division found itself with two Erickson boys to open the summer season, as Danny moved up from the Foundation to join his brother, Eddie, on the tour. While neither boy took home a trophy this weekend, newcomer Danny assured himself bragging rights in the household, finishing fourth, and 4-strokes ahead of his brother, on the weekend.

Lucas Slayden, who found himself in third place after shooting an 81 on the first day of play, proved consistency is key, as he snagged the tournament victory by shooting another 81 for round two. In second place was Andrew Davis, who took control of that position with a round one score of 79 and refused to relinquish it for the duration of the tournament.

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The NFJG summer season opened much like the spring season closed: two-days of 36-hole tournament play, finishing with Olivia Whitten and Chloe Schiavone atop the leaderboard, in first and second place, respectively. Once again, many felt this was the match-up to watch this weekend, and neither Whitten nor Schiavone would disappoint. Whitten, who turned in the low round on both days, (77, 80), would find herself in first place throughout the entirety of the tournament. Schiavone took early control of her place on the scoreboard, as well, shooting an 80 on the first day of competition, with a second round 84 proving just enough to hold off Katherine Jakeway, despite Jakeway finishing 5-strokes better than she had the day before .

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Yet another division that found its scoreboard in little need of change over the two days of tournament play. With a first day low round of 39, Colton Schwartz was positioned atop the leaderboard with a two-stroke lead over his nearest competitor, Nolan Harper, in second place. Also in action on day one was Alyzabeth Morgan, who shot a personal best 48. The second round of nine holes for this group saw Gavin Fleming turn in the low score on the day (41), which pushed him into the third spot on the board, but falling one-stroke short of challenging Harper for the second place finish. Schwartz maintained his lead and first place standing for the duration of the tournament, taking home a championship trophy and the first NFJG Foundation victory of the summer season.