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Competition Narrows As Golfers Move Closer to Optimist Championship Titles

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – The second round of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships was one of consistent golf for many of the leaders, and a few golfers moved closer to the top of the leaderboards with impressive play on the courses today at PGA National.

Corey Pereira from Cameron Park, California, has established a one-stroke lead in the boys 16-18 division heading into round three. Pereira shot a 4-under today on the Palmer course to move from sixth to first. Pereira's two-day total is 71-68—139. With a low-round 69 for the day, Joey Lane of Great Falls, Virginia, moves into second place with 72-68—140. Tied for third is Alfredo Ruiz of Mexico with 69-72—141 and Zach Partin (Lewisville, Texas) at 73-68—141. Partin opened the day with a bogey on #1 but kept his score low with a hole-in-one on Palmer #10. Entering the third round tied for fifth are Corey Eddings of Roseville, California, with 69-73—142 and James Lee of Albuquerque, New Mexico, with a two-day total of 73-69—142.

Play stayed consistent in the girls 15-18 division. Marcella Pranovia of Santa Ana, California, has taken sole possession of the lead after a two-day score of 69-73—142. In second is Maho Hayakawa of Mexico, who was 2-over-par for the day and ended day two with a total score of 70-74—144. Moving into third for the girls division is Coralía Arias from Ecuador, scoring a 2-under-par 70 on the Squire course at 77-70—147. Fourth on the leaderborad is Alexa Hammer from Boynton Beach, Florida, who sits at 74-75—149 after her second day of play. One stroke behind is Carly Ray Goldstein of Coral Springs, Florida, who rounds out the top five for the girls division with 74-76—150.

The third round begins on Saturday, July 28. Scores, photos, news stories and tee times will be updated daily throughout the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Results will be available under the tournament's information at www.optimist.org/golf. Player updates and news items will also be included on the Optimist Junior Golf Facebook page at www.facebook.com/optimist.golf and Twitter feed [@OptimistGolf](https://twitter.com/OptimistGolf).

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