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Golfers Move Closer to *The Optimist* Championship Titles

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – Scores are low as golfers enter into the final tournament round of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. The top 50 boys 16-18 and top 35 girls 15-18 after round days, head into the final round on the Champion and Squire at PGA National.

Joey Lane of Great Falls, Virginia, moves up the leaderbaord to sit comfortably in first with a five-stroke lead. Lane combined bookend 68s during the second and third rounds and enters the final round with a 72-68-68 (-8). In second place is Alfredo Ruiz from Mexico who shot a 69-72-72 (-3) after three rounds.

Jeff Lang's consistency over the last three days moved him into third place. The Lexington, Massachusetts, teen has a three-day score of 72-71-71 (-2). Corey Pereira of Cameron Park, California, 71-68-76 (-1) and Corey Eddings of Roseville, California, 69-73-73 (-1) are tied for fourth at minus one.

Santa Ana, California, local Marcella Pranovia's low 69 during round one keeps her atop the leaderboard for the girls 15-18 division. Pranovia has a three-day score of 69-73-79 (+5). Three strokes behind is Maho Hayakawa of Mexico, who has maintained her spot with 70-74-80 (+8). Rounding out the top three for the girls division is Thamonpat Siriko of Thailand, who shot her tournament best of one-over-par 73 on the Palmer course at 75-77-73 (+9). Siriko won the Palmer Long-Drive Contest with a 257-yard shot straight down the fairway.

Four girls from around the world are tied for fifth at 11-over-par after three days of play. Gabi Oubre' of Mobile, Alabama, Nattapan Siritrai of Thailand, Kitty Tam from Hong Kong, Eunice Yi of Evans, Georgia, and Coralia Arias from Ecuador.

The final round begins on Sunday, July 29. 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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