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5-3A GOLF TOURNAMENT

Posey wins second title

Iowa Park High School junior Blake Posey battled Burkburnet's Robert Turner Monday for the District 5-3A boys title at Wind Creek Golf Course, with Posey winning his second consecutive title by one stroke 77-74–151.

"It's pretty sweet," Posey said of his second gold, which also qualifies him for a third straight trip to the UIL Region 1-3A Tournament Monday and Tuesday at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock.

With Posey and Turner both competing in the summer youth tournament season, the two were familiar foes at the Sheppard AFB course. Turner shot 76 his first round to earn a one-stroke lead over Posey, who rallied from a bad front nine to birdie four of the final seven holes for a 77.

"The front nine was kind of getting to me," Posey remembered. "I had to take a break, get something to eat, and think about what I was doing."

On the back nine, Posey said his putter caught fire. "I don't know, something just clicked," he said. "I started fraining putts from everywhere."

On Monday, Posey finished the front nine with a one-under 35, giving him a one-stroke lead over Turner. "This round was a lot better," he noted. "The back nine, I was just tyring to keep my pace, make pars, and keep the pressure on him."

Which worked until Posey double-bogeyed the 15th hole, putting the two players back to heads-up with three holes remaining.

On the par-3 16, Posey made the green on his tee shot, while Turner hit long and left. His return chip "nailed the pin" according to Posey, scooting just inches away from the hole. Turner holed his put for par, and Posey two-putted for par.

On the par-5 17, Posey made the green in two with a six-iron second shot, making birdie in two putts. Turner ended with a par, giving Posey a one-stroke advantage. "That was it, pretty much," said Posey. "I just had to stay with him on 18."

Both players parred the final hole.

Asked what will be different his second trip to the regionals (last year he shot 81-76), Posey said, "Playing last year will help

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Blake Posey and Logan Canafax qualified to compete in next week's UIL Region 1-3A Golf Tournament in Lubbock. photo by Kevin Hamilton

DISTRICT TENNIS MEDALISTS - IPHS tennis players winning medals in the recent District 5-3A Tournament include (from left) Chelsey Cullers, Justin Fuhrman, Amanda Fuhrman, and Sean Jackson. The Fuhrmans advance to the UIL Region 1-3A Tennis Tournament in Lubbock after placing second in mixed doubles. Story on page 2B. photo by Kevin Hamilton