

## Matlari wins boys' 12-13 group in Doral Junior Publix

A day after heavy rain wiped out the first round, the Doral Junior Publix Classic resumed under sunny skies Saturday.

Philipp Matlari withstood wind gusts to take the boys' 12-13 title with a 2-under-par 70.

Doral's White Course, designed by Greg Norman, was tough, Matlari said, but he added he putted well. Good enough, in fact, to win by three strokes over Julian Otero of Colombia.

In the girls' 12-13 division, a playoff was needed to determine the winner. Reona Hirai of Summerville, S.C., and Sierra Brooks of Sorrento each shot a 74, but Hirai prevailed in the playoff.

“It feels really great because I've never won a major tournament before,” Hirai said.

A playoff also was needed to determine the winner of the boys' 10-11 division, which Windermere's Sully Zagerman won against West Palm Beach's Jeffrey Cunningham as darkness fell over the course. Both finished with a 73.

In the boys' 8-9 group, Alejandro Madariaga of Mexico, playing in his third Doral Juniors event, won with a 3-under 33. He defeated San Diego's Ahmed Ali, who shot a 34. Naomi Mitchell of Norfolk, Va., won the girls' 8-9 with a 33.

Other winners included Jose Islas of Mexico, who shot a 37 in the boys' 7-and-under; Elle Nachmann of Boca Raton, who shot a 38 in the girls' 7-and-under; and Maria Otero of Colombia, who shot a 37 in the girls' 10-11 division.

The 54-hole tournament for the 14-18 group starts Monday after a practice challenge on Sunday featuring the top 12 golfers from Florida facing the top 12 from New England.

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