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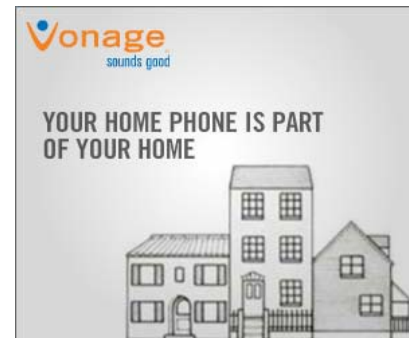
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Sergio Franky, left, and Robert McKinney walk on the second hole of The Rawls Course during Friday's second round of the Jerry Rawls Classic.

By Don Williams

Being a seasoned golfer isn't a requirement to score well on the Rawls Course. But the evidence shows it doesn't hurt.

A year after Robert McKinney won the Jerry Rawls Classic at age 63, Randy Richardson shot a 1-under-par 71 Friday to put himself in contention after the first round of this year's event.

Richardson is 55 and last won a major Lubbock tournament 12 years ago.

"I've played 20 times in two years," he said. "I had no expectations, and it worked really well. Tomorrow may be a different story, but today was great. ... I hadn't played that way in a long time."

Scott Rundell birdied three of the last four holes, and his 3-under 69 was good for the 18-hole lead. Shawn Reeves, a former Plainview resident who lives in Sherman, shot 70.

Richardson will be nipping at the heels of those guys, sort of like in 1998, when he and Johnny Rodgers won the Par Buster at Lubbock Country Club.

"They won't let me in seniors (division), because it's 60," Richardson said. "Last year, it was 55. I turn 55 this year, and they jacked it up to 60. Yeah, I'll be playing with all the flat bellies, all the youngsters. It'll be a pleasure getting to play with those guys again."

All self-deprecation and humor aside, Richardson said he won seven tournaments two years ago playing in Golf Channel amateur tour events in the Albuquerque, N.M., area and finished fourth in the finals in Florida. Being all individual events, they sharpened his game and mental toughness.

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But he said Friday, when he made three birdies and two bogeys, was still an uplifting round.

"I think I hit one bad shot all day: second shot on 14," he said. "Other than that, I couldn't believe how well I hit it."

Richardson will have to keep hitting it well, because the players at the top of the leaderboard are likely to.

Rundell went out in 33 and fell back to even with a double bogey at 14. He recovered by making a 50-foot birdie putt from off the green at 15. After making par on the 240-yard par-3 16th, he birdied the two par-5 finishing holes.

"For going 3-under back to even and back to 3-under, I'm tickled," he said. "But it's a long ways to go - two more rounds and lots of good players out here - so you've just got to keep going."

He still picked up valuable shots on a number of the tournament's expected contenders. No one broke par in a threesome that featured McKinney, Tech golfer Sergio Franky and defending Rawls club champion Will Aycock.

"We had a lot of trouble," said McKinney, the Houston resident, who carded a 74. "We saw all the golf course."

Franky had some of the worst of it, and the Tech junior was the Rawls Classic champion two years ago when he shot 65 on the final day. This time, he double bogeyed the first hole, made five more bogeys along the way and signed for a 77.

"It was windy. It was slow. I'm a bit tired," Franky said. "Tomorrow will be better."

The Rawls Classic is the only Lubbock major other than the Men's City Championship that doesn't go with a partnership format.

"I think it's great," said Levelland's Bill Ashley, who shot 73. "There's no partner backing you up. I think it's great that the Rawls Course has this."

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