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Morris Mullin, who finished second in the tournament, watches his tee shot on the 16th hole

Reeves claims title, trip

*Eagle on 18 helps
youth to 2-shot win*

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Americus 15-year-old Chan Reeves rammed in a 6-foot putt for an eagle 3 on Riverside Country Club's 18th hole Wednesday, completing his second consecutive 71 and claiming the championship of the Georgia Section PGA Junior Tournament.

Thanks to the closing eagle, Reeves defeated 17-year-old Morris Mullin of Columbus by two strokes and won the first-place trip to Palm Beach, Fla., for the national PGA Junior Tournament in August.

Warner Robins' Marci White won the girls division, shooting a second-day 88 for a 169 total. White also won a trip to the national tournament.

Macon's Will Davidson won the 12-13 age division with a 2-over 146 total. The 12-13 players played from shorter distances and were not eligible for the Palm Beach trip.

REEVES, playing in the 14-15 age group, began the day one stroke back of Mullin, who was playing several

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groups behind in the 16-17 category. After a front-nine 38, Reeves had fallen two strokes behind Mullin, who was safely ahead of the players ahead of him.

Reeves caught fire on the back nine, getting up-and-down from a bunker on the par-5 12th for birdie, and paring every other hole until the 18th. On that 36th hole of the tournament, Reeves drove the ball down the heart of 459-yard, par-5 fairway, then lifted a blind 3-iron shot six feet from the pin. When he rammed the ball in the back of the cup, Reeves had his second consecutive 71, and a good shot at winning the tournament.

"I knew I had to birdie 18," said Reeves, the nephew of Denver Bronco Coach Dan Reeves. "I walked up the hill to see where the flag was so I

could pick a club to hit, but I couldn't see the green from where I was. Somebody told me pretty quick that it was on the green."

Mullin was coming into the 16th hole at the time, standing at 1-over for the day, 1-under for the tournament. Not knowing how he stood with Reeves, Mullin 3-putted the 16th green for a bogey, leaving him two shots back. He could only par on the final two holes, missing good birdie opportunities on both.

THE TOURNAMENT'S second day was pestered by rain showers, including one that delayed the start for 90 minutes. Another hour-long rain in the afternoon slowed play, but did not stop the tournament.

"I couldn't get used to the rain this morning," Reeves said. I 3-putted

two of the first greens. I just couldn't get used to the speed of the greens. But it didn't bother me in the afternoon."

Unaware of Reeves' charge, Mullin was safely ahead of his own competitors in the 16-17 group. But that feeling of security left quickly between the 16th and 17th holes when he heard of Reeves' closing eagle.

"I wish I had known how he had done earlier," said Mullin. "Maybe I would have concentrated on the 16th a little better. I knew I had to eagle 18 when I got there."

"But I don't know ... I played a good tournament, and I'm happy with that."

MACON'S Lee Gerdes and Warner Robins' Jason Keefe tied for second in the 16-17 group, both shooting 147s. Macon's Scott Nystrom — who shot a closing 1-under 71 — and Dave Schreyer of Peachtree City tied for

fourth at 148. Four players were at 151 — Americus' Raymond Baldwin, Columbus' Mat Mize, Marietta's Brad Champion and Kennesaw's Steve Stephenson.

Georgia Section PGA Junior Tournament Wednesday's Results

14-17: Morris Mullin 74-144; Lee Gerdes 73-147; Jason Keefe 75-147; Scott Nystrom 71-148; Dave Schreyer 76-148; Raymond Baldwin 74-151; Brad Champion 76-151; Mat Mize 76-151; Steve Stephenson 76-151; Art Knight 71-152; Clay Shaw 73-152.

14-15: Chan Reeves 71-142 (overall boys winner); Greg McDonald 74-149; Mike Clark 77-152; Lee Henderson 77-153; B.J. Dekreek 73-155; Chris Cupit 76-156; Mark Griffin 76-156; Greg Kennedy 80-157; Rick Cravey 77-157; Troy Dykes 75-158.

12-13: Will Davidson 72-146; Chris Sutton 75-148; Jake Reeves 74-149; Curt Thompson 77-153; Walt Garvin 76-154; Richard Russell 77-157; Jay McElrath 80-159; John Massey 85-165; Rob Robertson 79-165; Steve White 84-170.

Girls: Marcie White 88-169 (overall girls winner); Kelly Stokes 100-202; Allison Meriaux 108-215.



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