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**OCHSNER HEALTH LHSAA STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS – Division I Girls First-Day Story
Monday, May 1, 2023, at Les Vieux Chenes Golf Club (5,679 yards, par 74), Youngsville, La.**

YOUNGSVILLE – Two-time defending champion Barbe of Lake Charles posted two of the top three individual scores and used that performance to take the team lead after Monday's first round of the Girls Division I competition at the Ochsner Health LHSAA State Golf Championships.

Isabella Callaba and Mattie Purgahn both shot four-over 78 scores for Barbe over the 5,679-yard par-74 Les Vieux Chenes layout. That gave Barbe a 156 team score, enough for a 23-stroke lead over runner-up Sacred Heart-New Orleans entering Tuesday's final round.

Northshore stands one more stroke back in third place at 180 and Sam Houston stands fourth at 186.

Jade Neves led the way for Sacred Heart with a one-over 75 and is the individual leader by three strokes over the Barbe duo, while Teagan Connors of The Willow School, last year's third place finisher, is one more stroke back at 79. Sahithi Koneru of Dominican rounded out the top five, standing in fifth place at 82 entering the final round.