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**OSCHNER HEALTH LHSAA STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS -- Division III Boys First-Day Story
Monday, May 2, 2022, at Cane Row Golf Club (6,291 yards, par 72), New Iberia, La.**

NEW IBERIA – Ascension Episcopal took a big step toward a fourth straight Division III Boys title Monday, jumping out to a big lead on the first day of the Oschner Health LHSAA State Golf Championships.

The Blue Gators, who won titles in 2018, 2019 and 2021, put three players in the individual top five and carded an even-par 288 team total – the lowest of any of the four boys divisions. They hold a 17-stroke lead over second-place Loyola Prep going into Tuesday’s final round at the 6,291-yard par-72 Cane Row Golf Club course.

Bryce Sutterfield posted a three-under-par 69 to pace the Gators and share the individual lead going into the final round. Boyd Owens of Episcopal-Baton Rouge and Luke Haskew of University also carded 69 on Monday and will join Sutterfield in the final pairing.

Jay Mendell of Ascension Episcopal, who had the low qualifying round in all divisions with a 63 last week, is fourth at two-under 70, and teammates Kale Fontenot and Zach Belle are tied for fifth and tied for 17th with 72 and 77 scores respectively for AES’ other counting scores.

University Lab stands third, one stroke behind Loyola Prep, at 306, with Notre Dame fourth at 313 and Episcopal-Baton Rouge fifth at 319.

Travis Randle of Lakeside, Cody Vaughn of University and Miles Merlin of Newman share fifth place with Fontenot at even-par 72.

The final round is scheduled for noon off both the Nos. 1 and 10 tees at Cane Row.