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HOT GOLFER — Amy Alcott drives en route to a four-stroke lead after two rounds Friday of the LPGA Mazda Hall of Fame event.

Alcott leads Lopez by 4 in Hall of Fame

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SUGAR LAND, Texas (AP) — Amy Alcott, the first-day leader, birdied five of the final six holes for a 4-under-par 68 Friday and extended her lead to four shots after two rounds of the \$300,000 LPGA Mazda Hall of Fame Championship.

Alcott shot a 3-under-par 69 in Thursday's rain-plagued first round and had a 36-hole total of 137, 7-under-par and four shots ahead of Nancy Lopez, who birdied the final hole for a 70 and a 141 total.

Hall of Famer JoAnne Carner also had a 3-under-par 70 over the 6,470-yard Sweetwater Country Club course for a 142 total in third place.

"I might win by 10 or 11 shots or I might finish third or 10th," Alcott said. "I'll be out there playing aggressively. I just think that tomorrow I'm equal with the field and we go from there."

Janet Coles shot a second round 69 and tied with Pat Bradley and Kay Kennedy at 143, 1-under-par. Kennedy shot a second round 71 and Bradley had a 72.

Sally Quinlan, with a 73 and Sally

Little, with a 69, and Beverley Davis with a 72, tied at even par 144 with Mary Beth Zimmerman, who shot a course record 66.

The field was trimmed to 78 golfers scoring an 8-over-par 152 or better for that final two rounds.

Alcott started a four-hole birdie run on No. 13 with putts of one, 15, 12 and 20 feet, two-putted for par on 17 and ran in another 20-footer on 18.

Alcott's final birdie followed a 175-yard shot over a tree with a 7-wood.

"I had no chance for that shot but when there's not a shot, you make a shot," Alcott said. "I was having fun there. I just stood there and laughed."

Carner had a first round even-par-72 for a 36-hole total of 142, 2 under par despite missing two short putts. Carner was 3-under-par for the tournament until the final hole when she missed a four-foot putt for a bogey.

Mary Beth Zimmerman shot a competitive course record 6-under-par 66 with an eagle and three birdies over the final four holes after an opening round 78.

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