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Wild Horse hosts developmental tour's Midwest Open

Jesse Mueller enjoyed his stay in Gothenburg last week for the GOLFWEEK National Pro Tour's stop at Wild Horse. He's hoping that when the tour returns next year that he'll have other plans.

That, in fact, is the goal of all the players on the developmental tour. They want to advance to the Nationwide Tour or, perhaps, the PGA tour.

Mueller, who played three steady rounds of excellent golf while posting a one-stroke victory at the \$150,000 Midwest Open with a 14-under-par 274, hopes to qualify for the PGA tour at the Q school in October.

The Arizona State graduate was in a two-way tie on the top of the leaderboard following the first day of play Tuesday with a six-under 66. He didn't get discouraged after a 75 on the second day.

"I was really steady the three days," he said. "That one day kind of got away from me."

Mueller bounced back with a 66 on Thursday and led by two going into the final round. He withstood a charge by Ryan Dillon, who fired a seven-under 65—the best round of the tournament—to finish within one stroke.

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MIDWEST OPEN TOP 10

1 Jesse Mueller	66-75-66-67=274	-14
2 Ryan Dillon	71-70-69-65=275	-13
3 Pat Grady	69-69-73-67=277	-11
4 Chris Parra	70-69-76-70=279	-9
5 John Ellis	69-73-70-69=280	-8
16 Geoff Gonzalez	67-74-74-69=281	-7
76 Michael Welch	71-69-74-67=281	-7
18 Jacob O'Keefe	69-72-71-70=282	-6
18 Rodney Hamblin	72-72-67-71=282	-6
T10 Josh Ester	74-68-73-68=283	-5
T10 Blaine Staggs	66-75-73-69=283	-5
T10 Chad Ginn	72-68-73-70=283	-5

JESSE MUELLER

Residence: Mesa, Arizona
2012 Events Played: 7 Cuts Made: 6
Best Finish: 1st (Midwest Open)
Earnings: \$41,775

