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### SEMINOLE MEN'S GOLF TEAMS RETURNS TO NATIONAL ELITE

The Florida State men's golf team finished the 2006-07 season ranked 15th in the final national rankings by GolfStat, in a tie for 13th place in the NCAA Championship finals, in fifth at the NCAA East Regional Championship and in a tie for fourth at the ACC Championship as it enjoyed their most successful season in more than a decade. The Seminoles had two players earn All-America, All-Southeast Regional and All-ACC honors as the team earned seven top-five team finishes and returned to the national elite under fourth-year Head Coach Trey Jones. Florida State completed its best season under Jones by playing in back-to-back NCAA Regional Championships for the first time since the 1995 and 1996 seasons and advancing to the NCAA Championship finals for the first time since 1996. The Seminoles' tied for fourth place team finish at the ACC Championship marked the highest finish in the event for Florida State since finishing in fourth place in 1996.

### SEMINOLE MEN'S GOLF TEAM EARNS TOP 15 FINAL NATIONAL RANKING

Florida State finished the 2006-07 season ranked 15th in the final head-to-head standings of the season by GolfStat marking the best final national ranking for the Seminole men's golf team since 1995 when they finished seventh in the nation. Playing a schedule that was ranked in the top 20 in the nation, Florida State earned seven top-five team finishes and averaged 73.22 strokes as a team during the fall 2006 and spring 2007 seasons. Each member of the Seminoles' starting line-up in the 2007 post-season finished with stroke averages better than 75.00 strokes per round for the first time under Jones' coaching direction.

### FLORIDA STATE FINISHES TIED FOR 13TH AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Florida State finished in a tie for 13th place in the final team standings at the 2007 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship which was played on the Gold Course at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club. The finish marked the highest for the Seminoles since finishing in seventh in 1995 and marked the 11th time in school history they have finished in the top 15 of the team standings in the NCAA Championship tournament. The Seminoles survived a three-team playoff in order to advance to the final day of the 72-hole event and finished tied with Duke and just behind Georgia Tech in the race among ACC teams who played in the championship. North Carolina and Wake Forest were also in the event but did not make the cut from 30 teams to 15 in order to play in the final round.

Jonas Blixt



### SEMINOLES' TOP SCORING AVERAGES (1994-07)

Season	Player	Rounds	Avg.
1994-95	Christian Raynor	36.0	71.61
2006-07	Jonas Blixt	37.0	72.24
1997-98	George McNeill	34.0	72.44
1993-94	Bobby Cochran	34.0	72.50
1993-94	Christian Raynor	34.0	72.85
2006-07	Matt Savage	37.0	72.92
2005-06	Jonas Blixt	36.0	73.19
1994-95	Ken Staton	28.0	73.32
1996-97	George McNeill	24.0	73.46
2005-06	Matt Savage	33.0	73.76
1997-98	Jason Pool	32.0	73.88
1997-98	Mark Monroe	31.0	73.90
1996-97	Steve Bradley	33.0	73.70
1995-96	George McNeill	26.0	74.00
1995-96	Richard Fulford	35.0	74.00

### FLORIDA STATE FINISHES FIFTH AT NCAA EAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Florida State finished in fifth place in the team standings at the NCAA East Regional Championship on the Lakeside Course at the Golf Club of Georgia to earn a spot in the NCAA Championship finals for the first time since 1996. The Seminoles played their best round and counted four under par individual scores to finish with a seven-under par 281 team score in the third and final round. The Seminoles' 281 team score was built with three individual scores of 70 by junior Jonas Blixt, sophomore Matt Savage and freshman Seath Lauer. The Seminoles also counted a 71 by senior Torstein Nevestad toward the team score. Florida State's 281 team score in the third round was tied for the top team score of the event along with the 281 total by Georgia in the third round.

### BLIXT AND SAVAGE RANK AMONG TOP-40 GOLFERS

Junior All-American Jonas Blixt (Hammaro, Sweden) finished his third collegiate season ranked 20th while sophomore All-American Matt Savage (Louisville, Ky.) ranked 36th in the final individual national rankings by GolfStat. The Seminoles were one of only six teams nationally (Arizona State, Florida State, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Stanford and UCLA) to have multiple golfers finish the 2006-07 season ranked in the nation's top-40 in the head-to-head standings by GolfStat.

### BLIXT WINS INDIVIDUAL ACC CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Jonas Blixt shot a career-best seven-under par 65 in the third round and became the first Seminole to win the 2007 individual Atlantic Coast Conference men's golf championship at the Old North State Club. Blixt finished with a career-best eight-under par tournament score of 208 to defeat Georgia Tech's Cameron Tringale by one stroke to claim the individual championship. His outstanding performance led the Seminoles to a tie for fourth place finish in the team standings — the best for Florida State since finishing in fourth in the 1996 conference championship. Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech finished tied for the team championship. Florida State played its' second team score while not counting a single score above a 72. The Seminoles' team round was tied for the best of the tournament — tied with Virginia Tech — with both teams shooting 279

on the final day. It marks only the third time since joining the ACC for the 1992 season that Florida State has finished fourth or higher in the ACC men's golf championship. The Seminoles finished third in 1994 and fourth in 1996.

## **BLIXT AND SAVAGE EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS**

Seminole golfers Jonas Blixt and Matt Savage, who helped lead the Seminoles to a tie for 13th place finish in the NCAA Championship finals, were named to the Ping Division I All-America teams. Blixt earned All-America Second-Team honors and Savage earned All-America Honorable Mention accolades. It marked the first time since 1995 that two Florida State golfers have earned All-America honors in the same season and the first time since 1998 that at least one Seminole has been named to one of the All-America teams. Blixt was named as a member of the 10-member second team while Savage was one of 29 golfers to earn honorable mention honors.

## **BLIXT AND SAVAGE EARN ALL-REGION HONORS**

Florida State's Jonas Blixt and Matt Savage were both named as Regional All-Americans in 2007 as announced by the Golf Coaches' Association of America.

## **BLIXT AND SAVAGE EARN ALL-ACC HONORS**

Florida State's Jonas Blixt and Matt Savage were named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference men's golf team as selected by a vote of the league's 11 head coaches. It marked the first time since the 1994 season that two Seminole men's golfers earned All-ACC honors in the same season and the first time since 1998 that a Seminole has earned All-ACC honors. The Seminoles were one of only four ACC teams to earn multiple selections with the Seminoles, Clemson, Georgia Tech and Wake Forest all placing two players on the all-conference team. Since joining the ACC and competing in golf since 1992, a total of five Seminoles had earned All-ACC honors. Christian Raynor, who earned All-ACC honors in 1994 and 1995 is the only two-time honoree in school history. George McNeil, who is currently playing on the PGA Tour, was the last Seminole to earn All-ACC honors in 1998. Blixt was an automatic member of the All-ACC team as the individual medalist at the ACC Championship in April.

## **SEMINOLES DISPLAY MARKED IMPROVEMENT**

Florida State finished the 2006-07 season with a 73.22 stroke average. The Seminoles have taken nearly one full stroke off their overall team scoring average in Jones's first four years at Florida State. In addition to lowering their overall stroke average,



*Matt Savage*

the Seminoles earned a pair of Jones-era best ten top 10 finishes and 27 top-25 individual finishes during the fall 2006 and spring 2007 seasons.

## **SEMINOLES' IMPROVED RANKINGS UNDER JONES**

Florida State finished the season ranked 15th nationally in the final GolfStat head-to-head rankings of the 2006-07 season. It marked the highest final national ranking under fourth-year Head Coach Trey Jones and an improvement of 56 national places after finishing 71st during his first and second years at Florida State.

## **BLIXT AND SAVAGE RANK AMONG TOP SEMINOLES**

Junior Jonas Blixt finished the 2006-07 season with a career-low 72.24 stroke average while sophomore Matt Savage finished with a career-low 72.92 strokes average. The pair of Seminole All-Americans finished a total of 25 strokes apart as they carded the fifth (Blixt) and seventh (Savage) lowest stroke averages by a Seminole player since Christian Raynor earned All-America honors

with a 71.61 stroke average during the 1994-95 season.

## **BLIXT CONTINUES TO CUT STROKE AVERAGE**

Junior All-American Jonas Blixt finished the 2006-07 season with a career-low 72.24 stroke average. He has cut nearly two strokes from his stroke average following his freshman season through his junior season and has dropped nearly one stroke per season. Blixt averages 72.10 strokes in 102 rounds during the first three years of his career.

## **SAVAGE IS A TOP-25 FIXTURE**

Sophomore Matt Savage has played in 23 events and finished in the top-25 of the individual standings an incredible 15 times during his career. He finished in the top-25 in four of 11 events as a freshman and in 11 of 12 events as a sophomore. Savage has finished in the top-25 in 13 of his last 15 events including a tie for ninth place finish in the 2007 NCAA Championship finals. Savage finished in a career-best third place at the fall 2006 Shoal Creek Intercollegiate.

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## SAVAGE MAKES BEING UNDER A HABIT

Sophomore All-American Matt Savage finished in a tie for ninth at the 2007 NCAA Championship finals. His finish marked the highest individual finish for a Seminole since Andy Purnell finished sixth at the NCAA's in 1990. Another of the Seminoles' all-time great golfer — Nolan Henke — finished in second place in the individual standings at the 1987 NCAA Championship finals. Savage carded a two-over par 72 in the fourth and final round and finished with a two-under par total of 278 and was at or below par in three of the four rounds during the championship. He was one of only 19 players in the entire event that finished under par for the tournament. It marked the fourth time during the 2006-07 season, and first-time in a four-round event, that he had finished under par for an entire tournament.

## NEVESTAD CLOSES OUT HIS CAREER IN LINE-UP

Senior Torstein Nevestad (Oslo, Norway) finished his collegiate career exactly where he wanted to be — in the Seminoles' starting lineup for their postseason run to a top-15 national finish. After playing in only one event during the fall 2006 season (Shoal Creek Intercollegiate) and in one event during the spring 2007 as an individual (Seminole Intercollegiate) he played in the final four events of the season and helped the team achieve many of its goals for the season. Nevestad averaged 73.31 stroke per round in the final four events of the season after averaging 76.83 strokes in his first six rounds of the year. He improved his scoring average by 3.52 strokes per round in the Seminoles' postseason run.

## NEVESTAD EARNS HIS DEGREE

Senior Torstein Nevestad earned his bachelor's degree in social science during the summer of 2007. He is the only graduating senior member of the Seminole men's golf team.

## LAUER CEMENTS HIMSELF IN SEMINOLES' LINE-UP

Freshman Seath Lauer (Huntington, Ind.) finished fourth on the team with a 74.45 stroke average as he played in 10 tournaments during his freshman season. He played the best golf of his collegiate career as he finished with a six-under par score of 210 and averaged 70.00 strokes in three rounds during the Linger Longer Invitational and finished in a tie for 32nd place at the 2007 NCAA East Regional Championship. For his score at the Linger Longer he earned a tie for fourth place finish — the best of his career — and earned three top-20 finishes in the first 10 events of his career. His 222 tournament score at the NCAA East Regional Championship was buoyed by a 70 in the final round which allowed him to average 74.00 strokes during the event.

## KNIGHT IN THE NCAA'S IN FRESHMAN SEASON

Freshman Cameron Knight (Dade City, Fla.) enjoyed a very consistent freshman season and finished his inaugural collegiate season with a 74.65 stroke average. He averaged 72.00 strokes during the 2007 NCAA Championship finals to finish as the Seminoles' third leading golfer in the event. He averaged 74.65 strokes in his first season and had the fifth lowest stroke average among the eight Seminoles who earned playing time during the fall and spring seasons. Knight averaged more than three strokes less during eight events this



Cameron Knight

## JONES KNOWS NCAA SUCCESS

Trey Jones, now in his fifth season as Florida State's head coach, has guided the Seminoles to the NCAA Regional championships in each of the last two years and to a tied for 13th place finish in the 2007 NCAA Championship finals. It marked the sixth time in the 12 seasons as a Division I head coach and the sixth time in the last nine seasons overall that he has guided one of his teams to an NCAA Regional appearance and marked the fourth time during his career that he had guided one of his teams to a top-25 national ranking.

## Jones in The NCAA Rankings

Season	School	National Rank
1999	Georgia State	—
2000	Georgia State	20th
2001	Georgia State	20th
2003	Georgia State	23rd
2006	Florida State	42nd
2007	Florida State	15th



spring as compared to nine rounds in three events during the fall season.

## KNIGHT PLAYS WELL IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Freshman Cameron Knight played well and finished his play in the NCAA Championship in a tie for 49th place after firing a four-over par 74 in the final round. He finished with a 288 total to rank as the Seminoles' third leading golfer in the championship. Knight led the Seminoles in the third round with a career-low 67 to help the team make the top 15 and allow them to play on the final day of the event. He was also very consistent over each day of the NCAA East Regional Championship as he averaged 74.00 strokes per round and did not finish with a score above 75. ■

## 2006-07 MEN'S GOLF RESULTS

### INVERNESS INTERCOLLEGIATE SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2006 • PAR 71 INVERNESS CLUB OF TOLEDO TOLEDO, OHIO

9/15.	Florida State	308	310	305	923
T20.	Matt Savage	79	75	75	229
T29.	Jonas Blixt	80	79	72	231
T37.	Tommy Rymer	71	80	81	232
T50.	Nicholas Smith	80	76	77	235
64.	Song Jeon	78	80	84	240

### SHOAL CREEK INTERCOLLEGIATE SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2006 • PAR 72 SHOAL CREEK GOLF CLUB BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

3/15.	Florida State	293	294	295	882
1.	Jonas Blixt	68	76	67	211
3.	Matt Savage	69	72	74	215
T37.	Cameron Knight	80	70	76	226
T62.	Torstein Nevestad	77	76	81	234
65.	Tommy Rymer	79	78	78	235

### NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH GRIDIRON CLASSIC OCTOBER 9-10, 2006 • PAR 70 WARREN GOLF COURSE NOTRE DAME, IND.

4/12.	Florida State	295	296	306	897
T5.	Jonas Blixt	70	72	75	217
*T16.	Seath Lauer*	75	73	77	225
T21.	Matt Savage	74	76	76	226
T31.	Nicholas Smith	77	72	81	230
T41	Cameron Knight	74	85	74	233
T53.	Song Jeon	80	76	82	238

\*Competed as an individual

### THIRD ANNUAL ISLEWORTH-UCF INVITATIONAL OCTOBER 22-24, 2006 • PAR 72 ISLEWORTH COUNTRY CLUB WINDERMERE, FLA.

T8/18.	Florida State	297	297	306	900
T6.	Jonas Blixt	73	73	73	219
T25.	Matt Savage	77	72	75	224
T53.	Seath Lauer	72	78	80	230
T66.	Cameron Knight	81	74	78	233
T72.	Nicholas Smith	75	78	82	235

### SUNTRUST GATOR INVITATIONAL FEBRUARY 10-11, 2007 • PAR 72 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GOLF COURSE GAINESVILLE, FLA.

2/14.	Florida State	284	287	290	861
T4.	Matt Savage	72	75	65	212
T7.	Jonas Blixt	70	67	76	213
T29.	Seath Lauer	72	73	72	217
T40.	Cameron Knight	70	72	79	221
T61.	Song Jeon	74	76	77	227

### SEMINOLE INTERCOLLEGIATE MARCH 4-6, 2007 • PAR 72 GOLDEN EAGLE COUNTRY CLUB TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

3/15	Florida State	300	286	289	875
T10.	Matt Savage	72	76	71	219
T10.	Nicholas Smith	73	70	76	219
T23.	Jonas Blixt	77	68	77	222
T23.	Cameron Knight	78	73	71	222
T50.	Seath Lauer	81	75	71	227
T50.	Song Jeon*	70	80	74	227
T50.	Torstein Nevestad*	79	74	77	227

\*Played as an individual

### THIRD ANNUAL HOOTIE AT BULLS BAY INVITATIONAL MARCH 25-27, 2007 • PAR 71 BULLS BAY GOLF CLUB AWENDAW, S.C.

3/15.	Florida State	274	289	282	845
T9.	Matt Savage	72	67	71	210
T11.	Seath Lauer	67	75	69	211
T17.	Jonas Blixt	67	76	70	213
T26.	Nicholas Smith	69	73	73	215
T31.	Cameron Knight	71	74	72	217

### SECOND ANNUAL UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP APRIL 9-11, 2007 • PAR 72 LAKESIDE COURSE THE COUNTRY CLUB OF GEORGIA

15/15.	Florida State	310	306	305	921
T24	Matt Savage	76	74	76	226
T48	Jonas Blixt	73	79	78	230
T62	Seath Lauer	79	81	74	234
T64	Cameron Knight	82	76	77	235
76	Nicholas Smith	90	77	82	239

### 54TH ANNUAL ACC MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP APRIL 20-22, 2007 • PAR 72 OLD NORTH STATE CLUB NEW LONDON, N.C.

T4/11.	Florida State	298	286	279	863
1.	Jonas Blixt	73	70	65	208
T19.	Torstein Nevestad	74	72	72	218
T25.	Cameron Knight	78	71	70	219
T25.	Matt Savage	74	73	72	219
T40.	Seath Lauer	77	74	74	225

### SECOND ANNUAL LINGER LONGER INVITATIONAL MAY 13-14, 2007 • PAR 72 REYNOLDS PLANTATION/OCONEE COURSE GREENSBORO, GA.

3/15.	Florida State	283	279	294	856
T4.	Seath Lauer	70	68	72	210
T8.	Jonas Blixt	72	68	72	212
T17.	Torstein Nevestad	72	71	72	215
T37.	Matt Savage	70	72	78	220
T44.	Cameron Knight	71	72	79	222

### NCAA EAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MAY 17-19, 2007 • PAR 72 FSU FINAL RESULTS GOLF CLUB OF GEORGIA ALPHARETTA, GA.

5/27.	Florida State	300	292	281	873
T8.	Jonas Blixt	73	72	70	215
T23.	Matt Savage	78	72	70	220
T32.	Cameron Knight	74	75	73	222
T32.	Torstein Nevestad	75	76	71	222
T32.	Seath Lauer	79	73	70	222

### 101ST NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP MAY 30-JUNE 2, 2007 • PAR 70 FSU FINAL ROUND RESULTS GOLD COURSE GOLDEN HORSESHOE GOLF CLUB WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

T13/30.	Florida State	283	288	280	289	1,140
T9.	Matt Savage	67	69	70	72	278
T29.	Jonas Blixt	69	71	71	71	282
T49.	Cameron Knight	75	72	67	74	288
T78.	Torstein Nevestad	72	80	74	72	298
81.	Seath Lauer	79	76	72	80	307

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