

LOCAL GOLFER FINISHES FAST

Stetson Wins Team Title Over FSU

Special to The Democrat
MACON, Ga., May 21. — Sonny Tinney, lanky Florida State University golf star from Tallahassee, posted a one under par 37-34—71 here this morning giving him a 54 hole total of 216 and medalist honors in the Dixie Conference golf tournament.

The four-man team championship was won by the Stetson University Hatters with an aggregate score of 890. Florida State trailed five blows at 895 and Florida Southern college took third honors with 961.

Tinney went into the final 18 holes this morning trailing Buddy Butler of Stetson three strokes, team-mate Hank Mercer two strokes and Stetson's Pete Dye by one. As they made the turn after the first nine of today's round Mercer was leading Butler by one stroke with Dye and Tinney another stroke back.

Turns On Heat

The Tallahassee shot-maker turned on the heat in the final nine holes with three birdies, five pars and a bogey to pass Mercer and Butler and take the individual honors. Dye and Butler were co-runnerups one stroke back at 217, and Mercer finished third with a 218 total. Ted Hewitt of Florida State and Ed Kirkland of Stetson were next in line with identical 223's, followed by Sam Glassman of Mercer with a 225.

Fine as Tinney's game was, it might have been greater had the Florida state linksman been dropping his puts. He hit 47 of the 54 holes played in regulation figures.

Hewitt and Mercer had the best 18 hole rounds of the tournament Friday with 70's, while Mercer's four under par 32 Friday morning was the top nine holes turned in.

Complete medal scores of Florida-state players in the tournament were:

Tinney—72, 73, 71—216.
Mercer—70, 73, 75—218.
Hewitt—77, 70, 76—223.
Joe Bassett—75, 82, 81—238.