ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — The Southern Intercollegiate Golf Tournament opens today with the spotlight on Wake Forest's Arnold Palmer because of what he did in final practice.

in rehearsal rounds yesterday, he shot a five-under-par 67.—He went out in 32 and came back in

35 for the lowest mark in practice.

John Maddox of Georgia Tech had three strokes more in winning low medal honors in a match between Tech and Florida State University on the Athens country club course yesterday.

Tech's Gabe Hill had a 71. Low scorer for FSU was Bunk Berry with a 73.

It was Tech's sixth golf victory of the season yesterday. The score was 17-10. Tech has won six and lost two this year. FSU has an 18-2 record.

Summaries:

Berry beat Arthur Edge 3-8; Ned Edge (T) defeated Jim-James 3-8. FSU won the foursome 3-8; Dick Edwards (T) beat Vernon Edgar 3-8; Gabe Hill (T) defeated Mel Fleischer 3-8—Tech won the foursome 3-8; Mack Veghte (FSU) heat George Johnson 2!4-14; John Maddox (T) beat Bob Shuman 3-9—Tech and FSU Split the foursome 1!4-1!4.

Stan Mosel of North Texas State equalled Hill's 71 in the final practice.

A generous share of the spotlight also shines on two University of Georgia golfers, Frank Stevenson Jr. and Lester Kelly, and the defending champion, Eddie Merrins of Louisiana State University.