

WICHITA, Kans.—Florida State golfer Dave Philo opens play in the NCAA Championships here today with 36 holes of medalist play. The top 60 entrants after that will begin match play.

A senior from Schenectady, N. Y., Philo sparked the FSU golfers to an 18-4 record this season, while personally averaging 71.6 per match. Coach Hugh Durham calls him "one of the nation's best."

**WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—**Medalist Dick Sikes of Arkansas remained a strong favorite for top honors as the third round of match play began today in the National Collegiate Athletic Association golf championship.

Sikes easily eliminated Jim Rheim of Stanford 4 and 2 in Wednesday's first round. Then he was forced to go 21 holes before posting a 1-up victory over James Colbert of Kansas State.

The original field of 64 was trimmed to 16 for today's third

round. The survivors included defending champion Kermit Zarley of Houston.

Zarley downed James Seeley of Navy 2-up and Dave Philo of Florida State 4 and 3.

Sikes, who took medalist honors with a 1-under-par 139 in the 36-hole qualifying, was one under par for 16 holes in his victory over Rheim. And he finished one over par in his 21 hole match with Colbert on the Wichita Country Club's 6,640-yard par 35-35—70 course.