

TAMPA — Florida State's Mike Cheek broke the University of South Florida course record with a 3-under-par 69 but Florida took a three-stroke lead over Miami in the team competition Saturday in the Florida Intercollegiate Golf Championships.

Florida held a 623 total, Miami 626 and Florida State 629 to pace the 14-team entries.

FSU Coach Don Vexler called the University of South Florida course "one of the toughest in the state."

Cheek was the first golfer ever to break par on the layout.

Vexler wasn't at all pleased with the condition of the greens. Cold weather had left them in a frost-bitten condition, with bald spots on several of the greens.

Low individual was Miami's Tony Haderer with a 72-77-149. Second was defending champion Steve Melnyk of Florida with 72-78-150.

Cheek had a 69-82-151.

Only the four low scorers of each team's six players count in team competition. The final round was set for Sunday.

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TAMPA — Florida State's golf team moved from third to second, but was unable to overhaul Florida's defending champions Sunday in the final round of state collegiate golf championship on the University of South Florida course.

The narrow fairways of the USF course proved to be a stiff challenge. Florida's winning total was 1245.

The Seminoles were 14 strokes back at 1259, followed by Miami 1278, South Florida 1284 and Rollins 1319.

In B-team competition, the Seminoles, led by Jim Keedy, were tops with 1281. That total was also fourth best overall.

Florida State's Bob Huber was low man for the Tribe at 312. Medalist honors, however, went to Florida's Steve Melnyk.

Dick Stephens followed Huber for the Seminoles with a 318 while Mike Cheek was one stroke fourth behind at 319, and Bob Neiberding followed at 325.

Keedy was low man for the B-team with 317.

FSU's next meet is a return dual match with Florida at Gainesville on Saturday.