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MIAMI — Dick Stephens had a bogey, birdie and par on the final three holes of the first round in the Florida Intercollegiate golf tourney this morning to boost Florida State into a commanding nine-stroke lead.

Stephens' round was interrupted by rain after 15 holes yesterday, but came back to finish it this morning.

The University of Florida is a distance second behind the Seminoles in the tourney being played on the par 71 Biltmore course.

Ron Philo of FSU is tied for the individual lead with a first-round 68. Mike Cheek was right behind with 69.

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MIAMI — Florida State golfers managed to hold on to a meager two-stroke lead over rival Florida in the annual Intercollegiate golf tournament here Thursday.

The Seminoles posted a 572 total (even par) after the first two rounds while Florida was back at 574.

Mike Cheek of Florida State and Rick Spears of UF were tied for individual lead going into today's third round with 140s. Cheek fired a 71 Thursday, Spears had 69. Seminole's Ron Philo is third at 142.

Florida State putted poorly Thursday which cost them a bigger lead. The Gators played well on the front nine but trailed off on the back.

Bruce Fleisher, National Amateur champion from Miami-Dade JC broke the Lejune CC course record Thursday with a sizzling nine-under 63. He toured the front nine at 28.

Florida State is defending champion in the tourney and led last year at this same point by two strokes, also over Florida.

Today's round will be over the Lejune course while on Saturday the event moves to the Par 71 Biltmore layout.

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MIAMI — The Florida State golf team lost its two stroke edge as the University of Florida came charging up to tie the Seminoles in the third round of the Miami Intercollegiate golf tournament here Friday.

The teams are knotted with 864 each going into today's final round over the par-71 Biltmore CC course. Friday's round was over the Par-72 Lejune CC.

The Seminoles ran into trouble on the back nine when Ron Philo hit a water hazard and three putted for an eight on the par-four No. 16 hole.

FSU's Jim Keedy was low for the round with 71. Mike Cheek had 72 while Philo finished with a 74. Seminole freshman Mitt Layton fired a 73, but his score does not count in team standings.

Cheek is in third place in the individual rankings at 212 behind UF golfers Rick Spears and Steve Melnyk, who had 210 and 211, respectively.

Florida State is defending champion in the annual tourney which has a field of 46 colleges entered. Miami is in third spot in team standings followed by New Mexico State, Michigan and Duke.

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MIAMI — Florida State's golf team ahead by two at the turn, bowed to the University of Florida by the same total as the Gators won the annual Florida Intercollegiate golf tournament here Saturday.

Seminole's Mike Cheek fired a three-under 68 over the par-71 Biltmore course to tie UF's Steve Melnyk for individual low honors.

In a sudden death playoff Melnyk parred the first hole while Cheek bogeyed it. Both had finished regular play at 280 in the 72-hole tourney.

In the team standings, UF racked 1184 to Florida State's 1186. Miami was 39 strokes back of the Seminoles followed by New Mexico State and Duke.

Top scorer for the Tribe on Saturday in addition to Cheek were Jim Keedy with 69 and Bob Huber at 72. Ron Philo and Dick Stephens were next with 75s.

Melnyk paved the way for Florida when he eagled the 90-yard, par-4, 7th hole. Prior to the feat he had been three-over for the round, but finished with 69.

In the B division, junior colleges and freshman teams, FSU's Mitt Layton was second low individual behind National Amateur champ Bruce Fleisher.