

Tribe Golfers In 8th Place

Special to the Democrat

PINE MOUNTAIN, Ga. — Florida State's nationally ranked golf team stood in eighth place Saturday after the first round of the Southern Independent Championship Tournament.

The Seminoles are 19 strokes off the 380 pace set by first round leader Georgia Southern.

The second round of this 54-hole tourney will be played today, with the final round set for Monday.

Southern Leads Golf

PINEMOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) Leading by 13 strokes, Georgia Southern sought to nail down a victory today in the final round of the first annual Southern Independent Intercollegiate Championship Golf Tournament.

Georgia Southern finished the day with a total of 754, followed by Jacksonville University with 767, and Florida State with 772.

Behind FSU in team play were Memphis State with 782, South Carolina with 789, Southern Mississippi and Virginia Tech at 790, Georgia Tech with 792, South Alabama at 808 and Georgia State at 810.

Seminoles 3rd in Golf

PINE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) — Georgia Southern has captured the first Southern Independent Intercollegiate Golf championship, led by Jim Ferrelle who sank four birdies on the final round to claim individual honors.

Georgia Southern finished the three-day tournament with a total of 1,131, 16 strokes ahead of runner-up Jacksonville, which finished with 1,147, and 27 strokes ahead of third-place Florida State which finished with a total of 1,158.

Following in order were South Carolina, 1,131; Memphis State, 1,169; Virginia Tech, 1,176; Georgia Tech, 1,192; Southern Mississippi, 1,207; South Alabama, 1,215 and Georgia State, 1,221.

Ferrelle's closing round of 70 gave him a three-day total of 221 and allowed him to nose out teammate Buddy Alexander who finished at 222.

Robert Robb of Georgia State took third place at 223, followed by Scott Frye of Jacksonville at 225 and Bill Mitchell of Georgia Southern at 226.

During the tourney, coaches from the 10 schools formed an organization called the Southern Independent Golf Association and elected Jim Cook of Memphis State as president.

The coaches voted to hold the tournament each May at Callway Gardens, the site of this year's play.

Georgia Southern is ranked ninth nationally by Golf World Magazine.