

FSU 11th in tourney

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ATHENS, Ga. — Florida State found itself 23 strokes off the pace and sitting in 11th place Thursday after two rounds of the Southern Intercollegiate Golf Championship here.

Houston led the way with a 577 team total, followed by Georgia at 579, while the Seminoles came up with a 600, just seven strokes out of fifth place.

Denny Hepler shot even par for the two rounds (71-73-144) to lead Florida State and grab a spot just three strokes from the lead. He hit seven birdies on his 73 round Thursday, but was set back by two double bogeys, including one when he lost the ball.

Following Hepler for the Seminoles were Rick Fletcher (77-72—149 and eight strokes back), Kenny Knox (73-80—153), Jim Crowley (78-76—154) and Richard Jeffers (80-81—161).

Of the 24 teams originally entered, 10 missed the cut going into today's final round.

FSU's Hepler finishes sixth

ATHENS, Ga. (UPI) — Georgia swept the Southern Intercollegiate Golf Championships Friday, winning its second straight team championship and claiming first and second places in individual competition.

Florida State's Denny Hepler finished in a tie for sixth in the individual competition with a 217.

Georgia finished with a three-day score of 864; followed by Houston at 870; Indiana, 884; Marshall, 887; and Kentucky and East Tennessee State, knotted at 892. Kentucky claimed fifth place in a playoff with East Tennessee.