

FSU leads Seminole Classic

Florida State turned in a fine first-day showing Friday to jump to an early two-stroke team lead in its own Seminole Golf Classic.

The Seminoles turned in a team score of 295, two ahead of Clemson and eight ahead of Miami, the third-place team. The second round of play starts this morning at 8 o'clock, with the final round set for Sunday.

Florida Southern's Steve McKnight turned in a 68 on an ideal day to grab a three-stroke lead in the individual race. Tied for

second were Miami's Terry Hashimoto and Clemson's Kevin Walsh.

Grant Turner led the Florida State golfers with a 72, good for fifth place after one round. Seminoles following him were Steve Bys at 73, Kenny Knox at 74, and Steve Saterbo and David Boeff at 78.

While Florida State's lead in the tournament was not a great surprise, Knox' relatively average showing did come as a surprise to some. Knox, normally low scorer for the Seminoles, was rushed late Friday as

he finished his round in near darkness, and he is expected to improve his score today.

Behind Miami in the team standings are South Florida and South Carolina tied at 304, followed by Florida 305, Florida Southern 306, Auburn 308, Kentucky 310, Mississippi State 311, Louisiana State 312, Alabama 313, Florida International 313, Georgia Tech 313, Memphis State 315, Mississippi 317, Tulane 317, Rollins 318, Florida State 'B' team 320, Tennessee 322, Columbus 322, Stetson 323, Ball State 324, Western Illinois 332 and Florida A&M 344.

Seminoles pull out to 14 stroke lead

Florida State's Grant Turner had his second straight day of great golf Saturday to claim a one-stroke lead in the Seminole Classic.

Also, as expected, Kenny Knox shook off an "average" opening day and came back to shoot a hot 72 Saturday on the Seminole Golf Course.

Knox, who finished with a 74 Friday in near darkness, took advantage of fine weather conditions to fire his 72. Turner shot a fine 73 for a two-day total of 145. He was followed in the individual race by two Florida Staters, Knox and Steve Bys, both at 146. Florida Southern's Steve McKnight was also at 146 after shooting a 68 Friday.

The hot-shooting of Knox, Turner and Bys was combined with a 73 by Florida State's Steve Saterbo to give

the Seminoles a two-day team total of 586, a full 14 strokes ahead of second-place Clemson.

South Florida was settled into third place at 604, while Florida came up with a 6-5 and Miami a 611.

The leaders were followed by Louisiana State at 614, Alabama at 615, South Carolina at 618, Auburn at 619, Florida State's 'B' team at 620, Memphis State at 622, Georgia Tech at 623, Columbus at 623, Kentucky at 625, Florida Southern at 626, Florida International at 626, Tulane at 629, Rollins at 630, Mississippi at 633, Tennessee at 635, Mississippi State at 637, Stetson 638, Ball State 645, Western Illinois at 669 and Florida A&M at 695.

The tournament winds up with final-round action today.

Seminoles and Turner win Seminole Classic

Florida State, led by the play of freshman Grant Turner, captured the ninth annual Seminole Intercollegiate Golf Classic Sunday by 16 strokes.

The Seminoles' four-member team toured Seminole Golf Course in 24-over par 888 for the three-round tournament that attracted 25 of the best teams in the South.

Clemson placed second with a 904 total. A stroke back in third place was Florida with a 905.

It was the Seminoles third victory in the nine-year classic. They also won it in 1970 and 1974. LSU won a year ago.

Turner, the sensational first-year player from London, England, won individual honors with a two-over par 218 for the 54 holes. He shot a 73 Sunday, sinking a six-foot birdie putt on the final hole to edge Al Fadel of South Florida by a stroke. Turner had rounds of 72-73-73 for his 218, while Fadel went a round in 77-71-71 for his 219.

Third place went to Alan Menne of FSU's second team. Menne, in a slump, broke out of it with his best performance of the season with a 80-69-72-221.

Miami's Al Evers finished fourth with a 223 total. FSU's Kenny Knox and Clemson's Kevin Walsh tied for fifth with 224s. Three players tied for seventh. Kentucky's

Carter Mathis, South Carolina's Steve Liebler and Clemson's Mike Lawrence all had 225s.

Florida's Larry Rinker had Sunday's best round, shooting a 69. Florida Southern's Steve McKnight shot the best first-day round score of 68, which stood up to be the best of the tournament.

Florida State led the tournament from start to finish, opening a three-stroke lead over Clemson the first day and extending it to 14 after 36 holes. Clemson was second all the way, holding off Florida's strong challenge on the last day when the Gators came within a stroke of overtaking the Tigers after starting the day in fourth place.

South Florida finished fourth (906); Alabama was fifth (912); Miami sixth (917); South Carolina seventh (918); Auburn ninth (921) and Kentucky was 10th (925).

Other team scores included:

LSU 11th (928); Columbus 12th (929); Memphis State 13th (933); FSU's second team 14th (938); Georgia Tech and Rollins tied for 15th (941); Tulane 17th (945); Florida Southern 18th (946); Florida International 19th (948); Mississippi State 20th (951); Ole Miss 21st (953); Tennessee 22nd (950); Ball State 23rd (964); Stetson 25th (969); Western Illinois 26th (1011), and Florida A&M finished 27th.