

Seminoles tied for golf lead

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Florida State and Memphis State, figuring to be one-two before the first ball was teed, made the prophets of the predictors as they ended up tied with a 294 total after the first round in the Metro golf tournament at Seminole golf course.

There were few surprises . . . but there were some. The defending Metro champ, Kenny Knox, got lost back in the pack with an unimpressive 75, but it left him only three strokes off the pace. And to Knox, that just makes it a challenge.

"I have been in this position before," he said, "and we still have 36 holes left to play. I think I can get it going before it is over."

Alan Menne was the top scorer for the 'Noles, with an even par 72 which knotted him at the top with Cincinnati's Jim Kildoff. The Bearcat shooter was not among those listed with the seeds as a favorite, and his perch at

the summit is one of those few surprises.

It was figured, too, that the tough Seminole course, with rough greens, would take its toll, and take it it did. No one could break par.

In second place in team play is Georgia Tech, another surprise, as the Jackets figured behind Cincinnati and Louisville in pre-tournament prognosticating. But the Jackets are third with 302, with Cincinnati and Louisville next, tied at 304. St. Louis' Billikens, figured to be last, are just that after the first round, the Billikens coming in with a team total of 331.

At one-over par 73 were Paul Haire and Tony Mitchell of Memphis State and FSU's English Import, Grant Turner. Steve Saterbo of the 'Noles was in at 74 and Steve Bys joined Knox at 75. Mike Grant, the young bomber from Perry, was next for the 'Noles with a 76.

Coach Don Veller was pretty well

satisfied with the first round standings. "I'm not surprised by today's performance," he said, "and just as I predicted, they put some pressure on us from the very first tee. I know how much Kenny (Knox) is displeased with his round. He missed several shots within four feet of the pin and that's just not Kenny. I am sure he'll get with it tomorrow."

Veller was delighted with the performance of Menne, and he, too, was somewhat surprised that Larry Mize of Georgia Tech and Jeff Smith of Memphis State didn't fare better.

"They are both fine players, and like Knox, were considered the men to beat for the Metro individual title. They still may be, with another 36 to play. And we're still wary of Memphis State. They really come after us. They would rather beat us than anybody, so it is going right down to the wire."

Smith is still very much in the chase with a first round 74, while Mize turned in a 76.

The teams will all double up for Saturday's round as a threat of rain hangs over Tally town and Metro officials want to complete play before any rain cancels a round if at all possible.

METRO CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF INDIVIDUAL

Jim Kildoff (Cincinnati) 36-36-72
Alan Menne (Florida State) 35-37-72
Paul Haire (Memphis State) 35-38-73
Tony Mitchell (Memphis State) 36-37-73
Grant Turner (Florida State) 37-36-73
Putter Robbins (Memphis State) 36-38-74
Steve Saterbo (Florida State) 36-38-74
Jeff Smith (Memphis State) 37-37-74
Steve Bys (Florida State) 37-38-75
Lee Cheairs (Memphis State) 39-36-75
David Combs (Louisville) 35-40-75
Mike Dona (Georgia Tech) 37-38-75
Jim Jester (Cincinnati) 38-37-75
Kenny Knox (Florida State) 36-39-75
Ed Parnell (Memphis State) 37-38-75
Steve Retzliff (Georgia Tech) 36-39-75
Denny Thompson (Louisville) 38-37-75

Bo Bowden (Georgia Tech) 36-40-76
 Mike Grant (Florida State) 38-38-76
 Christ Hartlage (Louisville) 39-37-76
 Larry Mize (Georgia Tech) 35-41-76
 Joe Quirk (Georgia Tech) 36-40-76
 Robert Fletcher (Tulane) 38-39-77
 Steve Hopson (Georgia Tech) 40-37-77
 Mark Hamilton (Louisville) 40-38-78
 Don Niehaus (Cincinnati) 38-40-78
 Stan Bickel (Cincinnati) 41-38-79
 Brad Schaffner (Louisville) 35-45-80
 Mark Leadlove (St. Louis) 42-39-81
 Doug Lehman (St. Louis) 42-39-81
 Rick Brune (Cincinnati) 43-39-82
 Steve Frank (Louisville) 42-40-82
 Roger Davis (St. Louis) 37-46-83
 Bob Vespa (Cincinnati) 45-40-85
 Kevin Dolan (St. Louis) 45-41-86
 Ken Katt (St. Louis) 43-49-92

TEAM

Florida State 294; Memphis State 294; Georgia Tech 302; Cincinnati 304; Louisville 304; St. Louis 331.

Two of the pre-tournament favorites, along with Knox, Georgia Tech's Larry Mize and Memphis State's Jeff Smith, had so-so days again, with Mize getting a 74 for a two-day 150 total and Smith slipping to 76 on Saturday to also be at 150.

The wind played havoc with the golfers Saturday, as the second round got underway a couple of hours late because of heavy morning rains. "The wind was really terrible," Seminole golf coach Don Veller said. "It usually is pretty bad out here, but not this bad." And referring to Memphis State's one-stroke lead, Veller gloomed, "I guess you could say we have a 50-50 minus one chance to repeat as Metro champs." But Veller always is pessimistic, so figure the odds for the 'Noles a little better than that.

After all, Kenny Knox hasn't made his move yet, and he probably will. At least he has the confidence to do it.

"The main difference between my game yesterday and today was my putting," Knox said. "Yesterday I had 34 putts. Today I had 28."

"I broke my driver on the fifth hole, and had to use my three-wood from

then on. It didn't hurt, but it sure didn't help, either.

"I saved my score on the fifth hole by sinking a 30-footer. But I bogied one and two and I sure didn't like that.

"I'll not be too disappointed if I don't win," Knox added, "but I'll just keep plugging along. If the wind keeps up it will be to my advantage because I'm used to it here."

Veller also was pleased with the play of freshman Mike Grant of Perry in Saturday's round. "Mike was four under with five holes to go and ran into a little trouble. This is his first collegiate competition, so the pressure might have bothered him a little bit."

"I'm confident," Veller added, "that we'll play better tomorrow. Kenny will be tough, he's shooting for number one and he's a real competitor."

Mike Grant's father, by the way, played football for Veller when the Seminole golf coach was football coach at FSU in 1948.

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Tigers lead FSU golfers by a stroke

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The last two amateur tournaments Kenny Knox won were come-from-behind triumphs. And now the Florida State senior blonde bomber could be on the verge of doing the very same thing in the Metro Conference golf championships now being played at the Seminole course.

Knox finished the first round back in the pack with a blah 75. Blah for Knox, a dream round for most amateurs.

That put him three off the pace set by Cincinnati's Jim Kilduff, a "who's he?" swinger who wasn't figured anywhere near the top in this year's Metro setto.

Knox fired a one-under par 71 Saturday to move just a couple of strokes behind Kilduff in individual play, and his 71 helped the 'Noles as a team stay on the heels of Memphis State's Tigers, trailing by one at 594-593. Knox is the only player in the tournament thus far to better Seminole's tough layout under par.

The Tigers maintained their precarious lead mainly on the strength of Tony Mitchell, Ed Parnell and Putter Robbins, who finished third, fourth and fifth after Saturday's second round. Kilduff is at 144, Knox at 146, Mitchell at 147 and Parnell and Robbins in with 149s.

Young Kilduff, the leader after 36 holes, must be a muggy weather swinger. "This is the first time we've played without a sweater," he said, "so I can't complain about the weather."

"My score could have been lower, but I bogied two of the par fives on the back because I had to hit into the wind. My ball went into the water on the 8th, so you see I could have been a lot lower."

"I thought Knox would win coming in. I'll just keep trying to make pars, and let them shoot at that. I think that will be good enough to win."

Other FSU individual finishers were: Grant Turner — 150; Mike Grant — 151; Steve Bys — 152; Steve Saterbo — 153; and Alan Menne — 156.

The final 18 holes will be played today.

Jim Kilduff (Cincinnati) 72-72-144, Kenny Knox (Florida State) 75-71-146, Tony Mitchell (Memphis State) 73-74-147, Ed Parnell (Memphis State) 75-74-149, Putter Robbins (Memphis State) 74-75-149, David Combs (Louisville) 75-75-150, Larry Mize (Georgia Tech) 76-74-150, Don Niehaus (Cincinnati) 78-72-150, Jeff Smith (Memphis State) 74-76-150, Denny Thompson (Louisville) 75-75-150, Grant Turner (Florida State) 73-77-150, Bo Bowden (Georgia Tech) 76-75-151, Mark Donahue (Georgia Tech) 75-76-151, Robert Fletcher (Tulane) 77-74-151, Mike Grant (Florida State) 76-75-151, Steve Retzlaff (Georgia Tech) 75-76-151, Steve Bys (Florida State) 75-77-152, Lee Cheairs (Memphis State) 75-77-152, Paul Haire (Memphis State) 73-79-152, Chris Hartlage (Louisville) 76-76-152, Steve Saterbo (Florida State) 74-79-153, Stan Bickel (Cincinnati) 79-75-154, Jim Jester (Cincinnati) 75-79-154, Steve Hopson (Georgia Tech) 77-78-155, Alan Menne (Florida State) 72-84-156, Steve Frank (Louisville) 82-76-158, Joe Quirk (Georgia Tech) 76-82-158, Doug Lehman (St. Louis) 81-80-161, Bob Vespe (Cincinnati) 85-76-161, Rick Bruns (Cincinnati) 82-81-163, Mark Hamilton (Louisville) 78-85-163, Mark Leadlove (St. Louis) 81-82-163, Brad Schaffner (Louisville) 80-83-163, Roger Davis (St. Louis) 83-83-166, Kevin Dolan (St. Louis) 86-80-166, Ken Katt (St. Louis) 92-89-181.

Team

Memphis State 294-299-593, Florida State 294-300-594, Cincinnati 304-295-599, Georgia Tech 302-301-603, Louisville 304-302-606, St. Louis 331-325-656.

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Kenny Knox's last-minute try fell just as short as the Seminole baseball team's attempt for that sport's championship, and Florida State's leading candidate just missed winning his second straight Metro individual golf championship by a stroke.

His Seminoles did manage to take the team victory, however, by another one-stroke margin, edging Memphis State, 886-887.

Knox finished regulation play after 54 holes tied with Jim Kilduff of Cincinnati and Tony Mitchell of Memphis State. All three players tied at 218.

Mitchell won it with a birdie three on the first playoff hole.

The Seminoles, winning for the second year in a row, barely did repeat. It took a strong overall team performance to nail down the victory. Behind FSU and Memphis State were Cincinnati (899), Louisville (909), Georgia Tech (914) and St. Louis (988).

Knox got to the playoff with an even-par round of 72 while Mitchell came from two strokes off the lead that was held by Kilduff going into Sunday's round. Kilduff had a final 74, which also got him into the play-

off and much farther in the tournament.

David Combs of Louisville and Grant Turner of Florida State also had even par rounds Sunday to move into a tie for third and fourth with 222 and aid FSU's efforts for the team title.

Ed Parnell and Putter Robbins of Memphis State, who were tied for third after Saturday's round, both shot closing 75's to wind up tied for fifth with another Memphis Stater, Jeff Smith, at 224.

Larry Mize of Georgia Tech, one of the pre-tournament favorites, simply couldn't get it cranked up on the Seminole course. He struggled Sunday with a 77 and was far back in the pack with a total of 227.

Knox was naturally disappointed he didn't win the individual title, but

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he was happy that the Seminoles repeated as Metro champions.

"Sure, I'm disappointed," he said, "but I couldn't expect more. My irons were really bad . . . they were bad throughout the three days. Still, I think I should have won it. I played worse today (Sunday) than I did yesterday. I had a bad chip shot on 18 and bogied 15, which should have been an easy hole. And I missed a easy three-footer on nine.

"But the team won, and that's the big thing. We really needed to win a tournament . . . we have been close a lot this year, but we didn't pick up the brass ring."

Kilduff said Mitchell let both he and Knox back in the race on the 17th hole: "He (Mitchell) had a two-shot lead over me and one over Kenny going into that hole. I made a birdie, Kenny gets a par and Tony three-putted for a bogie to let us in the door."

Mark Leadlove (StLou)	81-82-89-252
Roger Davis (StLou)	83-83-87-253
Ken Katt (StLou)	92-89-86-267
Kevin Dolan (StLou)	NC

Metro

Results of the Metro Conference golf championships played at the par 36-36-72 Seminole Golf Course:

Team	
Florida State	294-300-292-886
Memphis State	294-299-294-887
Cincinnati	304-295-300-899
Louisville	304-302-303-909
Georgia Tech	302-301-311-914
St. Louis	331-325-332-988

Individual

Tony Mitchil (MSU)	73-74-71-218
Jim Kilduff (Cincy)	72-73-74-218
Kenny Knox (FSU)	75-71-72-218
David Combs (UL)	75-75-72-222
Grant Turner (FSU)	73-77-72-222
Don Niehaus (Cincy)	78-72-73-223
Ed Parnell (MSU)	75-74-75-224
Puffer Robins (MSU)	74-75-75-225
Jeff Smith (MSU)	74-76-74-224
Lee Cheairs (MSU)	75-77-74-226
Danny Thompson (UL)	75-75-76-226
Mike Grant (FSU)	76-75-76-227
Larry Mize (GT)	76-74-77-227
Mark Donahue (GT)	75-76-77-228
Alan Menne (FSU)	72-84-72-228
Chris Hartlage (UL)	76-76-77-229
Jim Jester (Cincy)	75-79-75-229
Bo Bowden (GT)	76-75-79-230
Steve Ritzloff (GT)	75-76-79-230
Steve Bys (FSU)	75-77-79-231
Stan Bickel (Cincy)	79-75-78-232
Paul Haire (MSU)	73-79-80-232
Steve Saterbo (FSU)	74-79-80-233
Steve Hopson (GT)	77-78-80-235
Joe Quick (GT)	76-82-78-236
Doug Lehman (StLou)	81-80-76-237
Rick Bruns (Cincy)	82-81-79-242
Steve Frank (UL)	82-76-79-237
Brad Schaffner (UL)	89-83-78-241
Bob Vespa (Cincy)	85-76-83-244