

## FSU golfers falter with first-round 304

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Jeff Jones of Tennessee fired a four-under-par 68 Friday to take the individual honors in first round action of the 10th annual Seminole Intercollegiate Golf Classic.

Jones' sub-par round was the only bright spot for the Volunteer team, which wound up 13th in a field of 22 in team standings.

Florida's Gators took team honors after the first round with a 288 total, three better than Alabama. As a team, the Gators were just one over par.

The host Florida State team could do no better than 17th, with Paul Downs getting the low round for the 'Noles with a three-over-par 75.

Dave Boeff scored a 73 for the No. 2 FSU team.

"You would think we would do better on our own course," Downs said. "But actually, the way the greens were cut and the tough pin placements made it play just like a foreign course."

A frustrated Don Veller, the Seminole coach, had no excuses to offer. "Our guys were really disgusted with the way we played today," he said. "We just have to do better (today and tomorrow. We are really disappointed, but we aren't out of it yet. We've been down before."

Veller obviously was referring to last week's Gator Invitational in Gainesville when the Seminoles came from a distant 12th to finish fifth.

Jodie Mudd of Georgia Southern was only a stroke behind Jones in individual play, and his team was in

third place with a 293. Ron Rogers of Jacksonville also had a 69.

### Individual leaders

Jeff Jones, Tennessee — 68, Jodie Mudd, Georgia Southern — 69, Ron Rogers, Jacksonville — 69, Jim Roy, South Florida — 70, Bubba Wilson, Mississippi State — 70, Barry Hartwell, Alabama — 70, Tom Coulton, Georgia Southern — 71, Terry Anton, Florida — 71.

### Team Standings

Florida - 288, Alabama - 291, Georgia Southern - 293, Auburn — 293, Clemson - 294, Ball State - 296, Florida International - 296, Jacksonville - 297, Memphis State - 298, Mississippi State - 299, Georgia - 301, South Florida - 301, Tennessee - 301, Florida Southern - 302, Mississippi - 303, Georgia Tech - 303, Florida State - 304, Kentucky - 307, Miami - 312, Furman - 312, V.P.I. - 315, Davidson - 326.

### FSU individuals

No. 1 — Paul Downs 75, Jeff Sluman 76, Allan Menne 76, Grant Turner 77, Mike Grant 78. No. 2 — Dave Boeff 73, Steve Hart 76, Mike Keymont 77, John Doppelt 78, Jim Crowley 82.

## Florida State golfers move to 7th in Seminole Classic

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Florida State golf coach Don Veller almost said it right. On Friday, when his Seminole golf team was 'way back in 17th place after the first round of the 10th annual Seminole Intercollegiate Classic, Veller said. "Don't count us out, yet."

Well, don't.

After Saturday's wind-swept round over the testy and rough Seminole course, the Florida State swingers had moved up ten places. They rushed all the way to seventh by carding a team total 294, also ten shots better than Friday's effort.

Even with the showing, the Tribe has a way to go. The surprise on Saturday was Auburn, which advanced from fourth to first place with a team 290. The Tigers replaced Florida's Gators in the top spot. The Gator's stumbled to a 304 total Saturday to drop back into fourth.

Clemson, another brand of Tiger, climbed into second place from a fifth place ranking after the opening round. Clemson also fired a team total 294, while Georgia Southern remained in third place with a Saturday score of 298.

The best round of the day was turned in by FSU's Paul Downes with a 71. Downes was the only one able to master the blustering winds for a

sub-par round.

Jeff Jones of Tennessee shot an even par 72 to go with Friday's 68 to give him a 140 total, two shots ahead of Jim Roy of South Florida, in the run for individual honors. Three players, Bubba Wilson of Mississippi State, Jodie Mudd of Georgia Southern and Hicks Malonson of South Florida are tied at 144.

Florida State's other scores were: Grant Turner 77-73—150; Jeff Sluman 76-75—151; Allan Menne 76-76—152; and Mike Grant 78-75—153.

Florida State's second team had these scores: Dave Boeff 73-74—147; Steve Hart 76-76—152; Mike Keymont 77-78—155; and Jim Crowley 82-77—159.

The tournament will conclude today.

#### Team standings:

1. Auburn - 583, 2. Clemson - 589, 3. Georgia Southern - 591, 4. Florida - 592, 5. South Florida - 596, 6. Mississippi State - 597, 7. Florida State - 598, 8. Alabama - 598, 9. Georgia - 598, 10. Florida International - 599, 11. Memphis State - 606, 12. Jacksonville - 607, 13. Florida Southern - 609, 14. Mississippi - 610, 15. Miami - 610, 17. Ball State - 610, 18. Tennessee - 612, 19. Kentucky - 613, 20. Furman - 614, 21. Georgia Tech - 622, 22. Virginia Tech - 639, 23. Davidson - 657.

#### Individual leaders:

1. Jeff Jones, Tennessee 68-72 - 140. 2. Jim Roy, South Florida 70-72 - 142. 3. Bubba Wilson, Mississippi State 70-74 - 144. 4. Jodie Mudd, Georgia Southern 69-75 - 144. 5. Hicks Malonson, South Florida 72-72 - 144.

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# Auburn captures Classic

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It was Tiger day at the Seminole golf course Sunday.

Auburn's Tigers hung on by a fang to take the team championship in the 10th annual Seminole Intercollegiate Golf Classic.

And Auburn's Ricky Smallridge came from back in the pack to overtake Jim Jones of Tennessee to walk off with the individual championship. He won the title with a birdie putt on the fourth hole of a sudden death playoff with Jones.

As a team the Tigers won by seven strokes over Clemson, scoring a total of 583 for the 54-hole event.

Florida State's Seminoles, who made a strong come-back in the second round to move from 17th to 7th place, faltered in the last round and wound up in eighth place at 598, three strokes ahead of Mississippi State.

Florida's Gators moved up a notch from fourth to third with a team score of 589 to edge Georgia Southern. The Georgia Bulldogs finished fifth.

Smallridge started the day five strokes behind Jones, and apparently out of it. But the Auburn star got a break in the weather when the winds died down after he had completed about six holes, and he barged home with a 69 for the best round of the day.

Meanwhile, Jones, who started the first round with an impressive 68, fought a little more wind and some tough putts and finished with a he-hum 74, but was leading in the clubhouse by a stroke over Jim Roy of South Florida.

Then came Smallridge, and his 69 tied Jones at 214, and they headed for the first tee and the playoffs, along with Roy and Beaver Hall of Georgia, who had tied for third. Hall had the day's most spectacular shot, an eagle on the par-four 18th, that got him into the playoff against Roy, but the South Florida star flipped a wedge shot to within three feet of the flag on the first playoff hole and sank the putt for a bird to win it.

Smallridge and Jones hit shot for shot the first three holes, but on the par five fourth, Jones skulled his approach into the bunker, was out long and sank a pressure 10-footer for a par. But Smallridge rolled in his six-footer for the title.