

Seminole golfers lead at Gator Invitational

GAINESVILLE — Florida State's golf team fired a record-setting, 8-under par 276 to grab a 5-stroke lead after one round of the Gator Invitational here Friday.

Englishman Paul Downes led the Seminoles with a 6-under-par 65 over the tight, wooded University of Florida Course, giving him a share of the individual lead.

Florida State's 4-man total of 276 is a one-round record in the three-round tournament, which boasts a field of 22 of the nation's top teams this year.

Host Florida is five shots behind Florida State, at 281, followed by Georgia and Georgia Southern at 283. Defending national champion Ohio State is back in eighth place, 16 strokes behind the Seminoles.

Sharing the individual lead with Downes is Jacksonville University's Ron Regner. Florida State's Mike Grant is next, tied for third at 67.

Also for Florida State, Marcus Beck and Grant Turner shot 1-over-par 72s, while Stephen Keppler had a 74.

Seminole golfers finish third

GAINESVILLE — Florida State's golf team, after sitting through a two-hour rain delay, faltered over the final 12 holes and finished third in the Gator Invitational here Sunday.

The Seminoles were leading eventual winner Georgia Southern by six strokes after the first six holes of Sunday's third round when a heavy rainstorm hit the University of Florida course.

When they returned to the course two hours later, the Seminoles had trouble putting and lost their lead, finishing two shots behind Georgia Southern (845) and one behind second-place Florida (846).

Florida State's low individuals were Marcus Beck and Mike Grant, both with two-under par 211s. Paul Downes finished at 213 and Grant Turner at 216, while Stephen Keppler had a 221.

Seminole golfers in second

GAINESVILLE — Florida State's golf team is second after two days of the Gator Invitational.

The Seminoles' shot a three-under-par 281 Saturday for a 557 total. Georgia Southern is at 554.

Other's leading the field of 22 were Florida in third at 560, South Carolina at 569; Georgia 573; LSU 572; and Ohio State 574.

Mike Grant of FSU is the co-leader with a 67-68—135, tied with All-America Rick Borg of Ohio State. They are two strokes ahead of Ron Regner of Jacksonville, at 137.

FSU's Paul Downes, Friday's leader, shot a 65-75—140 and is tied for ninth.

Marcus Beck of FSU has a 72-68—140; Grant Turner 72-72—144; and Steve Keppler 74-73—147.

Today is the final round.