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FSU golfers in second

GAINESVILLE — Florida State is in second place after the first round of the Gator Invitational golf tournament at the University of Florida.

FSU's Paul Azinger scored seven birdies on Friday and is in a three-way tie for the individual lead with a three-under-par 69.

FSU has a 285 team total, while LSU leads

the 23-team tourney with a 282 total.

Mike Grant shot a 71 for FSU, follwed by Steven Kepler with a 72, Grant Turner with a 73 and Paul Downes with a 75.

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FSU golfers in first at Gator

GAINESVILLE — The Florida State men's golf pulled into a tie for the lead Saturday after the second round of the 23-team Gator Invitational.

The Seminoles shot an even-par 284 to tie with Duke at 569 total. FSU's Paul Azinger is the individual leader with a 68 Saturday to go with the 69 he shot Friday. Four places behind is Seminole Mike Grant who had a 70 for a 141 total. Steve Kepler shot a 74, Paul Downes fired a 72 and Grant Turner finished with a 75.

"Because of the number of fine teams playing here, if we could win this thing it would place us near the top in

the country," FSU coach Don Veller said.

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Florida State golfers win Gator Invitational

GAINESVILLE — The Florida State men's golf team won its first tournament of the year Sunday, claiming a four-stroke victory in the Gator Invitational.

The Seminoles, who finished with a one-under par total of 851, beat out a prestigious field of 23 teams to claim the title. North Carolina State grabbed second place with an 855 total, with Louisiana State in third at 856. Host Florida finished 8th with an 863 total.

FSU also boasted the individual winner, as Paul Azinger shot a three-round card of 209 and finished one stroke ahead of teammate Mike Grant and Georgia' Bob Walcott at 210.

FSU coach Don Veller expressed great pleasure at his team's play.

"It was a very fine triumph," said Veller. "One of our all-time best performances.

"Last fall we lost two tournaments by one stroke, and last year also lost two by just one stroke. I was afraid we were beginning to get the second place syndrome."

In FSU's only other tournament of 1981, the Pan American Classic in Mexico City, it finished in a tie for fourth with defending NCAA champion Oklahoma State.