

LSU golfers retain lead; FSU second

Louisiana State's golf team continued its hot-shooting ways Saturday, turning in a four-player card of 286 to retain the lead after two rounds of the Seminole Invitational at Seminole Golf Course.

LSU, the only squad still under par, led the 21-team field Friday with a 285 round.

Host Florida State lost a stroke to the Tigers in Saturday's action but climbed from sixth place into a tie for second. FSU posted a 287 Saturday and shared second with South Florida and Clemson.

Miami and Furman shared fifth place. Tennessee, Florida Southern, Georgia Southern and Florida round out the top 10. Georgia Southern won the event last year, carding a 282 in the first round before rain washed out the final two rounds.

The individual leader is Georgia Southern's Jodie Mudd with a two-round total of 136, one stroke ahead of LSU's John Salamone. Mudd turned in the tournament's best round Saturday, a 66.

FSU's leading golfer is Paul Azinger, whose two-under 70 Saturday tied him with LSU's Pete Byman and South Florida's Ken Mattiace for sixth place at 142.

"They're not scoring as well as they're capable," FSU coach Don Veller said.

The final round begins this morning at 8.

FSU golfers' surge not enough

The Florida State mens' golf team Sunday fired the best round of the tournament but it was not good enough to overtake two-day leader LSU in the final round of the 12th Annual Seminole Invitational.

The Seminoles shot a five-under-par round of 283 Sunday but the Tigers won the tournament, held at the Seminole Course, with an 858 total. FSU was second at 861.

LSU's John Salamone won the individual title with a 10-under par 206 and Kentucky's Buddy Bryant turned in the best score Sunday with a five-under 67. FSU's Paul Azinger shot a four-under par 68 to give him a three-day 210 total and a tie for fourth. Grant Turner's 69 put him at three-under 213 for the tourney, good enough for sixth place. Seminoles Paul Downes and Mike Grant shot 73's Sunday and Steven Keppler shot a 74 to contribute to FSU's lowest round.

Rounding out the top 10 teams were: Georgia Southern (867), Clemson (868), Furman (869), Florida (872), Tennessee (874), South Florida (874), Florida Southern (877) and Miami (878).