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FSU golfers riding in second

PINEHURST, N.C. — Florida State trails first-place Arkansas by two shots after the first round of the Pinehurst Invitational golf tournament.

FSU, at 296, shares second place with Tennessee.

Individually for the Seminoles, Grant Turner shot a one-under-par 71 for third place. Stephen Keppler is in seventh with a 73. FSU's Mike Grant, Paul Azinzer and Paul Downes each shot a 76.

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Seminole golfers win Pinehurst

PINEHURST, N.C. — Mike Grant, Steven Keppler and Paul Azinger each had a birdie on the 17th hole Wednesday to lift Florida State's men's golf team to a two-stroke, come-from-behind victory over Arkansas in the 24-team Pinehurst Intercollegiate Invitational golf tournament.

The Seminoles, ranked sixth in the nation, trailed the Razorbacks by two strokes (294-296) going into the final round. They finished at 595, followed by Arkansas (597), North Carolina (604), Tennessee (610), North Carolina State (611), South Carolina-Virginia (613), Wake Forest (614) and Maryland (615).

Keppler, a sophomore from London, England, had rounds of 73 and 71 for a 144 total to finish second individually. Bob Sauerberg of Arkansas had a 66-73—139 to win individual honors and Seminole Grant Turner was third at 71-76—147, tied with Ford Bartholow (Virginia) and Frank Fuhrer (North Carolina).

"I'm very proud of the way we hung in there when it got close," said FSU golf coach Don Veller. "It was a very big victory for us."

Florida State will next compete in the 24-team Junior-Senior Invitational golf tournament Friday at the Stillwater Resort in Alabama.