

FSU golfers fifth after one round

GAINESVILLE — The Florida State men's golf team shot a one-over par 285 Friday to tie for fifth place after one round of the Gator Invitational.

It is the first tournament of the year for the Seminoles, who matched four-player totals with Furman which also carded a 285.

Georgia leads the tournament with a 14-under-par 270. Alabama (273), South Florida (280) and Miami (281) round out the top five. Host Florida is in eighth place with a 288 total.

The tournament's individual leaders are Steve Lowrey of Alabama and Brad Faxon of Furman who shot 65s.

FSU is paced by Stephen Keppler who is in 10th place after a round of 69.

The three-round tournament ends Sunday.

Keppler leads FSU golfers to 4th

GAINESVILLE — Stephen Keppler shot a 66 as Florida State shaved eight strokes off the leaders and moved into fourth place after two rounds of the Gator Invitational.

Behind by 15 strokes after Friday's play, FSU shot a three-under par 281 Saturday, for the day's low round, and is only seven strokes behind Florida, which leads the tournament with a 559 total.

Keppler, who was in 10th place after Friday's round of 69, moved into second place in the individual standings with a 135 total. He is three strokes behind Furman's Brad Faxon who shot a 67 Saturday for a 132 total. FSU teammate Mike Keymont shot a 68 Saturday to tie for seventh place with Steve Wagner, of Florida, and Jodie Mudd of Georgia Southern, at 137.

Georgia is in second place, one stroke back of Florida with a 560 total. Alabama is third (564), with Miami and Furman tied for fourth (571).

The tournament ends today.

FSU places 4th in Gator tourney

GAINESVILLE — The Florida State men's golf team fired a final-round 290 Sunday to finish in fourth place at 856 in the 18-team Gator Invitational, played at the University of Florida Golf Club.

Georgia won the tournament with an 834. Alabama was second at 845 and Florida's blue team was third at 846. Also tied with FSU at fourth was Florida's orange team, followed by Georgia Southern at 858, Miami at 863, Furman 870, Auburn 876, South Florida 885 and Florida Southern at 908.

Jodie Mudd of Georgia ended the three-day tournament by firing a 64 Sunday, giving him a score of 201 and the individual championship. Furman's Brad Faxon finished two strokes back for second place and FSU's Steve Keppler was third at 204.

Other Seminoles scores were Mike Keymont at 210, Brian Kamm 223, David Blakeman 224 and Dave Boeff at 225.