

Miami's Crosby leads Seminole Invitational

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Former United States Amateur champion Nathaniel Crosby fired a four-under-par 68 but his University of Miami team could manage no better than fourth place after the first-round of the 15th Annual Seminole Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday.

Host Florida State used Brian Kamm's 69 to build a one-stroke lead after the first day of the 54-hole event, but defending champion Florida was right behind, along with a surprising Florida Southern team. The Seminoles were four-under-par as a team at 284, the Gators and Florida Southern were at 285, and Miami was two shots off the lead at 286.

"I didn't necessarily hit the ball all that well, but I had a great putting round," said Crosby, who serves as the host for his late father at the annual Bing Crosby Clambake each year. "I made a 20-footer on the first hole and a 30-footer on the third hole and I knew it was going to be that kind of day."

The two long putts helped Crosby, winner of the 1982 U.S. Amateur, to a two-under 33 on the front nine and then he posted a two-under 35 on the long nine.

Florida State's Kamm is one stroke behind at 69 along with Alabama's Griff Randolph. Three players were tied at two-under-par 70 including Florida's Scot Dunlap, Florida Southern's Jeff Schmucker and Tennessee's Walt Chapman. Nine players shot opening round 71's and are three strokes off the pace.

Joining Kamm on the Florida State team were Greg Fleischer at 71 and Jon Morrow and Tom Krystyn at 72. John Given and former Aucilla Christian star David Jackson both shot 71 for the Gators.

FSU leads Seminole golf tourney

Democrat staff reports

Florida State University saw every one of its five players shoot par or better Saturday and the Seminoles took a six-stroke lead after two rounds of the 15th annual Seminole Invitational.

Led by individual leader Brian Kamm's 68, the Seminoles posted an eight-under-par 280 on Saturday and stood at 12-under 564 after two rounds. That was six shots better than second-place Florida's 570. Miami stood at 571 going into today's final round.

Nolan Henke, whose 76 on Friday didn't figure into the team score, toured the Seminole Course with a 70 on Saturday. Jonathan Morrow and Greg Fleischer crowded in at 71 apiece and Tom Krystyn's even-par 72 was tossed out under the rules which count four of the five scores each day.

First-round individual leader Nathaniel Crosby, from Miami, shot a 71 on Saturday after an opening-round 68 and was in second place at five-under-par 139 and two shots behind Kamm. Three players were tied for third at 141 including Miami's Woody Austin, Florida's David Jackson and Auburn's Todd Smith, who shot a 69 on Saturday to move into contention.

Kamm birdied the first four holes on the course and finished the front side with an incredible five-under-par 30. Even more incredible is the fact that the senior birdied the last four holes of Friday's round giving him a string of eight straight birdies over the two days. Saturday, he used only 10 putts on the front nine. He bogied 11 and 16 before picking up another birdie on 17.

Florida Southern, playing surprisingly well in this tournament,

stayed within range with a team score of 293, which left it at 578 in fourth place. Mississippi State (585), Tennessee (589), South Florida (590) and Auburn (591) followed.

The final round gets underway at 8 a.m. with the leaders going off at 9:45.

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Kamm leads FSU to tournament win

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Brian Kamm's roller coaster was almost derailed by Florida's David Jackson at the Seminole Golf Course Sunday afternoon, but the little Seminole ace held on for a one-stroke victory to take individual honors in the 15th annual Seminole Golf Classic.

Kamm fired a final-round 73, two over par, while Jackson turned in a two-under card of 70. But when the Sunday swinging started, Kamm had been four ahead of Jackson and two ahead of Miami's Nathaniel Crosby.

In team action, the Seminoles won the title with a net 854 total, nine strokes ahead of runner-up Florida, while the Miami Hurricanes took third place at 865.

Kamm felt exactly as if he had been on a Coney Island express. During the three days' action he fired 17 birdies, getting six of them in the final round, but the Sunday show also produced five bogies and a double bogey.

Crosby, meanwhile, suffered an extreme case of the putting blues in the final round, winding up with a three-over 75. He had narrowed Kamm's edge to just one stroke going into the seventh hole, and he fired his approach to the green just two feet from the pin.

Kamm's shot came in about eight feet away and Jackson almost holed out, leaving his wedge shot from the rough just inches away for a tap-in birdie.

But Kamm sank his eight-footer, Crosby got his birdie, and they went to the eighth with the former national amateur champion still one back.

They both birdied the par-three eighth hole, but Crosby took a bogey on the ninth when he chipped

short and missed a three-footer.

Kamm put it away as far as Crosby was concerned on the par-five 10th hole. His tee shot wound up in the right rough but he slammed a four-iron onto the green and two-putted from 40 feet for a birdie. Crosby fatted his second shot, flew a wedge to the back of the green, then three-putted a downhill shooter from about 40 feet for a bogey.

Jackson got into the picture with a birdie on 11 and pars on 12 and 13, while Kamm's coaster hit bottom on those two with bogeys. But Kamm got it back on 14 with a bird, and picked up another feather on 15 while Jackson parred.

Team Scores:

1. Florida State — 854; 2. Florida — 863; 3. Miami — 865; 4. Florida Southern — 875; 5. Tennessee — 875; 6. Mississippi State — 877; 7. South Florida — 886; 8. Alabama — 890; 9.

Memphis State — 892; 10. Auburn — 898; 11. Jacksonville — 899; 12. FSU No. 2 — 900; 13. Huntington — 902; 14. Columbus College — 903; 15. Augusta College — 905; 16. Florida International — 914; 17. Central Florida — 921; 18. Ball State — 924; 19. Maryland — 926; 20. Southern Mississippi — 931.

Individual Results:

1. Brian Kamm (FSU) — 210; 2. David Jackson (Florida) — 211; 3. (Tie) Nathaniel Crosby (Miami), Guy Jackson, Eric Rebornann (Tennessee), Keith Kulzer (FSU) — 214.