

OCALA (AP) —The University of Houston golf team and its star, Homero Blancas, were well out front going into today's second and third rounds of the Florida intercollegiate invitational tournament.

Blancas shot 32-34—66 in first round activity despite rain and chilly temperatures. He was dead-ly with the putter, dropping the ball in the cup from 25 and 20 feet for two of his nine birdies Thursday.

Except for two bad holes — a double bogey when he had trouble in the rough and a bogey when he overshot one green —

Blancas would have led by even more than the three strokes he finished ahead of his three closest pursuers.

Jay Harris of the University of North Carolina and Mark Hopkins and Kermit Zarley of Houston had 69 each.

With three players under par, Houston took a big lead in the team competition with 278. Georgia came next with 292, followed by North Carolina 279, Rollins and Florida State 300, Florida 304, Miami 312, Stetson 319, Murray State of Kentucky 319, Tampa 321 and Florida Southern 325.

The tourney winds up with 18 holes Saturday over the 6,310-

yard par 72 Ocala country club course.

Rollins LaMontagne of Rollins and Dave Philo of FSU did the best of state collegians in the first round. They were tied at 72 with Davie Boyd of Georgia.

Charles Keating of FSU, Bob Sylte of Tampa and Al Bell and Billy Womack of Georgia had 73 each.

Other FSU sores: Jim Hill 75, Bryan Bergeron 80, Dick Shulman 83, Manny Nordone 84, John Kindred 75, John Parson 76. Scores by FSU freshmen represented the best showing in yearling competition.

**OCALA (AP)**—A fat four-stroke lead cushioned Homero Blancas against an eager field going into today's fourth round of the 72-hole Florida intercollegiate golf tournament.

Blancas was two under par 72 Friday for a 36-hole total of 136 strokes at midpoint of the contest on Ocala Country Club's 6,310-yard course. The University of Houston golfer's first-round 66 was the tournament's best card to date.

Houston players were Blancas' closest rivals. Mark Hopkins and Kermit Zarley both shot 140-stroke cards over 36 holes.

Other leaders at the tournament's midpoint:

Jim Gabrielson, Georgia, 142; Rollie LaMontagne, Rollins, 143; Fred Martin, Houston, 144; and Jay Harris, North Carolina, and Wright Garrett, Houston, 145.

Scores of Florida State players:

Dave Philo, 77-76 — 153; Charles Keating, 78-77 — 155; Jim Hill, 78-78 — 156; Bryan Bergeron, 74-79 — 153; Manni Nordone, 77-77 — 154; Dick Shulman, 81-82 — 163; Bill Kindred, 80-80 — 160; John Parsons, 78-78 — 156.

**OCALA (AP)**—Houston won its second straight Florida Intercollegiate golf title today and one of its team members captured individual honors in the 72-hole play.

A 20-year-old business administration junior, Kermit Zarley, held on to the lead he captured in the third round and finished with a 73 today for a tournament total of 283—five strokes better than par for the distance.

A teammate, Mark Hopkins, came in second two strokes back. Another Houston player was third three strokes off the pace and the remaining Houston player was fourth, five strokes behind Zarley but still in par figures for

All players on the winning Houston team had par or better scores for the three-day tournament.

North Carolina was second in overall standings, 57 strokes behind Houston at 1,199. Florida tied with Georgia for third place at 1,201. As the leader among state colleges, the Gator team won its fifth intercollegiate crown.

Other team scores in order: Florida State 1,220; Rollins 1,229; Miami 1,239; Stetson 1,288; Florida Southern 1,296; Tampa 1,297; and Murray State of Kentucky 1,305.