

CAPE CORAL (UPI) —

Senior Hubert Green shot a two-under 106 for 27 holes Thursday to pace Florida State to a seven-stroke lead in the Cape Coral Intercollegiate golf tournament.

Runnerup was defending champion Florida.

Green was two strokes ahead of his personal challenger, Ron Cree of Murray State. Cree is the Kentucky Open champ, Green the Alabama amateur king.

The Seminoles had 44 team points, followed by Florida with 451; Miami 457; Murray State 459 and Florida Southern 462.

CAPE CORAL (UPI) — The University of Florida made up seven strokes Friday to pull into a tie with Florida State for the second day lead in the Cape Coral Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

The Gators were paced by college titlist Steve Melnyk, who rattled off rounds of 37-37-38 — 112 for 27 holes Friday.

Florida State's Hubert Green, the Alabama amateur champion, had the day's lowest round of 110. He began with a par 36 on the opening nine, began the second nine with a bogey and a double bogey and then settled down to finish with his 11, two over par. His two day total of 216 is eight strokes better than Melnyk's 224 and ten strokes ahead of Ron Acree, the Kentucky open champ from Murray State College. Acree, who found a 22-mile-an-hour wind frustrating Friday, shot 118 for a two day score of 226.

Behind Florida and Florida State's 911 came Murray State with 944; Miami 947, St. Leo 948, Georgia Tech 955 and 16 other schools.

CAPE CORAL (AP) — The University of Florida golf team overcame high winds and a challenge from Florida State University Saturday to win its fourth consecutive Cape Coral Intercollegiate golf championship.

The Florida Gators managed only a two stroke victory in a cliffhanger decided on the 72nd hole.

Murray State of Kentucky finished third and St. Leo College was fourth.

Florida and FSU entered the final round tied at 911 strokes, but Florida had managed a single stroke lead by the time Steve Melnyk of Florida and Hubert Green of FSU teed up on the final hole.

Melnik nailed down the victory with an 80-foot putt.

Winds of 28 miles per hour and a temperature of 59 degrees at tee-off Saturday hampered the players and sent scores zooming upward on the 6,827-yard course.

Green captured individual honors. He tallied a wind-blown 38-50—78 Saturday, six over par.

Green Fires Two-Under-Par 108 to Lead FSU

Seminoles Take 7-Stroke Lead In Intercollegiate Golf Event

Although one tee shot hit the water and two putts went astray on the last two holes, Florida State's Hubert Green fired a two-under-par 108 total for 27 holes to lead his Seminoles to a healthy seven-stroke lead over defending champion Florida in first-day play of the fifth annual Cape Coral Intercollegiate Golf Championships at the Cape Coral Country Club yesterday.

Green, the Alabama amateur champion who had a record 32 on the back nine here last year, was two swings ahead of Murray (Ky.) State's Ron Acree, the Kentucky Open champion, at the end of the day.

Green was four under with two holes to go when his iron shot on the 136-yard, par-3 eighth hole hit the green and rolled back down the slope into the water. He dropped the ball three times over his shoulder, then placed it and chipped to within 15 inches of the hole. Then he walked up and missed it for a five.

Rims The Hole

He was just a few yards short of the 525-yard, par-5 No. 9 hole after two wood shots and chip-

ped to within 10 feet of the pin for a birdie shot. But his putt rimmed the hole.

Kenneth (Buzz) Sawyer, a cool, smooth-swinging sophomore from East Tennessee State — which finished third last year, had the best nine-hole score of the day, a two-under 34, to go with an opening 75 for a 109 total and third place.

Florida's ace, Steve Melnyk, the state intercollegiate champion, had an even-par 72 after 18 holes, but he hit two balls out of bounds on No. 11 after that and wound up with a 40 for a 112 total.

Miami's Russ Helwig led after the first nine holes with a one-under 35, but he soared to a 43 on the next nine and finished with 115, well back of the leaders. His Hurricanes, with Hal Hutchinson shooting a 110 total, were in third place, six strokes back of the Gators.

Marc Matre, Jacksonville University's No. 7 man who came into the tournament as a Meredith Henry — who stayed behind to prepare for exams — shot a pair of 36s to tie for the first-round 18-hole lead with an even-par 72. He hit 14 greens.

The top 11 teams — FSU 444, Florida 451, Miami 457, Murray State of Kentucky 459, Florida Southern 462, St. Leo College 464, South Florida 467, East Tennessee State and Georgia Tech 468, and Kent State of Ohio and Stetson 471.

Top eight players — Green, FSU, 106; Acree, Murray State, 108; Sawyer, East Tennessee State, 109; Hutchinson, Florida, 110; Mack Brown, Florida Southern, 111, and Steve Melnyk, Florida, Matre, Jacksonville, and Huber, FSU, 112.

But he had some trouble on the final nine holes, carding a 40 to tie for sixth place at 112. The junior business management major was the Albany Invitational Junior champ at 16. His Dolphins were in 12th place at the end of the day.

There will be another 27-hole session today, with the first foursomes teeing off at 7 a.m. The tournament, featuring 22 of the nation's top golf teams, winds up with 18 holes Saturday.

Gators, Seminoles Share Intercollegiate Golf Lead

Despite a runaway individual effort by Florida State's Hubert Green, the Florida Gators came roaring back in a 22-mile-an-hour wind from a seven-point deficit to catch FSU at the end of 54 holes in the fifth annual Cape Coral Intercol-

legiate Golf Championships at the Cape Coral Country Club here Friday.

Coach Don Vellers' Seminoles came here determined to prevent Buster Bishop's Gators from grabbing their fourth straight Cape Coral title and the question will be decided in the final 18 holes today. Both teams have a 911 total, 33 strokes ahead of Murry State of Kentucky in the 22-team tournament.

There were gusts up to 26 miles an hour, the weather bureau reported and there were a lot of the 130 participating golfers who will swear the gusts were much stronger than that all day long. Particularly Kenneth (Buzz) Sawyer, the East Tennessee State star who was in third place after Thursday's 27 holes. He has rounds of 42, 40 and 41 Friday to drop into fifth place with a 232.

And the Kentucky Open champion, Ron Acree of Murray State, who never loses his cool while playing, who ran into a 42 that gave him an 80 and dropped him from two strokes off the lead to 10 back of Green.

Melnyk Second

Acree was tied with Mack Brown of Florida Southern for third at 226, two strokes back of second-place Steve Melnyk of Florida, whose third-round 75 left him eight strokes back of Green.

Green, the Alabama amateur champion who in 1966 was Southern Amateur champ, started the day two under par after 27 holes and in the wind he shot an early-morning 36 to go with his 36-38—74 to finish the 54 holes with an even-par 216.

Shaky Start

The Birmingham, Ala., senior looked shaky as he started the back nine in the third round when he three-putted the 10th and double-bogeyed the 11th, his worst hole of the tournament.

On that one, his tee shot was stymied by a tree so he bounced out into the fairway and plunked a 7-iron shot into a trap. He found the ball buried in the sand and proceeded to play "Annie Over," blasting it across the green another one of the 106 sand traps on the course. He came out of that to sing a two-foot putt for the six.

But then he settled down to display some excellent golf shots most of the way in before the small gallery that trailed him.

Final Round Today

He and the other leaders will be teeing off for the final round about 9 a.m. today at the Cape Coral club, although the first competitors begin driving off the first and tenth tees at 7 a.m.

The standings:

Florida State and Florida 911, Murray State 944, Miami 947, St. Leo 948, Georgia Tech 955, Stetson 960, South Florida and East Tennessee 964, Jacksonville 965, Florida Southern 966, Rollins 971, Georgia State 977, Illinois 982, Kent State 983, Northwestern 1012, Colgate 1025, Otterbein 1034, Alma 1035, Roanoke 1045, Taylor 1071 and Asheville-Biltmore 1090.

Gators Triumph At Cape Coral

CAPE CORAL (Special) — In a cliff-hanger, decided on the 72nd hole, Florida's Gators overcame a determined challenge by Florida State, whose Hubert Green captured the individual trophy handily, to win their fourth straight Cape Coral Intercollegiate Golf Championship by two strokes here yesterday.

THE TWO teams started the final round tied at 911 and when Florida's ace Steve Melnyk, the state intercollegiate champ, started the day with a nine-hole round that featured three bogeys and two double-bogeys for a whopping 8 over 44, things looked dark for Coach Buster Bishop's Ga-

tors who came here undefeated in nine dual matches and with the state college title under their belts.

Things looked bad enough anyway with 28 mile per hour gusts and a temperature of 59 degrees at teeoff time.

Green, who began the day with an eight stroke advantage over Melnyk, and wound up with a wind blown 38-40—78, six over par, beat out by eight strokes John Darr of Florida, the state amateur champion.

Melnyk, who had a 44-39—83, finished in fifth place with Steson's Martin Satava at 307. Green finished with 294, six strokes over par on the 6,827 yard championship layout.

FSU WAS one stroke back as Melnyk and Green teed off on the final hole, but Melnyk hit the green in regulation and putted beautifully from 80 feet to sew it up for his Gators.

Murray State of Kentucky finished third and St. Leo College, youngest college in the tournament, was fourth. St. Leo became a four year college three years ago.

Kentucky Open champion Ron Acree, second most of the way, fell to third with a 38-40—78 and a 304 total with Dick Spears taking fourth place at 306. Florida had three men among the top five at the finish.

Results: Florida 1227; Florida State 1229; Murray State 1269; St. Leo 1274; Miami 1278; Georgia Tech 1287; South Florida 1299; Stetson and East Tennessee 1302 (tie); Rollins 1307; Illinois at Chicago 1310; Jacksonville 1311; Florida Southern 1314; Kent State 1319; Georgia State 1324; Northwestern 1362; Colgate 1371; Audubon 1394; Roanoke 1396; Alma Michigan 1404; Taylor 1461; Ashville Biltmore 1474.