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LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Carl DiCesare and Jim Conace shot a 69 and 71 respectively Wednesday in the first round of the NCAA Golf Championship, and led Florida State to seventh place in the team standings with a 286 total.

DiCesare, four strokes back of Grier Jones of Oklahoma State and Allen Miller of the University of Georgia, had a hot second nine to stay in contention.

DiCesare fired in birdies on the 10th, 14th and 15th holes and had a bogie on the 16th. He also had a birdie on the second and a bogie on the ninth.

Conace was added by an eagle three on the 17th hole. He took a bogie on the fifth, but came right back with a birdie on the sixth. Then bogies on the 14th and 16th holes got him in trouble before the eagle.

The other three members of the FSU team all had 73s. Hubert Green, the No. 1 player, took bogies on the first two holes, slammed in a birdie on the sixth, then took another bogie on the ninth to go two over at the turn. He was even par on the back nine, scoring a birdie on the 16th and a bogie on the 18th.

Ron Philo matched par hole-for-hole on the front nine, and opened the back nine with a birdie at the 10th hole. However, he scored bogies on the 12th, 13th and 16th holes.

Bobby Huber had three bogies on the front nine (2nd, 7th and 9th), three on the back nine (10th, 12th and 14th) birdies on 13 and 15 and an eagle on 17.

Jones, a 22-year-old Oklahoma State money and banking student, and Miller, 19, an insurance major at the University of Georgia, went into today's second round of the NCAA Golf Championship tied.

Their golf was hotter than the 98-degree sun rays beating on the New Mexico State course Wednesday as each fired NCAA record-tying 65s—six under par.

They held a two-stroke lead over Wake-Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C., golfer Jack Lewis Jr. and Houston's Doug Olson, whose 67 saved his defending champion Cougars from falling in the middle of the pack.

As it was, Wake Forest at 269 strokes or five-under par, took a three-stroke lead into the second 18-hole round. Arizona State, paced by Paul Purtzer's 68, was next with 282.

Houston, which seeks its fifth straight team title, and Oklahoma State were tied at 283 strokes. Then came Florida at 284 and surprising North Texas State at 285. In another surprise, the University of Texas, picked as a team favorite, was 16 strokes off the pace at 295.

"There's nothing safe in team play," said Wake Forest Coach

Jesse Haddock. "I don't think three shots are safe. I'd be happy to win by one shot."

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LAS CRUCES, N. M. — Florida State's golf team put on a charge and moved from seventh to third place in the NCAA Golf Championships after two rounds.

The Seminoles have a team score of 572, just four strokes back of Arizona State which leads with 568. Oklahoma State is second with 569, Florida fourth (573) and defending champion Houston fifth (574).

Carl DiCesare had his second straight round of sub-par golf, matching his first round 69 and standing fourth in the individual standings.

The Seminoles had three players to make the 36-hole

cut. Hubert Green shot a 68 Thursday to go with a first-round 73 for a total of 141. Jim Conace added a 73 to his first-round 71 for 144.

The other two FSU golfers competing didn't make the cut. Ron Philo and Bobby Huber, both blew to 76 after first-round 73s for 149 totals.

Arizona State, behind Paul Purtzer's second straight 68 and Mike Morley's 69, stood at even par of 568 strokes with 36 holes to play.

First round team leader Wake Forest, Winston-Salem, N.C., fell to ninth place at 582 after two of its subpar golfers fell to 80 and 79.

Oklahoma State's Grier Jones, who shot a six-under-par 65 in the first round Wednesday at the New Mexico State University course, hung up a two-round total of nine, eight-under par 133. That broke the NCAA record of 135 for 36 holes set by Houston's Marty Fleckman in 1965 and by Georgia's Allen Miller in the first two rounds this year.

The second place Miller, three-putting on one green, shot a one-under-par 70. Purtzer stood in third place, followed by Carl Dicesare of Florida State after two straight rounds of 69 for a 138 total.

Next came Jack Lewis of

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Wake Forest, who fell five strokes to 72, and Lynn Janson of Michigan State, both at 139.

Jones, the Big Eight champion, scored one of his three birdies with a 25-foot putt. He parred or birdied each hole for the second straight day.

"I hit the ball good, and I'm really pleased," Jones said, agreeing with the other golfers that the par 71, 7,100-yard desert course was playing tougher because of well watered fairways and more challenging pin placements on the greens.

Moreley, starting his round on the back nine with a 39, stormed to a five-under-par 30 on the front nine for his 69.

Houston's Doug Olson, who shot a 67 in the first round, crashed to a 75 and 142 by two strokes and survived the cut.

Two of the six players at 110 strokes scored eagles to improve their scores, including New Mexico State's Ben Kern, who had a 69, and South Carolina's Allen Powers, who used his to salvage a 72 after a first round 68.

Florida's Steve Melnyk and John Darr each shot their second straight 70s. Also at 140 were Bill Brask of Minnesota and Kemp Richardson of Southern California.

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LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Florida State's Carl DiCesare blew to six-over-par on the first six holes Friday in the third round of the NCAA Golf Championships, and fell from fourth place to a tie for the 24th slot.

DiCesare finished the round eight over at 79 for a three-round total of 217, 13 strokes back of the leaders.

Florida State as a team dropped from third to a tie for seventh, as the University of Florida and University of Houston rallied from fourth and fifth place after two rounds respectively, to share the lead going into today's final 18 holes. The leaders have 864 totals, while Florida is at 874.

Ron Philo salvaged the only par round for the Seminoles on a hot (106 degrees), windy (gusting 25 mph) day. He put together a 34-37 round for 71, even par.

Jim Conace shot 73. Bobby Huber 75 and Hubert Green 79.

FSU Coach Don Veller said the Seminoles' late start might have had something to do with the bad showing.

"I would say the boys have definitely been trying too hard. Anyone of the five is potentially a sub-par shooter," Veller said.

The Seminole mentor predicted an 1150 total would come close to winning the team title.

DiCesare had a seven on the par four first hole, then three-putted the next five greens. DiCesare said he thought he had the best drive of the day on the first hole but "put too much club on it" and buried the ball against the back lip of a sand trap. It took him three shots to get out of the trap.

Philo was two under par through 12 holes, then took a double bogie on No. 13.

"I hit a few balls this morning and practiced some putting and it really helped," Philo said. "I just couldn't get any putts on that second day."

Philo had a 76 on the second round.

Conace thought some mental mistakes hurt him, while Huber said: "Every round I start out good and then get into trouble and can't stop making bogies."

Oklahoma State's Grier Jones increased his individual lead to four strokes over Jack Lewis Jr. of Wake Forest. Jones had a par 71 for a 204 total, while Lewis had a 69 for 208.

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LAS CRUCES, N.M. — The University of Florida won the NCAA team golf championship Saturday over the New Mexico State University course, while Florida State's team slid out of sight of the leaders.

Led by Richard Spears' 69, the Gators took a two-stroke victory over defending champion Houston with a four-day total of 1154. Wake Forest was third with 1160, and Oklahoma State and Texas both had 1162. Florida State finished with 1180.

Oklahoma State's Grier Jones countered four bogies and a double-bogie with five birdies and stood off a charging Hal Underwood of Houston for the individual title.

Jones finished with a one-over par 72 for the day and a four-round total of 276 — an NCAA record. Underwood, who birdied the last three holes and finished with a final day 70 and 279 total, finished second.

Jones' total broke the record

of 281 strokes set by Marty Fleckman of Houston in 1965.

Florida State didn't have a single member of its five-man team to break par on the final day. Bobby Huber had the best round, a one-over 72. Hubert

Green was at 74, Ron Philo at 76, Carl DiCesare at 77 and Jim Conace at 80.

Green and DiCesare finished with four-round totals of 294, while Philo and Huber had 296 and Conace 297.

Jones broke Underwood's back on the 15th hole with a birdie, which missed by inches of becoming an eagle. Meanwhile, Underwood hit into a pond near the hole and took a bogey, before unleashing his string of birds.

Underwood also muffed a chance at getting closer to the front-running Jones on the par-three 11th hole. Jones three-putted the hole and Underwood took a bogey.

On the 12th hole Jones scored a par and Underwood bogeyed again and trailed by three strokes.

On the front nine, after shooting two bogeys, Jones misses a hole-in-one by less than a foot and birdied that hole.

Jones, the 22-year-old Big Eight champion from Wichita, Kan., was strongest with his irons in the tournament, but in the final two rounds had a little trouble with his putter.