

FSU rallies for fifth in Gator golf

GAINSEVILLE — The Florida State golf team staged an outstanding come-from-behind performance Sunday to place fifth in the 22-team Gator Invitational Golf Tournament.

FSU was 12th Saturday before rallying for a fifth place finish in the prestigious event.

Shooting six-under-par as a team in the final round, FSU came from 12th place Saturday to pass Alabama, Georgia, LSU, South Florida, South Carolina, Miami, and Furman.

The Seminoles shot a team total of 866.

FSU's next tournament will be Mar. 2-4 when it hosts the 10th annual Seminole Classic at the FSU course.

FSU individual scores included:

Jeff Sluman 72-74-70 — 216, Paul Downes 71-78-68 — 217, Mike Grant 77-73-69 — 219, Grant Turner, 75 72-73-220, and Allan Menne 73-80-71-224.

Meanwhile, Larry Rinker fired a five-under-par 66 and Rick Pearson a three-under 68 to rally Florida team a seven-under 277 and victory.

Florida finished with a team score of 848, four strokes under par for the 54 holes. Georgia Southern leader by a stroke going into the final round, finished second at 851. North Carolina was third at 856.

Other schools in the top 10 included 4. Ohio State 860; 5. Florida State 866; 6. Georgia 867; 7. (tie) Alabama and Louisiana State 877; 9. South Florida 878; 10. South Carolina 880.