

Chris Schenkel

15th place

GRANT TURNER

72-69-69 - - 210

Jeff Sluman

71-67-74 - 212

Alan Menne

73-71-72 - 214

Paul Downes

71-71-74 - 216

* SCOTT PERRY

78-79 - 157

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FSU golfers second in Schenkel tourney

STATESBORO, Ga. — Florida State fired its best round of golf of the season here Friday and held second place in the Chris Schenkel Invitational golf tournament after the first round of the 54-hole event.

The Seminoles, posting a one-under-par 287 team score, go into the second round just two strokes behind Wake Forest, the nation's No. 3 ranked team.

The Seminoles were one stroke ahead of No. 2-ranked Florida and two strokes ahead of No. 5-ranked Ohio State.

Paced by the one-under-par 71s by Paul Downes and Jeff Sluman, the Seminoles had first place locked up until Gary Hallberg of Wake Forest eagled the last hole to shoot a seven-under-par 65 to lead the individuals.

Wayne DeFrancesco of LSU was second among the individuals with a 70, one stroke ahead of the FSU pair.

Grant Turner and Allan Menne of the Seminoles shot 72 and 73, respectively, to figure in the four-man team score. Scott Perry had a 78 for FSU.

Florida State's golfers bolt to 13-stroke lead in Schenkel tourney

STATESBORO, Ga. — Florida State's golfers had other teams shaking their heads Saturday as the nationally unranked Seminoles bolted into a 13-stroke lead in the Chris Schenkel Invitational.

FSU shot a team score of 10-under-par 278 Saturday, for a two-day total of 11-under-par 565 with one round to play.

In second place is University of Florida, ranked No. 2 in the nation, at 578. The next teams in the lineup include No. 13-ranked Georgia Southern (579), No. 6-ranked Wake Forest (582), No. 10-ranked Ohio State (583) and LSU (584).

Leading what coach Don Veller called the best one-day performance ever by an FSU golf team was Jeff Sluman, whose five-under-par 67 combined with a 71 Friday to place him second, behind Wake Forest's Garry Hallberg, 68-133.

Other FSU golfers, with score and place in standings, were Grant Turner (69-141, 4th), Paul Downes (71-142, 6th) and Allan Menne (71-144, 9th).

Scott Perry shot a 79 that wasn't counted in the team score.

On a recent hot streak, FSU won the Prudential tournament two weeks ago, but Veller was being cautious Saturday, even with the big lead.

"You never know," he said, "but if we could win it, it would be the greatest victory in FSU golf history."

A win also would make FSU an almost certain bet for an NCAA nationals bid.

FSU wins by 16 shots

Special to the Democrat

STATESBORO, Ga. — Florida State golf coach Don Veller watched the final round in near amazement here Sunday, as his hot Seminoles trounced the field in the ninth annual Chris Schenkel Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

Twenty-one teams — eight of them nationally ranked — were here for the three-day tourney, but the unranked Seminoles handled them all with ease, posting an 854 total and winning by an incredible 16 strokes.

Georgia Southern was second at 838.

Veller was ecstatic.

"It was the greatest Florida State team victory in the history of the school," he said. "It was tremendous when you consider 21 of the better teams in the country were here and we won by 16 strokes!

"We beat the heck out of them. It was very thrilling."

FSU has not been ranked all year, but Veller said he hopes his team's victory here will change all that.

"I hope this gets us ranked," he said. "It should."

Veller said he also thinks the victory might be enough to get the Seminoles a bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Seminoles held off the likes of second-ranked Florida, fourth-ranked North Carolina, fifth-ranked Ohio State, sixth-ranked Wake Forest, and 12th-ranked Florida Southern.

It was the Seminoles' second straight win. Two weeks ago, the team won the Prudential Classic in Jacksonville, Fla. Next action for the team is the Metro Conference tournament in Tallahassee May 11-12-13.

Grant Turner led the Seminoles' final round with a 69. The round gave him second

place in the individual standings with a six-under-par 210 on the 6,860-yard Forest Heights Country Club course.

Teammate Jeff Sluman was next at 212.

The Seminoles were seeded eighth in the field.

Gary Hallberg of Wake Forest shot even par 72 to win the individual title.

Hallberg, a Barrington, Ill., junior, took a five stroke lead into the final round and never was seriously challenged. He shot 65 and 68 in the first two rounds for a 205 total.

Two Florida State players, Allan Menne and Paul Downes, tied for eighth with a par 216.

Florida finished third at 871, Wake Forest was fourth at 876 and Ohio State was fifth at 877.

Wayne DeFrancesco of Louisiana State and Jodie Mudd of Georgia Southern tied for fourth in individual standings with 213.