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ATHLETICS

Augusta State Coasts to Team Title at Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship *Clemson's Trahan Wins Medalist Honor in Playoff*

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (February 18, 2003) – Augusta State University maintained the 10-stroke lead it held going into the final round of the Mercedes-Benz Collegiate Championship to take home the tournament's team title at Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach Tuesday.

While Augusta (852, -12) was waltzing to its fifth win in its last six tournaments and fourth in a row, Clemson's D.J. Trahan was performing a mad scramble on the back nine, as he shot a 31 to get himself into a three-way playoff with Duke's Ryan Blaum and North Carolina's Dustin Bray. Trahan won the all-ACC playoff on the second hole of sudden death with an eagle that eliminated Blaum.

Host University of North Florida finished the tournament in 14th place with a three-round total of 891 (+27). John Limanti was the highest UNF finisher, as he placed 18th with a 218 (+2). Vince Covello finished in 34th place (221), followed by Miguel Ordonez in 49th (225), Evan Osteen in 62nd (229) and Matt Torrance in 66th (231). Will Lloyd competed as an individual for UNF and finished the event in a tie for 58th with a three-round total of 227.

Augusta's victory broke a string of four straight MBCC wins by the University of Florida. The Gators finished this year's event in fifth with an 8-over 872 total. Trahan helped his Clemson squad to a second place finish (862, -2), while Texas finished third (870) and Wake Forest fourth (871).

Trahan came into the final round of the MBCC in 15th place, eight strokes behind Bray at even par. All he did on the final day to close the gap was make six birdies and two eagles for a 67. Blaum, a freshman from Miami, started the day seven strokes off the pace and closed with a 68 to join Trahan and Bray at 211 for the tournament.

Trahan sunk a 25-foot birdie putt on the first sudden-death playoff hole, while Baum matched his effort with a birdie of his own. Bray's birdie attempt from 12 feet slid by the hole and eliminated him from medalist contention.

Trahan finally closed Baum out with an eagle on the par 5 eighth hole. Trahan nailed his approach within five feet of the cup and buried the putt for the win.

UNF will be back on the course March 2-3 when it hosts its second tournament of the spring at Palencia Golf Course in St. Augustine.

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Ponte Vedra, FL

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(Today:02-18-2003)

Par: 72

Yardage: 6895

Fin.	School	Scores				
1	Augusta State U.	285	281	286	852	-12
2	Clemson University	287	290	285	862	-2
3	Texas, Univ. of	290	292	288	870	+6
4	Wake Forest Univ.	289	291	291	871	+7
5	Florida, U. of	285	292	295	872	+8
6	Oklahoma State U.	281	295	299	875	+11
7	North Carolina State	288	293	295	876	+12
8	Tennessee, Univ. of	287	298	292	877	+13
9	Duke University	293	295	292	880	+16
10	South Carolina	289	295	298	882	+18
11	North Carolina, U of	289	296	299	884	+20
12	Georgia, U. of	302	286	299	887	+23
	Louisiana State U.	298	297	292	887	+23
14	North Florida, U. of	299	293	299	891	+27
15	Florida State Univ.	300	298	316	914	+50

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** 1	D.J. Trahan	Clemson	73	71	67	211	-5
2	Dustin Bray	N Carolina	69	67	75	211	-5
	Ryan Blaum	Duke	68	75	68	211	-5
4	Emmett Turner	Augusta St	75	70	68	213	-3
	Russell Surber	Texas	71	72	70	213	-3
	Brent Wanner	Wk. Forest	71	68	74	213	-3
7	James Vargas	Florida	69	72	73	214	-2
	John Humphries	LSU	72	67	75	214	-2
	Fernando Mechereffe	NC State	73	71	70	214	-2
	Scott Jamieson	Augusta St	69	71	74	214	-2
	Brett Stegmaier	Florida	68	72	74	214	-2
12	Ian Parnaby	Tennessee	69	77	69	215	-1
	Hunter Mahan	Okla. St.	72	73	70	215	-1
	Bill Haas	Wk. Forest	73	71	71	215	-1
	Gregg Jones	Clemson	72	73	70	215	-1
16	Oliver Wilson	Augusta St	73	72	72	217	+1
	Erik Johansen	S Carolina	69	73	75	217	+1
18	John Limanti	N. Florida	76	69	73	218	+2
	Justin Walters	NC State	70	73	75	218	+2
	David Skinns	Tennessee	72	72	74	218	+2
	Taylor Crosby	Georgia	75	71	72	218	+2
	Ben Duncan	Clemson	71	72	75	218	+2
23	Jason Hartwick	Texas	75	73	71	219	+3
	Matthew Rosenfeld	Texas	74	72	73	219	+3
	Jack Ferguson	Clemson	72	74	73	219	+3
	Nathan Smith	Duke	73	71	75	219	+3
	Chris Clarke	Okla. St.	68	73	78	219	+3
	James Heath	Augusta St	70	68	81	219	+3
29	Ramon Bescansa	N Carolina	72	74	74	220	+4
	Alex Hamilton	S Carolina	73	72	75	220	+4
	Alex Noren	Okla. St.	68	75	77	220	+4
	Chris Yoder	Wk. Forest	75	75	70	220	+4
	Martin Rominger	S Carolina	72	74	74	220	+4
34	Vince Covello	N. Florida	75	72	74	221	+5
	Zack Robinson	Okla. St.	73	74	74	221	+5
	Rusty Kennedy	Texas	72	75	74	221	+5
37	Kevin Kisner	Georgia	76	71	75	222	+6
	Camilo Villegas	Florida	73	76	73	222	+6

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37	Steven Lewton	NC State	75	73	74	222	+6
	Kalle Edberg	Augusta St	73	77	72	222	+6
	Sutton Barbrey	NC State	70	76	76	222	+6
42	Heath West	LSU	76	76	71	223	+7
	Chad Wilfong	Wk. Forest	70	77	76	223	+7
44	Leif Olson	Duke	77	73	74	224	+8
	David Denham	Georgia	76	73	75	224	+8
	Matt Hendrix	Clemson	72	77	75	224	+8
	Richard Treis	N Carolina	75	78	71	224	+8
	J.J. Wall	Texas	73	76	75	224	+8
49	Miguel Ordonez	N. Florida	72	77	76	225	+9
	West Streib	S Carolina	75	76	74	225	+9
	Aaron Smith	LSU	75	75	75	225	+9
	John Scott Rattan	Tennessee	74	77	74	225	+9
	Richard Scott	Georgia	75	73	77	225	+9
54	Ryan Hybl	Georgia	76	71	79	226	+10
	Ari Savolainen	Florida	75	72	79	226	+10
	Matt Adcock	Florida St	77	73	76	226	+10
	Alex Wilson	Duke	75	76	75	226	+10
58	Peter Mitchell	Florida St	72	77	78	227	+11
	Ross McGowan	Tennessee	72	74	81	227	+11
	Tucker Ervin	LSU	75	81	71	227	+11
	*Will Lloyd	N. Florida	75	70	82	227	+11
62	Brad Moldin	N Carolina	73	77	79	229	+13
	Andrew Pratt	Tennessee	79	75	75	229	+13
	Evan Osteen	N. Florida	76	77	76	229	+13
65	Jordan Code	Florida	75	80	75	230	+14
66	Matt Torrance	N. Florida	77	75	79	231	+15
67	Jason Moon	NC State	76	76	80	232	+16
68	Mike Castleforte	Duke	78	79	76	233	+17
	Brad Lusenhop	Florida St	79	74	80	233	+17
	Adam Wallace	Florida St	77	74	82	233	+17
71	David Aitchison	LSU	78	79	77	234	+18
72	Cortland Lowe	Wk. Forest	76	81	78	235	+19
	Fernando Figueroa	N Carolina	75	79	81	235	+19

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74	*Ryan Cochran	Florida	76	80	81	237	+21
75	Tim Vickers	Florida St	74	80	84	238	+22
	*Doug Manchester	Wk. Forest	83	84	71	238	+22
77	Michael Maness	S Carolina	81	87	78	246	+30
78	Stewart Dodson	Okla. St.	86	86	92	264	+48

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1	Augusta State U.	285	281	286	852
T 4	Emmett Turner	75	70	68	213
T 7	Scott Jamieson	69	71	74	214
T 16	Oliver Wilson	73	72	72	217
T 23	James Heath	70	68	81	219
T 37	Kalle Edberg	73	77	72	222
2	Clemson University	287	290	285	862
** 1	D.J. Trahan	73	71	67	211
T 12	Gregg Jones	72	73	70	215
T 18	Ben Duncan	71	72	75	218
T 23	Jack Ferguson	72	74	73	219
T 44	Matt Hendrix	72	77	75	224
3	Texas, Univ. of	290	292	288	870
T 4	Russell Surber	71	72	70	213
T 23	Jason Hartwick	75	73	71	219
T 23	Matthew Rosenfeld	74	72	73	219
T 34	Rusty Kennedy	72	75	74	221
T 44	J.J. Wall	73	76	75	224
4	Wake Forest Univ.	289	291	291	871
T 4	Brent Wanner	71	68	74	213
T 12	Bill Haas	73	71	71	215
T 29	Chris Yoder	75	75	70	220
T 42	Chad Wilfong	70	77	76	223
T 72	Cortland Lowe	76	81	78	235
5	Florida, U. of	285	292	295	872
T 7	James Vargas	69	72	73	214
T 7	Brett Stegmaier	68	72	74	214
T 37	Camilo Villegas	73	76	73	222
T 54	Ari Savolainen	75	72	79	226
65	Jordan Code	75	80	75	230
6	Oklahoma State U.	281	295	299	875
T 12	Hunter Mahan	72	73	70	215
T 23	Chris Clarke	68	73	78	219
T 29	Alex Noren	68	75	77	220
T 34	Zack Robinson	73	74	74	221
78	Stewart Dodson	86	86	92	264
7	North Carolina State	288	293	295	876
T 7	Fernando Mechereffe	73	71	70	214
T 18	Justin Walters	70	73	75	218
T 37	Steven Lewton	75	73	74	222
T 37	Sutton Barbrey	70	76	76	222
67	Jason Moon	76	76	80	232

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T 18	David Skinns	72	72	74	218
T 49	John Scott Rattan	74	77	74	225
T 58	Ross McGowan	72	74	81	227
T 62	Andrew Pratt	79	75	75	229
9	Duke University	293	295	292	880
T 2	Ryan Blaum	68	75	68	211
T 23	Nathan Smith	73	71	75	219
T 44	Leif Olson	77	73	74	224
T 54	Alex Wilson	75	76	75	226
T 68	Mike Castleforte	78	79	76	233
10	South Carolina	289	295	298	882
T 16	Erik Johansen	69	73	75	217
T 29	Alex Hamilton	73	72	75	220
T 29	Martin Rominger	72	74	74	220
T 49	West Streib	75	76	74	225
77	Michael Maness	81	87	78	246
11	North Carolina, U of	289	296	299	884
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T 29	Ramon Bescansa	72	74	74	220
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T 72	Fernando Figueroa	75	79	81	235
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T 18	Taylor Crosby	75	71	72	218
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T 62	Evan Osteen	76	77	76	229
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15	Florida State Univ.	300	298	316	914
T 54	Matt Adcock	77	73	76	226
T 58	Peter Mitchell	72	77	78	227
T 68	Brad Lusenhop	79	74	80	233
T 68	Adam Wallace	77	74	82	233
T 75	Tim Vickers	74	80	84	238

Fin.	Individuals	School	Scores			
T 58	Will Lloyd	N. Florida	75	70	82	227
74	Ryan Cochran	Florida	76	80	81	237
T 75	Doug Manchester	Wk. Forest	83	84	71	238

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Course Scoring Summary
Date Printed: 02-18-2003
Course # 1

Hole	Par	Yards	Rd. 1	Rd. 2	Rd. 3	Rd. 4	Total
1	4	380	4.06	4.27	4.04		4.12
2	4	395	4.26	4.45	4.46		4.39
3	3	190	3.19	3.13	3.22		3.18
4	5	510	5.13	5.17	5.05		5.12
5	4	420	4.47	4.44	4.65		4.52
6	3	190	3.10	3.08	3.10		3.09
7	4	420	4.32	4.17	4.42		4.30
8	5	520	4.54	4.63	4.58		4.58
9	4	440	4.35	4.29	4.40		4.35
10	4	410	4.22	4.18	4.22		4.21
11	5	500	4.50	4.56	4.67		4.58
12	3	185	3.15	3.29	3.38		3.28
13	4	445	4.10	4.12	4.38		4.20
14	4	385	4.08	4.23	4.10		4.14
15	3	185	3.32	3.29	3.24		3.29
16	4	375	4.22	4.12	4.13		4.15
17	4	440	4.04	4.22	4.26		4.17
18	5	505	4.73	4.88	4.76		4.79
Total	72	6895	73.78	74.51	75.06		74.45

Hole	Par	Yards	Db. Eagle	Eagle	Birds	Par	Bogey	Db. Bogey	Other
1	4	380			31	151	45	6	1
2	4	395			21	127	67	15	4
3	3	190			7	184	38	4	1
4	5	510			40	140	43	10	1
5	4	420			14	121	69	24	6
6	3	190			34	146	52	2	
7	4	420			13	149	62	8	2
8	5	520		8	104	105	13	3	1
9	4	440			15	148	50	18	3
10	4	410			28	137	63	5	1
11	5	500		12	101	102	15	1	3
12	3	185			18	141	68	6	1
13	4	445			24	145	61	3	1
14	4	385			38	140	47	6	3
15	3	185			15	153	53	11	2
16	4	375			23	165	35	9	2
17	4	440			27	150	49	6	2
18	5	505		5	88	98	37	6	
Total	72	6895		25	641	2502	867	143	34

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