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### FRESHMEN GOLFERS STEP UP FOR FLORIDA STATE MEN'S GOLF TEAM AS BLIXT EARNS MEDALIST HONORS AND SEMINOLE MEN'S GOLF TEAM FINISHES THIRD AT SEASON OPENING GATOR INVITATIONAL

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Florida State freshman Jonas Blixt earned medalist honors for the first time in his career and the Seminole men's golf team finished in third place in the team standings at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Gator Invitational at the University of Florida Golf Course. Blixt shot a career-best 68 in the final round to gain the first individual win by a Florida State golfer since the spring 2001 season.

Florida defended its title in the event – winning the team title by eight strokes over Wake Forest and by ten over the Seminoles. The Gators overcame a one-stroke deficit to No. 6 Wake Forest to claim their 19th Gator Invitational crown in the tournament's 28-year history. Blixt also overcame a deficit of one stroke to beat a trio of golfers by two strokes in the final standings. A second Seminole freshman – Song Jeon – earned the best finish of his career as he finished in a tied for fifth place in the individual standings with a final round score of 69 and a tournament total of a career-best 212.

The individual victory by Blixt marked the first win by a Seminole golfer since Mark Donaldson earned individual medalist honors at the Cavalier Classic during the spring 2001 season. The Seminoles' team finish was also the best since a third place finish at the same Cavalier Classic.

"I feel that our team has been getting better," said second-year head coach Trey Jones. "Our freshmen have settled into school and have adjusted to life as college students. There are not too many freshmen that have gone to the Gator and earned medalist honors. To have two players finish in the top five is very promising and really shows how hard our players have been working to prepare themselves for this season."

Blixt (Nassjo, Sweden) averaged 69.67 strokes during the three-round tournament and finished at par or better in two of the three rounds. Blixt established personal best scores for a single-round (68), 36-holes (141), tournament (209) and finish (first).

Jeon (Seoul, Korea) earned his first career-top-five finish as he, too, rewrote his personal record book. He set personal standards for single round score (69 in round three), 36-hole scored (143), tournament score (212) and individual finish (tied for fifth). Jeon's previous best score for a single round was 75, his previous best tournament score was a 232 and his previous best individual finish of tied for 62<sup>nd</sup>-place all came during the fall 2004 season.

Junior Adam Wallace finished well as he carded a 73 in the final round to finish in 37<sup>th</sup> place. His finished marked the fourth top-40 finish of his career. Freshman Tommy Rymer finished in 43<sup>rd</sup> place in his first tournament as a Seminole and senior Mark Sestilio finished in 53<sup>rd</sup> place.

The Seminoles continue their spring schedule as they play at the Mercedes Benz Intercollegiate Feb. 21-22 in Jacksonville, Fla.

#### Gator Invitational/University Florida Golf Course/Feb. 5-6, 2005

##### Gainesville, Fla./Par 70/Final FSU Results

|      |               |     |     |     |     |
|------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 3/15 | Florida State | 291 | 292 | 285 | 868 |
| 1.   | Jonas Blixt   | 71  | 70  | 68  | 209 |
| T5.  | Song Jeon     | 71  | 72  | 69  | 212 |
| 37.  | Adam Wallace  | 75  | 75  | 73  | 223 |
| 43.  | Tommy Rymer   | 74  | 76  | 75  | 225 |
| 53.  | Mark Sestilio | 75  | 75  | 78  | 228 |

#### Gator Invitational/University Florida Golf Course/Feb. 5-6, 2005

##### Gainesville, Fla./Par 70/Final Team Results

|    |             |     |     |                  |     |
|----|-------------|-----|-----|------------------|-----|
| 1. | Florida     | 858 | 9.  | Georgia Southern | 881 |
| 2. | Wake Forest | 866 | 10. | Purdue           | 882 |

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|----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| 3. | Florida State   | 868 | 11. | Tennessee             | 886 |
| 4. | South Carolina  | 869 | 12. | Ohio State            | 900 |
| 5. | UCF             | 876 | 13. | North Florida         | 906 |
| 6. | Georgia State   | 877 | 14. | Kentucky              | 908 |
| 7. | UAB             | 878 | 15. | College of Charleston | 910 |
| 8. | Louisiana State | 879 |     |                       |     |

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## No. 18 Men's Golf Claims SunTrust Gator Invitational

Sunday February 6, 2005



### Gainesville, FL

The No. 18 University of Florida men's golf team collected its first win of the 2004-05 season by claiming the 28th Annual SunTrust Gator Invitational on Sunday afternoon at the University Golf Course.

The Gators overcame a one-stroke deficit to No. 6 Wake Forest on the final day to claim their 19th Gator Invitational crown in the tournament's 28-year history by eight strokes. Junior **Brett Stegmaier (Madison, Conn.)** carded rounds of 72-68-71=211 (+1), to finish in a tie as the tournament's runner-up and earn the best finish by a Gator golfer in 2004-05. Florida State's Jonas Blixt earned his first collegiate medalist honor by carding a three-round score of 209 (-1) and win by two strokes.

Junior **James Vargas (Miami, Fla.)** continued to play well as he carded rounds of 70-72-72=214 (+4), to earn his first top-10 finish of the season by tying for ninth.

*Junior Brett Stegmaier finished in a tie for second at the SunTrust Gator Invitational*

Closing the tournament out with a final round score of 69, redshirt senior transfer **Ricahrd Treis (Baden-Baden, Germany)** finished in a tie for 14th-place with a total score of 217 (+7).

Playing as an individual, redshirt freshman **Manuel Villegas (Medelin, Colombia)** had a solid tournament as he recorded rounds of 77-71-73=221 (+11) to tie for 27th-place.

Junior **Matt Every (Daytona Beach, Fla.)** tied for 34th-place by notching rounds of 73-76-73=222 (+12).

Despite firing a season-best round of 68 and matching a tournament-low score, junior **Ryan Cochran (Paducah, Ky.)** did not record a final score after a mistake was found on his first-round score card.

The 18th-ranked Gators return to action on Feb. 20-22 as they travel to Ponte Vedra, Fla., for the Mercedes Benz Collegiate hosted by North Florida.

### Team Results

| Team              | 1st Round | 2nd Round | 3rd Round | Total | Even/Over Par |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------------|
| 1. Florida        | 287       | 291       | 280       | 858   | +18           |
| 2. Wake Forest    | 286       | 291       | 289       | 866   | +26           |
| 3. Florida State  | 291       | 292       | 285       | 868   | +28           |
| 4. South Carolina | 292       | 288       | 289       | 869   | +29           |
| 5. UCF            | 283       | 301       | 292       | 876   | +36           |

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|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 6. Georgia State          | 296 | 290 | 291 | 877 | +37 |
| 7. UAB                    | 290 | 288 | 300 | 878 | +38 |
| 8. LSU                    | 293 | 290 | 296 | 879 | +39 |
| 9. Georgia Southern       | 290 | 298 | 293 | 881 | +41 |
| 10. Purdue                | 295 | 302 | 285 | 882 | +42 |
| 11. Tennessee             | 290 | 301 | 295 | 886 | +46 |
| 12. Ohio State            | 303 | 301 | 296 | 900 | +60 |
| 13. North Florida         | 303 | 307 | 296 | 906 | +66 |
| 14. Kentucky              | 294 | 310 | 304 | 908 | +68 |
| 15. College of Charleston | 302 | 299 | 309 | 910 | +70 |

### Florida Results

| Name                  | 1st Round | 2nd Round | 3rd Round | Total | Even/Over Par |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|---------------|
| T2. Brett Stegmaier   | 72        | 68        | 71        | 211   | +1            |
| T9. James Vargas      | 70        | 72        | 72        | 214   | +4            |
| T14. Richard Treis    | 72        | 76        | 69        | 217   | +7            |
| T27. Manuel Villegas* | 77        | 71        | 73        | 221   | +11           |
| T34. Matt Every       | 73        | 76        | 73        | 222   | +12           |
| DQ. Ryan Cochran      | DQ        | 75        | 68        | DQ    |               |

\*Individual

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