

FSU women golfers finish fourth

After leading the Lady Tarheel Invitational Golf Tournament for two rounds, the FSU women's team

faltered Monday and finished fourth.

North Carolina won with a score of 961 followed by Florida International (964), Miami-Dade (965) and FSU (966).

Lady Seminole Marla Anderson shot rounds of 76-78-80 for a three-round total of 234 which was good enough for fourth. Nancy Rubin of Florida Atlantic had the lowest three-day total of 225.

In the final round, FSU's Nancy Scranton and Jane Geddes shot 81s.

FSU next plays in the Auburn Invitational Nov. 11-13.

"It'll probably take a team score of under 315 to win it," Gunnells said. "Florida State can be beaten if we can get four good scores out of our first team."

"We just had a couple of bad scores today," said UNC's Stephanie Kornegay, who is tied for 10th individually. "The greens were a little faster (Sunday) than they were Saturday, and it took us a while to get used to them. If I could have puttied, I'd have shot in the low 70s."

Kornegay had 80 Sunday, one shot behind Carla Daniel's 79 and three behind Marcen Long's 77. Long is the only one of those three

on the blue team. Her two-day total of 158, along with Daniel's, is good for a share of seventh place individually, tops on the UNC team.

Gunnells said the pin placements wouldn't be as tough today as they were Sunday.

"Putting was touchy around the holes Sunday," she said. "There won't be as many little hills to put over (today)."

"If we can save some pars by making those nagging 10 footers, our chances of catching Florida State will increase," Daniel said. "They caught us from behind. There's no reason we can't go out and take it away from them."

The two top individual performers so far are Florida International's Nancy Rubin at 151 and Palm Beach's Barb Bunkowski at 153.

"The tournament is running very smoothly," Gunnells said. "All the visiting coaches have mentioned how Finley is in such great shape and how it is a good course to host a tournament. A few have said I should put in a bid to have the nationals here in 1981."

Play begins at 9:30 today, and a winner should be determined late in the afternoon.

"We all believe we can win," Kornegay said. "It's our home course, and the championship is there if we can just go out and take it."

UNC golfers 2nd in Lady Tar Heel

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Florida State came from two strokes off the pace Sunday to move into first place by three shots over first-round leader North Carolina in the Lady Tar Heel Invitational.

Today's play concludes the 54-hole tourney played at UNC's Finley Golf Course, and Carolina coach Dot Gunnells said she is confident her team can take the championship if the players improve their putting.

Carolina, which entered two teams, has both squads in the top five. The blue team is 14 strokes behind FSU in fifth place. Florida International is third and Miami-Dade fourth.

"We're pleased to have two teams up there, but we should still be in first," Gunnells said. "If the girls putt better, I think we can win."

The Heels' top team shot 317 Saturday and 322 Sunday for 639. FSU's lead has come from rounds of 319 and 317 for 636.

UNC golfers take first in Lady Tar Heel

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North Carolina rallied to win the Lady Tar Heel Invitational tournament at Finely Golf Course Monday by three strokes over Florida International.

UNC, which began the day three strokes behind Florida State, used Linda Mescan's 78 and Carla Daniel's third straight 79 to overtake the Seminoles. The Tar Heel's second team came in sixth

in the 54-hole-tourney, behind Miami-Dade, FSU and South Florida.

FIU's Nancy Rubin took individual honors with a third round 74, which included a double bogey on the 16th hole. Barb Bunkowski of Palm Beach birdied the second playoff hole to capture second place over Florida Southern's Diane Headings.

Top individual finishers for Carolina were Daniel, 237, eighth; Jill Nesbitt, 238, ninth; and Stephanie Kornegay, 239, 10th.

The Tar Heels won with the help of a closing round 330 score from second-round leader FSU. Carolina had 322 Monday.

"I didn't think 322 would do us any good going into the day," UNC coach Dot Gunnells said. "I'm elated that we won, but I didn't think we'd do it this way."

Gunnells pointed out the consistent play of Daniel, Kornegay, and Nesbitt, who had a 77 Monday, as key factors in the effort of both Tar Heel teams. Also, Mescan finished with rounds of 79 Sunday and 78 Monday.

Overall, scores were higher during Monday's round.

"The course was still wet from the rain, and that caused it to play longer," Gunnells said. "I know our team lost shots around the greens with the short game."

"There was a little wind out there that gave me some trouble," said Carolina's Mareen Long, stumbled to an 85 Monday. "And there was the added pressure that this was the final day of the tournament."

Mescan, whose 78 Monday was her best effort of the tournament, agreed. "There was more pressure today, but you've just got to forget about what

everyone else is shooting and play your own game. I played the front even par but lost my concentration on the back and ended up five over."

Mescan rolled in birdie putts of six feet at the third hole and 10 feet at the seventh. But her best shot came at the par-4 13th where she blated from a greenside bunker to within a foot for a tap-in par.

But for Florida International's Rubin, no amount of pressure, wind or bunkers could ruin her overall score. The Pittsburgh, Pa., senior all but owned the course throughout.

"I like this course a lot," Rubin said. "These greens are like the ones in Pennsylvania, and I guess that gave me a bit of an edge over my teammates from Florida. The weather was perfect. It just all came together real well for me."

Rubin birdied the par-5 12th when she hit the green in two and followed her double bogey at 16 with another birdie on the 17th.

Gunnells and the five top Tar Heel finishers will be in Pinehurst this weekend for the NCAIAW tournament. Daniel, Mescan, Kornegay, Nesbitt and Long will get the call for the two-day event.

"I just hope we can keep the ball rolling after this," Gunnells said.