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### FSGA State Amateur

#### Championship

AT FEATHER SOUND C.C.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Final round

#### Championship flight

Rick Pearson	134-70-70-274
David Peoples	138-64-73-275
Mark Calcavecchia	138-68-74-280
Bob Michael	140-74-68-282
Mike Domaiske	144-70-72-286
Kevin Janiga	144-70-72-286
Lee Rinker	145-72-69-286
Joel Gross	146-73-67-286
Brian Hawke	143-77-68-288
Phil Wagoner	140-74-74-288
Dave Sironen	146-71-72-289
Fred Ridley	146-72-72-290
Bob Sauerberg	141-73-77-291
Bob Rankin	141-74-76-291
Pat Kaylor	146-72-73-291
Robert Kouwe	143-75-74-292
John Strauss	144-73-75-292
Richard Stephens	143-75-75-293
Mike Estridge	141-78-74-293
Wayne Rudzewicz	146-75-72-293
Jim Keedy	146-75-73-294
Jack Veghte	143-73-79-295
Ron Ferrara	146-72-77-295
Dennis Deja	144-75-77-296
Jim Ahern	143-73-81-297
Danny Elkins	146-76-75-297
Tim Fieldhouse	143-81-74-298
Justin Jones	143-78-81-302
Bill Golson	144-81-77-302

#### First flight

Dave Snyder	148-73-69-290
Kevin Walsh	148-75-70-293
Paul Coe	149-74-72-295
Charles Sullivan	147-72-77-296
Tom Butscher	147-76-74-297
Robert Hughes	148-73-77-298
Bob Cornett	149-76-74-299
Terry Crick	147-81-76-304
Scott Behl	149-76-80-305
Tom Hayes	149-82-75-306
Keith Kelster	149-80-82-311

#### Second flight

Bill Byrne	150-75-75-300
Dave Pesacov	152-74-74-300
Steve Hart	150-78-72-300
Dave Bosel	151-75-78-304
Jay Townsend	151-76-79-306
Ken Brooke	152-77-77-306
Randy Brown	150-81-75-306
Burwell Jones	152-79-77-308
Scott Stewart	152-80-76-308
Asey Stephens	150-80-80-310
Dick Goertlich	151-86-74-311
Glen Gabriel	152-81-79-312
Jay Schrader	151-86-80-317

#### Third flight

Bobby Lundquist	153-70-70-293
Jim Nosewicz	154-71-79-304
Carl Reed	154-72-80-306
Jay Davis	153-75-79-307
Richard Hope	153-75-80-308
Wayne Joiner	155-73-78-306
Bill Gannaway	153-76-79-308
Brandt Martin	154-76-78-308
Dick Parker	155-75-87-317
Dave Ragan	153-78-75-306
Berger Warner	155-76-86-317
James Carley	153-79-84-316
Dave Davis	153-79-80-312
Robert Mantz	154-78-73-305
Dan Stone	154-78-78-310
Steve Kern	154-79-76-309
Bert Yancey	155-91-77-323
John Leon	162-86-81-329

#### Fourth flight

David Abell	156-74-72-302
Vic Gavalas	157-81-75-305
John Peck	153-79-79-311
David Kargetta	159-77-75-311
Alan Moucha	156-76-80-312
Jim McCumber	156-79-78-313
R. T. Smith	157-79-77-313
Richard Moore	159-76-79-314
Scott Tarnow	158-76-81-315
Bill Earley	157-81-77-315
Jim Achenbach	159-79-78-316
Richard Valdes	157-73-80-318
Chris Yancey	159-82-78-319
Chip Fair	156-86-77-319
Casey Cox	159-84-76-319

#### Fifth flight

Ben Brown	160-76-77-313
William Wright	160-77-86-323
Curtis Timm	163-75-79-317
Roland Goff	161-78-83-322
S. D. Stewart	161-78-80-319
Robert Stanford	161-79-75-315
Charles Walker	160-81-85-326
Brian Bowen	161-81-77-319
Tadashi Hattori	161-81-77-319
Steve Smith	160-82-81-323
Jim Branche	160-83-78-321
Steve DeCoveny	161-84-81-326
Paul Tarnow III	161-84-79-324
Randy Jones	161-87-87-335
Robbie Madigan	161-88-81-330

#### Sixth flight

Jack Nicklaus II	162-71-72-305
James Bailey	165-77-74-316
Tom Cook	162-76-79-317
Paul Tarnow Jr.	164-78-83-325
Ken Snow	164-82-81-327
Anthony Ciccotti	164-81-84-329
James Allen	163-82-87-332
Judge Vaughn	168-80-85-333
Tom Edrington	170-83-86-339
William McEwen	163-91-88-342
John Purcell	171-94-86-351
B. J. Jones	174-99-79-357



# Veghte Heads State Amateur

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By TOM EDRINGTON  
Tribune Sports Writer

CLEARWATER — If one were to pick the most consistent Florida amateur for the decade of the 1970s, surely Jack Veghte could be the man.

Veghte, the Clearwater insurance man who has made his presence felt on the local and national amateur scene for more than 15 years, is the man most of the members at the beautiful and challenging Feather Sound Country Club are picking as their favorite to win the 63rd annual Florida State Golf Association Amateur championship that begins today on Veghte's home course.

No one plays or knows the Feather Sound layout better than Veghte, who once shot 63 on the course and has captured the Florida amateur crown three times ('68, '70, '75).

"There's pressure on me," Veghte analyzed on the eve of the championship, which will be contested for four days and 72 holes of play. "Everyone's telling me, 'you're gonna win this, aren't you?' and it's like they think I'm the only guy playing. Well, there are a bunch of real fine players gathered this week and any one of them can win."

Supporting Veghte's claim is the presence of 1976 U.S. Amateur champion Fred Ridley, who heads a strong Tampa contingent. University of Florida senior Rick Pearson, a former state champion and the current SEC champion should bid for the 1980 title and surely the defending champion, David Peoples of Orlando and the Gator golf team has his game tournament-tough.

"Peoples beat me by a shot last year at Sawgrass," recalled Veghte, the 1979 runnerup who is well-known for the sunglasses he wears while playing. "Lots of good college players and a gang of experienced older players."

Other names easily recognized this week include Kevin Walsh of Seminole, who was a finalist in the prestigious North and South amateur at Pinehurst a month ago; Mark Calcavecchia of the University of Florida, an accomplished player; Bob Michael of Sarasota, the national left-handed champion. Most recognized name in the field is that of Jack Nicklaus II, son of the "Golden Bear." Jack Jr. will pursue a collegiate golfing career next year at the University of North Carolina. In a practice round Wednesday, Nicklaus II aced the par 3 third hole, a 163-yarder. Last week, Ridley aced the same hole.

Those players as well as the entire field of 120 will have to cope with the intricacies of Feather Sound.

"There is room to drive the ball out here but the second shots must be good," analyzed Veghte, who shot 34-29 for his 63 last winter. "The greens will be fast. And the 18th hole will decide the championship if it is close," Veghte predicted.

The 18th is a monster of a finishing hole. It is 455 yards in length with water down the right side of the hole, more water directing in front of the green and sand traps down the left side.

"You can stand on the tee with a two-shot lead and not have it wrapped up," stated Veghte, who tuned up with a 2 under par 70 last week. "If you hit it too far left, it's tough to make anything better than bogey. If you hit it to the right, in the water, you've got at least

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a double-bogey."

Then add the wind factor.

"If there isn't much wind, 6 or 8 under par might win it," Veghte guessed. "But this course is affected by the wind the way Sawgrass is. Strong winds make it very tough. Some holes can play to a 6-club difference, depending on the wind. It can be easy or very, very tough," said the man who once gave the legendary Arnold Palmer his toughest match in the 1955 U.S. Amateur.

Play will begin this morning at 8 o'clock and Ridley will be the first player to tee off. Ridley, who now practices law in Tampa, will be supported by players such as Dr. Pepper champion Bob Kouwe, Tampa City four-ball champs Bob Cornett and Wayne Rudzewicz, Asey Stephens, Rick Valdes, Jim Nosewicz, Walter Baldwin, Paul Tarnow Jr., Scott Tarnow, Paul Tarnow III, Dick Parker, Dick Goerlich, Bill Golson, and Brian Hawke, in an effort to produce a state champ from Tampa.

Tampa has not boasted a state champion since Gary Koch won in 1972 at the Bay Hill Club in Orlando.

But what more significant than that 8-year span is the fact that this tournament is back in the bay area for the first time in 37 years.

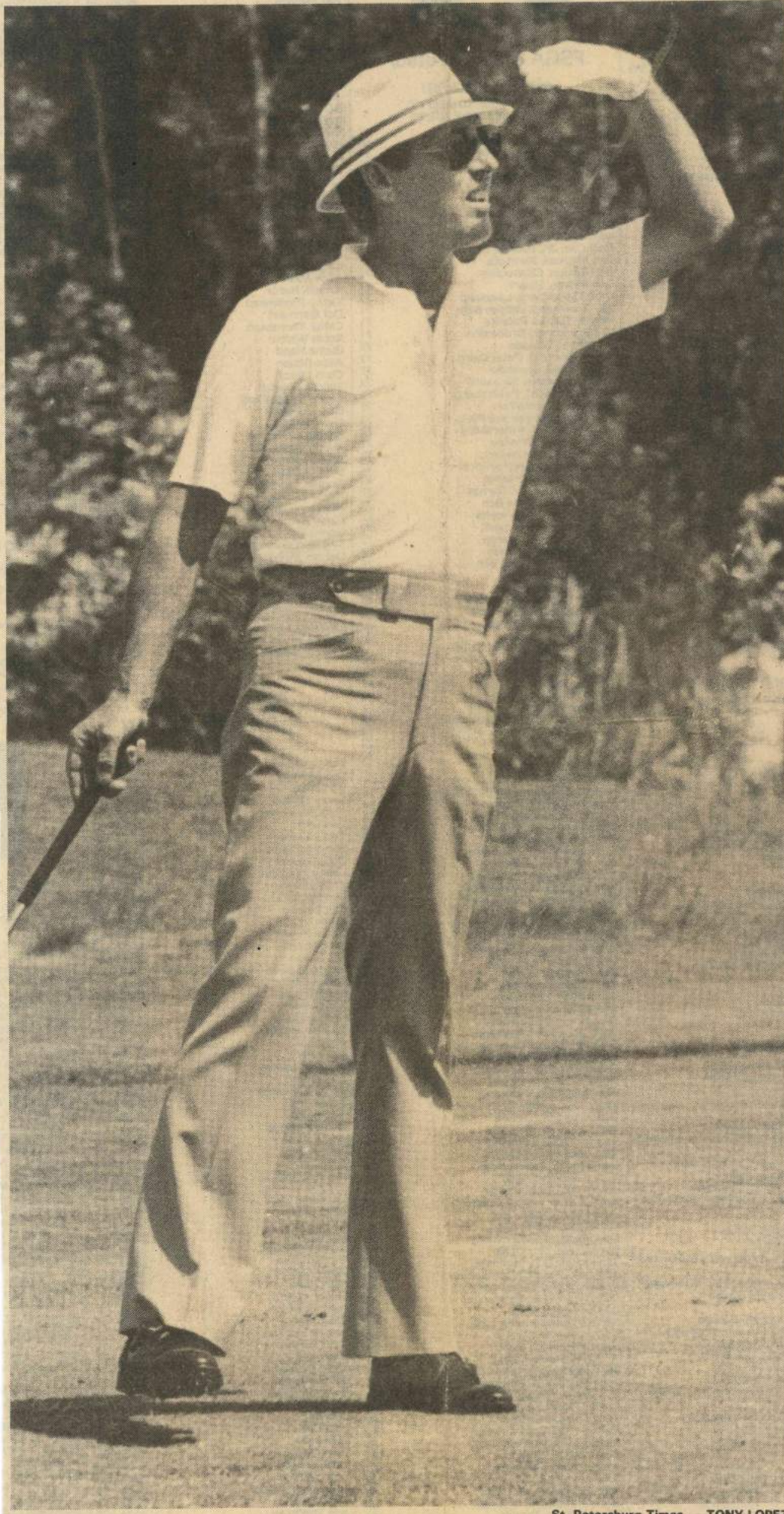
"And that's something to be excited about," stated Veghte.



### Amateur Favorite

Clearwater's Jack Veghte will be the favorite when the Florida Amateur Golf Championship begins today at Feather Sound. See story, page 3C.





St. Petersburg Times — TONY LOPEZ

Six back, tourney-favorite Veghte searches for help?

# Pearson pops 66 to outpace Veghte, field

■ Lopez-Melton at home with two-stroke lead, 3-C

■ Scores, 2-C

By TIM ROSAFORTE  
St. Petersburg Times Staff Writer

Just when Don Barber was saying he couldn't understand it, somebody took the words right out of his mouth. Like everyone cooking away in the opening round of the Florida State Amateur Golf Association championship, the host pro at Feather Sound just shook his head and let go another bead of sweat from the top of his forehead to the tip of his nose.

"The course can't play much better than today," Barber was saying. "I'm shocked at the high scores. If they can't score now, what are they going to do on Sunday, when we go to the tips of the tees and tuck the pins."

"I thought for sure somebody would shoot a 60..."

But scores much higher than that were piling up: four 69s, three 70s, nine 71s and 16 even-par 72s.

AND THEN along came Rick Pearson and his *Ping* for the pangs in what he calls a "slumping" golf game.

Woe is Rick Pearson. He wants you to feel sorry for his game. He's played so much golf lately, it's getting to be a bore. Poor guy.

Pearson's first-round score?

A 66.

Life should be so tough on every golfer.

After winning the Southeastern Conference Championship three weeks ago, the University of Florida senior complains he's been hitting the ball "just blah." His game got so out of hand, in fact, that he took a chance and pulled an old putter out of his bag Thursday. It was the first time he had seen it in a year.

The putter, like his numbers during the opening round of the amateur tourney, is a *Ping*.

*Ping*: a 66. It rang in the ears of 127 of the state's finest amateur golfers Thursday night, 95 of whom failed to break par — most of whom knew they could do a lot better.

"I set some drainage today," Pearson said, after taking a three-stroke lead over four players who shot 69s. "I just thought I'd change for the sake of change. I'd just been hitting it terrible.

"The same thing happened today.

I'd just hit it in the center of the green and make the putt. I could go 90 for the next three days the way I've been hitting it... easily."

OF COURSE, nobody believed the 1978 FSGA state amateur champ, although the remainder of the field would like to.

If he starts hitting it good, it could be bye-bye at halftime, and Pearson's second state championship in three years.

"Yesterday was the first time I played the course," Pearson continued, drawing little sympathy. "And I pretty much hit it like I did on the front nine today — which was terrible."

On the back nine, Feather Sound's toughest, Pearson claims he didn't hit it much better. But by that time, his *Ping* had time to heat up in the humid 90-degree June sauna. Six birdie putts dropped into the bottom of the cup, leaving him with a six-under 30, one stroke off the Feather Sound record set by tournament favorite Jack Veghte.

The Clearwater insurance agent, however, was not his usual self. Playing uneasily, Veghte lodged himself with 16 players at even-par 72 with what he described as a ho-hum round.

"Up and down all day," said Veghte, who was joined in the ranks of 72 by last year's champion David Peoples. "I just couldn't seem to get aggressive. Too tentative, I guess. I was thinking I was trying to play too cautiously, but I couldn't do anything about it."

VEGHTE SAID part of it had to do with the buildup as tournament favorite. "The advantage of playing your home course is not all it's cracked up to be," Veghte realized after his scorecard showed a duel of birdies and bogeys. "You get off and start playing poorly and all you can think about is, 'My goodness, this is my home course.' Then you start thinking *too* much."

The foursome at 69 included three early finishers — Jim Arnold, Bill Belk and Mike Estridge — and one who played in the next to the last group, Ron Ferrara.

They were followed by the surprise of the first round, 14-year-old Tim Fieldhouse, a native of Leeds, England, who's now making his home

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# Gators gang up to lead FSGA Amateur

By JIM HENRY  
Times Sports Writer

CLEARWATER — When David Pearson looks around at Feather Sound Golf and Country Club, all he sees close by are friendly faces. Sort of.

Pearson, who plays golf for the University of Florida, leads the Florida State Golf Association Amateur Tournament by four strokes after two rounds, and the two men tied for second are Gator teammates David Peoples and Mark Calavecchia.

Pearson, who won the Southeastern Conference Championship three weeks ago, isn't too excited about his 10-under-par 134.

"I was hitting the ball closer to the pins today than yesterday, but I wasn't making the putts," said Pearson, the 1978 state amateur champ.

"I missed a five-footer on No. 7 for a birdie and I missed a 10-footer on No. 18 for a bird," he said. "I probably had two or three other putts inside of 15 feet for birdies on other holes. You always think about the putts you don't hit. You sink a 20-footer and think nothing of it. But when you miss a 10-footer, it

really bugs you. These next two days are really going to be tough. My teammates are right behind me."

But if he's got to be chased by people who want to take his lead, he's glad the closest chasers are friends.

"I'm happy we're all where we are," said Pearson. "I hope we'll play together."

Peoples and Calavecchia finished second-round action at 138. Peoples, who won this tournament last year, survived Thursday's first round with an even-par 72 after taking a quadruple-bogey nine on one hole, and the junior-to-be at Florida fired a 6-under 66 over the wide-open 6,825 yards of Feather Sound Friday.

Calavecchia shot a 67 in the second round. Like Peoples, he will be a junior in September at Florida.

Although Pearson is the leader, many feel the player to watch is the long-hitting Peoples. Peoples said he's not so sure about that, even though he likes the way the course is playing.

"I was happy with today's round because I kept the ball off the trouble spots," he said. "No. 7 was the only hole I could have had a big number on because my drive landed behind a bush, but I scrambled for a

par. If you have a clear shot to the green, the course really doesn't play all that hard."

Pearson agreed.

"The greens are really reading true and the course isn't playing hard at all," he said. "You just have to keep the ball in the fairways. Even so, I imagine during these next two days something will happen."

Clearwater insurance agent and tournament favorite Jack Veghte is 1 under par for the tournament and said his nine-stroke difference is going to be hard to make up with 36 holes left.

"I just couldn't seem to make a move today," Veghte said. "I can't get past 1 under par; it's really frustrating. I'll be 1 over, then get back to even and go 1 under, but then I'll drop back to even. I don't think I am going to catch the leader. He will really have to blow up for me to get back in it."

Bob Rankin, who won this tournament back in 1969 and is seven strokes behind, probably summed the frustration up the best.

"These young bucks are just too tough for us old guys."

## Young Lions

'You've just got to believe  
this is a tournament  
for the young players.'

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JIM SMITH  
Sports Writer

It's turning into a parlor putting contest for the young machines, this 63rd Florida State Amateur golf tournament, and the old guard doesn't quite know what to think of it.

"They think the holes are bushel baskets," said 51-year-old Bob Rankin, the 1969 state amateur champion and one of Feather Sound Country Club's finest players. "Those guys don't think about being under par, they just feel they're supposed to be doing it. It's hard to compete with that kind of attitude."

Rankin, playing the best golf of the 11 Feather Sound players entered, has turned in rounds of 71 and 70 on his home course. Three-under-par is respectable golf, for sure, and Rankin said he was relatively satisfied with the result. But you won't keep up with the kids playing that way.

Not against imposing par-busters such as Rick Pearson, David Peoples and Mark Calavecchia, a trio of University of Florida players who were roosting atop the leaderboard midway through the 72-hole classic.

Rankin was seven strokes behind Pearson, who seemed thoroughly disgusted with a second-round 68 that left him at 138, four strokes ahead of both Peoples and Calavecchia in the race for the Florida State Golf Association crown.

Pearson had opened with a six-under 66, after which he labeled his game "blah." Though he didn't put a lower number on the scorecard Friday, he moaned and groaned and finally gave his second round a slightly loftier appraisal. "Better," he said. "Better than blah."

But not up to his standards. "That's the thing about golf. You only get what you deserve."

At least he was leading. Pearson sees that as an advantage. "It's better to be on top," he said. "However many shots I've got, I've got that many to blow. Everybody says it's not good to be in the lead because everybody's playing against you. I

think it's great to be there."

The difference between Pearson's two rounds was the putting. Everything fell Thursday, nothing fell Friday. "I had three lips and a bunch of sliders," Pearson said.

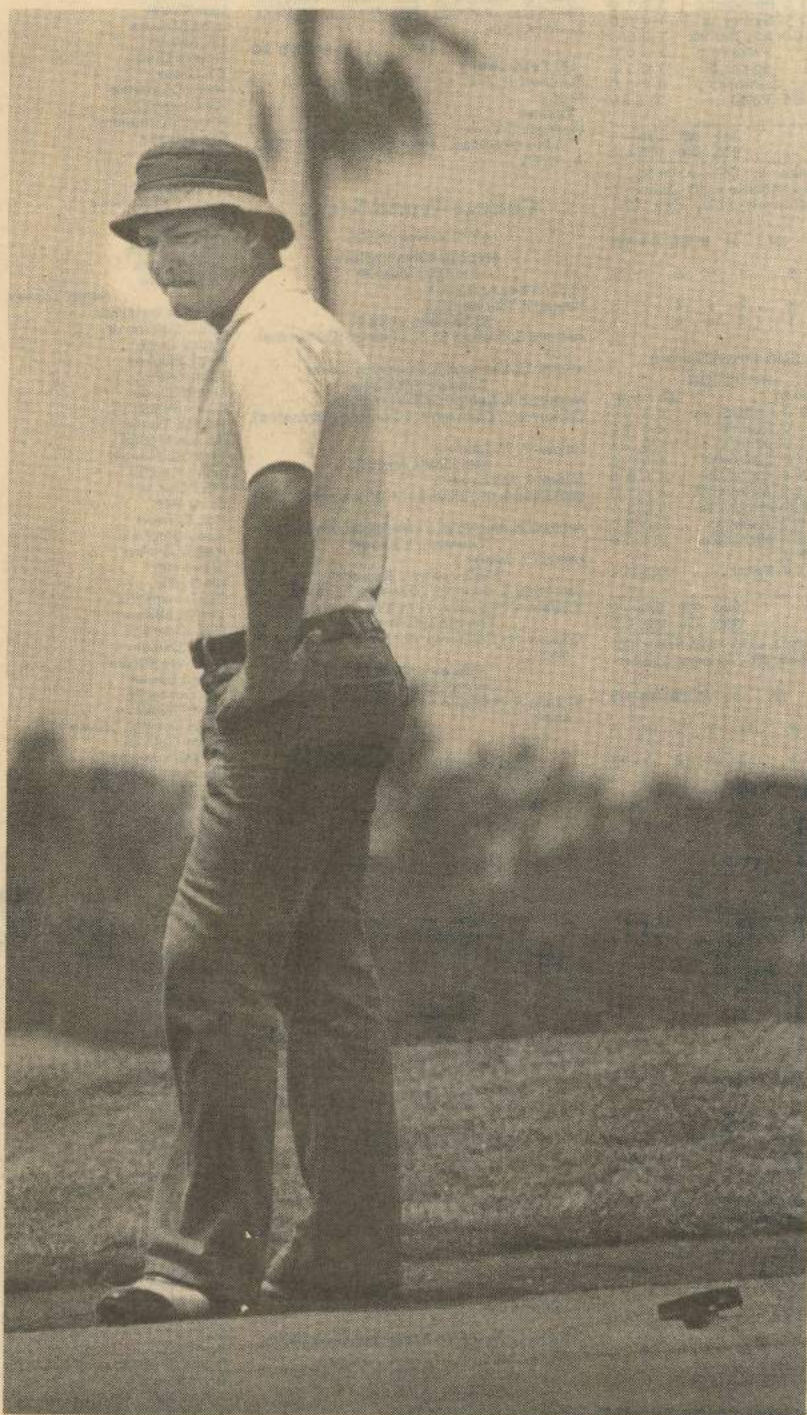
Peoples had the hot blade Friday, needing only 11 strokes of the putter to whittle a six-under-par 30 on the front side. "This is a putting contest," he said. "A lot of people are striking the ball well. Austin Jones missed only five greens in 36 holes and he's just one under. You just have to putt here."

Pearson insists that even if he continues at his current clip, he'll merely be in the hunt at the end. "My prediction," said the Southeastern Conference player of the year, "is somebody in this tournament will shoot 64 or better. I'm not going to say it's going to be me."

But he believes he can do it. "This is my sixth state amateur and this is by far the easiest course I've played. I can't believe how easy this course is for a state amateur."

Rankin disagreed with Pearson's prediction about the 64, which would equal his personal best at Feather Sound and come within one shot of Jack Veghte's course record. "I think they've done well. Maybe they can shoot better. But I don't think anybody's going to shoot 64," he said.

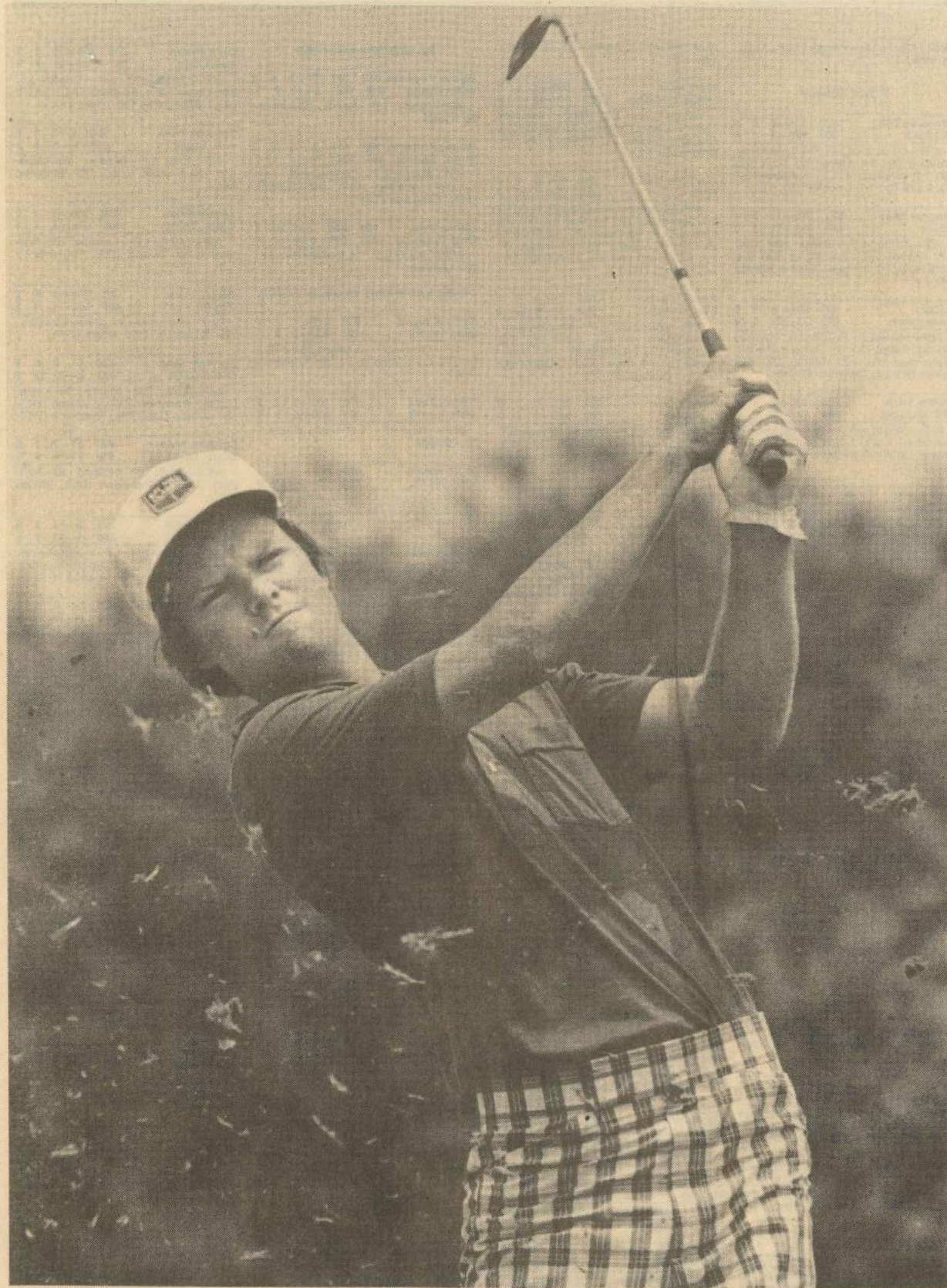
"But I'll tell you one thing, they're tough. You've just got to believe this is a tournament for the young players. And there's nothing wrong with that. It just makes it difficult to feel you've got a chance."



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Pearson walks away from a missed putts.





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Peoples tore up the Feather Sound course.

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# Peoples Rallied From Self-Destruct Status

It could have ended so easily on Thursday for David Peoples. He could have self-destructed and shot himself out of state and out of mind in the opening round of the Florida State Amateur.

A quadruple-bogey can rip apart the composure of golf's steadiest minds. A quadruple-bogey is what Peoples made on the 558-yard par-5 11th hole at Feather Sound Country Club. It followed a double-bogey, and the combination must have felt like the savage one-two crunch of some back-alley tough.

"My head was spinning," Peoples admitted. "From two under to four over in two holes. I usually get pretty angry when something like that happens. I could have blown up real easy and gone for 80."

Peoples didn't go poof. Instead, looking every bit like the defending champion that he is, Peoples went par, birdie, birdie, par, birdie, par, birdie the rest of the way, pulling himself out of an early grave for an even-par 72.

Then Friday, avoiding the quad-bogey, Peoples matched opening-day leader Rick Pearson's six-under-par 66 and suddenly he was transformed from pretender to contender in the 63rd Florida State Golf Association event.

Peoples' two-day total of 138 left him four strokes behind Pearson and tied with Mark Calcavecchia in what seemed to be shaping up as an all-Florida Gator showdown.

As wonderful as it was, the 66 left Peoples feeling somewhat cheated. "I made everything," he said, "but I shoot 66 and only pick up two shots."

Peoples is staying at Pearson's home in Bradenton this weekend. "I got a few instructions from him last night," Peoples joked. He wasn't expecting any pointers last night. Not after beating his college chum by two strokes on their second tour of the layout.

As Pearson had done a day earlier, Peoples used a putter to make his move. He had only 11 putts on the front side, where a lip-hanger on the last hole kept him from bagging a dizzying 29. He wasn't complaining about the 30, though.

"This course is easy, and if you just give it time, you're going to make some birdies. I just hope my putter works good tomorrow."

It was not at all the kind of performance Peoples turned in for the Gators in 1980. After leading the team with a five-under-par finish in the LSU Invitational, his game fizzled like a dud firecracker. "After that, I just don't know what happened. I shot a million in every tournament I played in."

He finished the season with a 308 in the NCAA tournament, shooting 79-77-73-79. "I hit it all over the parking lot. It was terrible."

As terrible as Peoples' fateful nine on No. 12 Thursday. It wasn't easy scoring a quad-bogey without finding water. First, he drove right into the rough. From there his club flicked a tree branch during his backswing and the ball headed about 20 feet into a bunker. A four-iron shot hit the lip of the bunker and rolled back into the sand. Then he finally found the fairway, punching the ball out some 40 yards. Not having the yardage down for his fifth shot ("I never thought I'd be there"), he misplayed a



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by Jim Smith

four-iron to the front of the green, chipped on and two-putted. Nine.

He took precautions on No. 12 yesterday. A two-iron off the tee, a four-iron down the fairway, a wedge to within a foot of the cup and then par.

Peoples, who has played the game for just six years, managed to remain relatively obscure through high school at Orlando Edgewater and one year at Valencia Community College. He consistently finished among the top five in junior college competition without winning any events. Then came last summer's state amateur at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedre, where Peoples slipped in for his first major title.

He doesn't think it will be as easy to sneak up on Pearson, who was the Southeastern Conference's premier player in 1980. "He's going to be pretty tough to catch," Peoples said. "I'm just going to try to do my best and play what I've got." And carefully avoid the quadruple-bogeys.



By LARRY BUSH  
Times Sports Editor

One other Palm Beach area player qualified for the championship flight here this weekend. Lee Rinker of Stuart and the University of Alabama tied for fifth with 286 on rounds of 71-74-72-69.

Of the eight others in the lower flights, five were prize winners.

David Pesacov, North Palm Beach, and Steve Hart, Tequesta, tied for first in the second flight at 300. Pesacov had 72-80-74-74, Hart 76-74-78-72. Carl Reed, West Palm Beach, tied for fourth, third flight, 79-75-72-86-306. David Abell, Fort Pierce, won the fourth flight, 77-79-74-72-302. Jack Nicklaus Jr., North Palm Beach, won the sixth flight, 81-81-71-72-305.

Other scores: Jay Townshead, Jensen Beach, 306, and Jay Schrader, North Palm Beach, 317, both second flight; and Steve Smith, Stuart, fifth flight, 323.

Championship flight summary:

- 274 — Rick Pearson, Bradenton, 66-68-70-70.
- 275 — David Peoples, Orlando, 71-66-64-73.
- 280 — Mark Calcavecchia, North Palm Beach, 71-67-68-74.
- 282 — Bob Michael, Sarasota, 71-69-74-68.
- 284 — Mike Domatske, Sarasota, 77-72-70-72.
- Kevin Janiga, Lake Placid, 73-71-70-71. Lee Rinker, Stuart, 71-74-72-69. Joel Gross, Pembroke Pines, 72-74-73-67.
- 288 — Pat Wagoner, Bradenton, 71-69-74-74.
- Brian Hawke, Temple Terrace, 70-73-77-68.
- 289 — Dave Sironen, Smyrna, 71-69-71-72.
- 290 — Fred Ridley, Tampa, 73-73-72-72.
- 291 — Bob Rankin, Clearwater, 71-70-74-76. Bob Sauerberg, Lakeland, 71-70-73-77. Pat Kaylor, Clearwater, 72-74-72-73.
- 292 — Robert Kouwe, Tampa, 73-70-75-74. John Strauss, Winter Springs, 72-72-73-75.
- 293 — Mike Estridge, Lakeland, 69-72-78-74.
- Richard Stephens, St. Petersburg, 72-71-75-75.
- Wayne Rudzewicz, Tampa, 76-70-75-72.
- 294 — Jim Keedy, Leesburg, 77-69-75-73.
- 295 — Jack Veghle, Clearwater, 72-71-73-79.
- Ron Ferrara, Kissimmee, 69-77-72-77.
- 296 — Dennis Deja, Seminole, 72-77-75-77.
- 297 — Jim Ahern, Largo, 70-73-81-81. Dabby Elkins, St. Petersburg, 72-74-76-75.
- 298 — Tim Fieldhouse Jr., Sarasota, 76-73-81-74.
- 302 — Bill Golson, Temple Terrace, 72-72-81-77.
- Austin Jones, Orlando, 72-71-78-81.

CLEARWATER — It didn't take Mark Calcavecchia long to realize he was just a spectator during the final round of the State Amateur golf tournament Sunday at Feather Sound.

"After I bogied the fourth and sixth holes, I figured I was out of it," Calcavecchia said Sunday after he struggled back in 74 for 280, eight-under-par for 72 holes, but only third place. "I never felt comfortable all day. I guess I was trying to swing too hard."

Earlier in the week, Calcavecchia had posted 71, 67 and 68 for 206, trailing University of Florida teammates David Peoples and Rick Pearson by four and two shots, respectively.

"We all birdied the first hole," Mark continued. "With a start like that, I thought I might have a chance. But I hit it left into the water at the fourth and into a fairway bunker and then over the green at the sixth."

He birdied the ninth to turn in 36, lost one at No. 10 when he missed the green, made birdie from the bunker at the long 14th, then hit trees at the 15th and 16th enroute to bogies.

A 19-year-old former Palm Beach County Amateur Athlete of the Year — after winning the International Junior Orange Bowl and state high school titles in 1977 — Calcavecchia will defend his Palm Beach County Amateur title this weekend at Boca West. But in between now and then, he will take final exams at Florida, returning to his home in North Palm Beach Thursday night, in time for the first round Friday morning.

"I played at Boca West a few years ago in a high school match, but I don't know which course I played," he said. Both the No. 1 and No. 2 courses will be used for the County Amateur.

"It may hurt me some, not being familiar with the golf courses," he said.