

72ND ANNUAL STATE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP - FINAL ROUND.

SCORES AFTER ROUND 4

1	SCOTT FORD	LAKE WORTH	73 - 70 - 73 - 71
-	287		
2	SEAN FACETTI	PALATKA	70 - 74 - 72 - 72
-	288		
3	PETER M WILLIAMS	ORLANDO	72 - 72 - 72 - 74
-	290		
4	NICKY MARTIN	ATLANTIC BCH	74 - 75 - 68 - 74
-	291		
5	DENNIS DEJA	LARGO	74 - 72 - 72 - 73
-	291		
6	CHRIS BROOKS	WEST PALM BCH	72 - 73 - 76 - 70
-	291		
7	DAVID W SMITH	LONGWOOD	71 - 73 - 72 - 76
-	292		
8	WYATT MEYER	TAMPA	69 - 75 - 72 - 76
-	292		
9	JOSEPH ALFIERI.II	TAMPA	73 - 73 - 73 - 73
-	292		
10	DAVE KARTNER	PALM CITY	71 - 75 - 73 - 73
-	292		
11	JOHN VANWART	BOYNTON BCH	73 - 75 - 73 - 71
-	292		
12	TOM CASE	FT MYERS	75 - 67 - 75 - 75
-	292		
13	RICHARD EKEY	JUNO ISLES	75 - 75 - 73 - 71
-	294		
14	ROBERT KOUWE	TAMPA	70 - 75 - 75 - 74
-	294		
15	TERRY MAY	LONGWOOD	72 - 75 - 75 - 73
-	295		
16	DONALD NORBURY	OCALA	72 - 75 - 76 - 72
-	295		
17	JAMES GILLEON.JR	OCALA	77 - 73 - 71 - 76
-	297		

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18	JAMES SOWERWINE				
- 297		76	75	74	72
19	JIM KIELY				
- 297		78	70	75	74
20	BRIAN HOLT				
- 297		74	71	76	76
21	JACK VEGHTE				
- 297		70	76	76	75
22	JOHN NIEPORTE				
- 298		72	74	76	76
23	TODD MUDGE				
- 298		72	76	76	74
25	DAVID BOESEL				
- 299		71	72	73	83
25	BRUCE SCAMEHORN				
- 299		76	76	73	74
25	RICHARD KERFER				
- 299		73	73	79	74
28	JOHN ADCOCK				
- 300		73	72	76	79
28	HOWARD MASH				
- 300		74	74	80	72
30	BRENT DORMAN				
- 301		74	78	76	73
31	DAVID BROWN				
- 302		79	72	74	77
31	TIM LING				
- 302		80	73	74	75
31	RONNIE TUMLIN				
- 302		73	81	74	74
31	MIKE REGNER				
- 302		77	72	75	78
31	MARK LEETZOW				
- 302		75	78	77	72
31	JAY McWILLIAMS				
- 302		77	76	79	70
31	CAB HARGRAVE				
- 302		75	71	81	75
38	JIM WILLIAMS.III				
- 303		76	77	73	77
38	FRANK GRIFFIN				
- 303		76	75	75	77

NO	LEAD	ORIGIN	70	71	72	73
- 304						
41	LEON ROWLAND	JACKSONVILLE	79	75	74	77
- 305						
41	BRYAN HUFF	LUTZ	73	78	74	80
- 305						
41	GREG KRAK	PALM BCH GDNS	77	77	78	73
- 305						
44	PAUL ANTENUCCI	JUPITER	73	80	75	78
- 306						
44	DAVID SUTTON	WINTER PARK	74	75	79	78
- 306						
46	TODD MAVIS	LONGWOOD	76	76	73	82
- 307						
46	GARY MARTINET	WINTER SPGS	75	74	77	81
- 307						
46	LEONARD LOYD	STUART	77	73	83	74
- 307						
49	ERNEST FENTON	FENSACOLA	77	76	80	75
- 308						
50	GUY HILL	LAKELAND	75	78	77	79
- 309						
50	K C FOX	NAPLES	78	76	82	73
- 309						

52	JOHN WARD SR	WINTER PARK	79 - 74 - 78 - 79
-	310		
53	FRANK SOUCHAK	LARGO	79 - 74 - 76 - 82
-	311		
53	KEVIN PATTERSON	APOPKA	78 - 76 - 76 - 81
-	311		
53	JOHN CORZILIUS	NOKOMIS	79 - 73 - 82 - 77
-	311		
56	JAMIE BURNS	GAINESVILLE	82 - 72 - 76 - 83
-	313		
57	RICK JOHNSTON	FT MYERS	76 - 76 - 82 - 80
-	314		
58	PAUL MELSON	PLANTATION	77 - 76 - 76 - 87
-	316		
59	JIM BYINGTON	WINTER PARK	73 - 80 - 82 - 84
-	319		
60	JOE TUMLIN	BRANDON	75 - 78 - 90 - 85
-	328		

Ex-BCC star defends State Am

Martin out to beat the field again, this time at Lake Nona

By Creig Ewing

OF THE SENTINEL STAFF

Nick Martin and David Smith will pick up where Smith lipped out as the Men's State Amateur Golf Championship begins today at Lake Nona Golf Club.

Martin, 22, a former Brevard Community College All-American, won the championship by a stroke over Smith last year after Smith missed several putts on the last round, including an 18-incher, at Jonathan's Landing in Jupiter.

Smith, 38, of Longwood was the prohibitive favorite after winning the championship in 1987 by nine strokes with a 10-under-par total. The two will be paired in a four-some that tees off at 7:40 this morning.

The 72-hole tournament continues through Sunday.

State Am facts

- **WHAT:** 72nd Florida State Golf Association Men's State Amateur Championship.
- **WHEN:** Today through Sunday.
- **WHERE:** Lake Nona Golf Club.
- **WHO:** 132 of the state's top amateurs who qualified out of 582 entrants.

TPC facts

- **WHAT:** Senior TPC Tournament
- **WHEN:** Today through Sunday.
- **WHERE:** Tournament Players Club Valley Course
- **TICKETS:** \$15 per day through Sunday.

Also returning this year are former Stetson player Mark Leetzow, who was again named an academic All-American this year and Rollins golfer Scott Ford.

The 132-man field also includes former champs Tom Knapp of West Palm Beach and Jack Veghte of Clearwater and top Orlando area amateurs such as Peter M. Williams of Orlando and David

Boesel of Winter Park.

The Senior Tournament Players Championship also begins today at Ponte Vedra, ending a three-year stay in Florida this week after having achieved its goal of developing into a major event. Tickets for the 72-hole tournament are \$15 per day.



Golf

Florida State Golf Association MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP AT LAKE NONA TODAY'S PAIRINGS

7:30 — Jack Veghte, Clearwater; Peter M. Williams, Orlando; Bob Cornett, Tampa; Mark Leetzow, Sarasota; 7:40 — Nicky Martin, Atlantic Beach; David W. Smith, Longwood; Gary Stickl, Lakeland; Ronnie Turmin, Palatka; 7:50 — David Boesel, Winter Park; Tom Case, Fort Myers; Tom Knapp, West Palm Beach; Robert Kouwe, Tampa; 8:00 — Bruce Scamehorn, Winter Haven; Steve Smyers, Mulberry; Paul Antenucci, Jupiter; John Corzilius, Nokomis; 8:10 — Mike Regner, Orlando; Leon Rowland, Jacksonville; David Sutton, Winter Park; John Ward Sr., Winter Park.

8:20 — Mike Lombardo, Orlando; Miles McConnell, Tampa; Donald Norbury, Ocala; Sean Pacetti, Palatka; 8:30 — Joseph Alfieri, Tampa; Chris Brooks, West Palm Beach; Brent Dorman, Ocala; Brian Holt, Windermere; 8:40 — Joe Turmin, Brandon; Charles Walters Jr., Sarasota; Chip Johnson, Ellenton; John Nieporte, Boca Raton; 8:50 — Guy Hill, Lakeland; Brian Johns, Lakeland; Tim Ling, Micanopy; Todd Mudge, Lakeland; 9:00 — John Ward Jr., Orlando; Warren Wilhite, Palatka; Jim Williams III, Ocala; Scott Brown, Lakeland; 9:10 — Bob Stockman, Altamonte Springs; Brad Strella, Winter Park; Moot Thomas, Ocala; Paul Tynan, Apopka.

9:20 — Terry Sadowski, Jacksonville; Eric Schreiber, West Palm Beach; Gary Schroeder, Windermere; James Sowerwine, North Palm Beach; 9:30 — Todd Mavis, Longwood; Mike Metzker, Orlando; Kevin Patterson, Apopka; Frank Ramey, Valrico; 9:40 — Ray Landry, Oviedo; Scott Little, Orlando; Leonard Loyd, Stuart; Gary Martinet, Winter Springs; 9:50 — Keith Keister, Winter Park; Richard Kerper, Clearwater; Tim Kieley, Plantation; Greg Krak, Palm Beach Gardens; 10:00 — James Gilleon Jr., Ocala; Frank Griffin, Tampa; Bryan Huff, Lutz; Dave Kartner, Palm City; 10:10 — Mark Baggarty, Rockledge; David Brown, West Palm Beach; Lee Burke, Boca Raton; Richard Ekey,

Juno Isles; 10:20 — Allen Sterchi, Orlando; Chris Taylor, Winter Park; Steve Feli, Gulf Breeze; Chris Travis, Tampa.

10:30 — Wyatt Meyer, Tampa; Douglas Snoop, Apopka; Frank Souchak, Largo; Rob Stephenson, Fort Myers; 10:40 — Rick Johnston, Fort Myers; Howard Mash, Miami; Terry May, Longwood; Jay McWilliams, Palm City; 10:50 — Scott Ford, Lake Worth; Michael Fry, Naples; Cab Hargrave, Lake Worth; Chad Ibbotson, Altamonte Springs; 11:00 — Jud Burkett, Gainesville; Jamie Burns, Gainesville; Dennis Deja, Largo; Bobby Dick, Miami Shores; 11:10 — David Langdon, Temple Terrace; John Adcock, Valrico; Steve Albright, Ocala; Richard Burgoon, Altamonte Springs; 11:20 — Martin Luther, Neptune Beach; Joe Meier, Oviedo; Paul Nelson, Plantation; Earl Milbrath, Orlando; 11:30 — Michael Heston, Sebring; Chad Moore, Winter Springs; Bryan Nye, Valrico; Dean Van Wart, Boynton Beach; 11:50 — Ernest Penton, Pensacola; Bill Rambo, Orlando; Peter D. Williams, Palm Beach Gardens; Nico Schafer, Lakeland.

12:00 — John Broekema, Ponte Vedra Beach; Ross Hiner, Winter Park; Scott Lewis, Mount Dora; Hawk McMillan, Palm Coast; 12:10 — Steve Riviere, Apopka; Glenn Shane, Gulf Breeze; Robby Stanford, Orlando; Scott Wise, Stuart; 12:20 — Kevin Keever, Tampa; Tom Kopplin, Orlando; Casey Middleton, Casselberry; Peter Newton, Boca Raton; 12:30 — K.C. Fox, Naples; Roger Gamblin, West Palm Beach; John Hacker, Port Orange; Jamie Jones, Fern Park; 12:40 — Greg Warner, Boca Raton; Gary Wright, Maitland; Jim Byington, Winter Park; Craig DeLongy, Orlando; 12:50 — Glenn Stafford, Orlando; Bob Reese, Winter Park; Walter Taylor, Altamonte Springs; John Van Wart, Boynton Beach.

The Florida State Amateur Championship is Thursday through Sunday at the Lake Nona Golf Club in Orlando. Palm Beach and Martin counties will send a strong contingent led by two-time State Amateur champion Tom Knapp of Tequesta and Cab Hargrave of Lake Worth, the medalist qualifier May 25 at Quail Ridge.

Knapp, who also won the 1987 State Mid-Amateur, was exempt from qualifying as a past State Amateur champion.

In order of their qualifying scores at Quail Ridge, the other Palm Beach and Martin county qualifiers were: Roger Gamblin, West Palm Beach; Eric Schreiber, West Palm Beach; John Van Wart, Boynton Beach; Peter Williams, Palm Beach Gardens; Lee Burke, Boca Raton; Greg Krak, Palm Beach Gardens; Jay McWilliams, Palm City; Leonard Loyd, Stuart; Peter Newton, Boca Raton; Scott Wise, Stuart; David Brown, West Palm Beach; Jim Sowerwine, North Palm Beach; Dean Van Wart, Boynton Beach, and Greg Warner, Boynton Beach.

Richard Ekey of Juno Beach and Chris Brooks of West Palm Beach qualified this week in Orlando.

Former pro Meyer fires 69, takes first-round Amateur lead

Special to The Palm Beach Post

ORLANDO — Wyatt Meyer, a 40-year-old Tampa janitorial service operator who once tried pro golf as a career, shot a three-under-par 69 Thursday for the first-round lead in the **Florida State Amateur Golf Championship**.

Meyer had one of the day's few bogeyless rounds over the 5,890-yard Lake Nona Golf Club course, with three birdies in damp weather.

Chris Brooks of West Palm Beach and John Nieporte of Boca Raton, shot even-par 72. Two-time winner Tom Knapp of West Palm Beach shot a 79.

"I'm overjoyed with my score," said Meyer, who competed on the Florida mini-tour circuit in the late 1970s. "I just tried to keep the ball in play, hit the middle of the greens and two putt."

Meyer, who regained his amateur status nearly 10 years ago, birdied from 12 feet on the 184-yard fourth hole, 10 feet on the 420-

yard 10th and a chip-in from the fringe on the 450-yard 16th.

Tied for second at 70 were three-time state amateur champion Jack Veghte, Clearwater; former Florida Mid-Amateur champion Bob Kouwe, Tampa; and University of Alabama senior Sean Pacetti, Palatka, Fla.

At one-under-par 71 with three rounds remaining were David Smith, Longwood, Fla.; David Boesel, Winter Park, Fla.; and Dave Kartner, Palm City, Fla.

Defending champion Nicky Martin, 22, a college junior from Longwood, Fla., had 74, two strokes better than his opening score a year ago at Jonathan's Landing in Jupiter.

Play was halted twice by rain for about 1½ hours over the 3-year-old Lake Nona layout.

Florida State Amateur Golf Championship
Wyatt Meyer, Tampa, 35-34—69, Jack Veghte, Clearwater, 34-36—70, Bob Kouwe, Tampa, 36-34—70, Sean Pacetti, Palatka, 34-36—70, David Smith, Longwood, 37-34—71, David Boesel, Winter Park, 35-36—71, Dave Kartner, Palm City,

37-34—71, Peter M. Williams, Orlando, 35-37—72, **Chris Brooks, West Palm Beach, 37-35—72, John Nieporte, Boca Raton, 34-38—72, Todd Mudge, Lakeland, 34-38—72, Donald Norbury, Ocala, 37-35—72, Terry May, Longwood, 38-34—72,**

Paul Antenucci, Jupiter, 34-39—73, Joe Alfieri II, Tampa, 36-37—73, Bob Stockman, Altamonte Springs, 36-37—73, Richard Kerper, Clearwater, 37-36—73, Bryan Huff, Lutz, 36-37—73, Scott Ford, Lake Worth, 37-36—73, John Advock, Valrico, 41-32—73, Jim Byington, Winter Park, 35-38—73, John Van Wart, Boynton Beach, 36-37—73.

Other Palm Beach-Martin County scores

Peter Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, 38-36—74, Richard Ekey, Juno Isles, 37-38—75, Cab Hargrave, Lake Worth, 36-39—75, Peter Newton, Boca Raton, 38-38—76, James Sowerwine, North Palm Beach, 40-36—76, Greg Krak, Palm Beach Gardens, 36-41—77, Leonard Loyd, Stuart, 40-37—77, Jay McWilliams, Palm City, 37-40—77, Eric Schreiber, West Palm Beach, 39-38—77,

David Brown, West Palm Beach, 38-41—79, Tom Knapp, West Palm Beach, 39-40—79, Dean Van Wart, Boynton Beach, 39-40—79, Roger Gamble, West Palm Beach, 43-37—80, Lee Burke, Boca Raton, 43-38—81, Chris Cavanaugh, Coral Springs, 42-39—81, Scott Wiser, Stuart, 41-40—81, Greg Warner, Boca Raton, 45-37—82.

Tampan drums up early lead

Meyer's bogey-free 69 paces State Amateur

By Creig Ewing

OF THE SENTINEL STAFF

Wyatt Meyer, a 40-year-old owner of a janitorial service in Tampa, used a conservative approach to sweep through a trouble-free first round and take the lead of the Men's State Amateur Championship at Lake Nona Golf Club Thursday.

Meyer, a former minitour player who regained his amateur status, shot 3-under-par 69. He didn't have a bogey and chipped in on No. 16 for his third birdie.

"I just tried to keep it in play and hit it in the fairway," he said. "I just played for the middle of the green. I was happy when I was 2-under with four to go. I knew I could screw up and still make a decent score."

Meyer, who played in his first state amateur last year, is followed closely by some established amateurs.

Three-time winner Jack Veghte of Clearwater is at 70. So are Robert Kouwe of Tampa and Sean Pacetti of Palatka, who just finished his collegiate career at Alabama.

Veghte, 54, won the championship in 1968, 1970 and 1975. He played in the first group and finished easily before heavy rains halted play twice for more than an hour.

David Smith of Longwood, who won the title in 1987, is at 71 along with David Boesel of Winter Park and Dave Kartner of Palm City.

Defending champion Nicky Martin, a former Brevard Community College All-American who now plays at Huntingdon (Ala.) College and just won the NAAI Championship, shot 74.

Martin's playing partner, Ronnie Tumlin of Palatka, was disqualified for signing an incorrect scorecard. Tumlin signed his scorecard for a 74 that included a 9 on the par-5 15th hole, but he realized he should have taken a 10 after signing.

**State Amateur
Championship
AT LAKE NONA
FIRST ROUND RESULTS
PAR: 72**

Wyatt Meyer	69
Robert Kouwe	70
Sean Pacetti	70
Jack Veghte	70
David Boesel	71
Dave Kartner	71
David Smith	71
Chris Brooks	72
Terry May	72
Todd Mudge	72
John Nieporte	72
Donald Norbury	72
Peter Williams	72
John Adock	73
Joseph Alfieri II	73
Paul Antenucci	73
Jim Byington	73
Scott Ford	73
Bryan Huff	73
Richard Kerper	73
Bob Stockman	73
John Vanwart	73
Dennis Deja	74
Brent Dorman	74
Brian Holt	74
Nicky Martin	74
Howard Mash	74
Miles McConnell	74
David Sutton	74
Peter D. Williams	74
Tom Case	75
Richard Ekey	75
Cab Hargrave	75
Guy Hill	75
Brian Johns	75
Mark Leetzow	75
Gary Martinet	75
Terry Sadowski	75
Joe Tumlin	75
Warren Wilhite	75
Steve Fell	76
Michael Fry	76
Frank Griffin	76
Rick Johnston	76
Todd Mavis	76
Peter Newton	76
Steve Riviere	76
Bruce Scamehorn	76
Douglas Snoop	76
James Sowerwine	76
Jim Williams, III	76
James Gilleon, Jr.	77
Ross Hiner	77
Keith Keister	77
Greg Krak	77
Scott Little	77
Leonard Loyd	77
Jay McWilliams	77
Paul Nelson	77
Ernest Penton	77
Mike Regner	77
Eric Schrieber	77
Steve Smyers	77
Brad Stella	77
Charles Walters	77
Steve Albright	78
Bob Cornett	78
K.C. Fox	78
Jim Kiely	78
Ray Landry	78
Hawk McMillian	78
Kevin Patterson	78
Frank Ramey	78
Rob Stephenson	78
Walter Taylor	78
Mark Baggarily	78

Case leads Amateur by 1 shot

Special to The Palm Beach Post

ORLANDO — Fort Myers insurance agent Tom Case shot a competitive course-record 67 at the 3-year-old Lake Nona Golf Club course Friday and took the second-round lead of the **Florida State Amateur Golf Championship**.

Case, 37, had seven birdies and two bogeys and is at two-under-par 142 with two rounds remaining in the 75-year-old event.

Scott Ford of Lake Worth, the son of PGA Hall of Fame golfer Doug Ford, is tied with Orlando's David Boesel for second at one-under-par 143. First-day leader Wyatt Meyer of Tampa was unable to find his tee shot on the 16th hole and finished tied for fourth at 144.

The halfway cut fell at 10-over-par 154 for the low 60 scorers and ties. The tournament continues through Sunday.

David Kartner of Palm City, who frequently plays at Martin Downs in Palm Beach County, finished the round at 146. He shot a 9 on the par-4 seventh hole.

Kartner was in position to take the lead when he hooked his tee shot into the trees on the seventh hole. He then took a penalty for an unplayable lie, struck trees with his next two shots, accepted another penalty stroke for an unplayable lie and finally hit his sixth shot into the fairway.

Kartner shot a double-bogey on the 18th hole and finished with a 75.

1. Tom Case, Fort Myers, 75-67—142; 2. David Boesel, Orlando, 71-72—143; **Scott Ford, Lake Worth, 73-70—143**; 4. Peter M. Williams, Orlando, 72-72—144; David Smith, Longwood, 71-73—144; Sean Pacetti, Palatka, 70-74—144; Wyatt Meyer, Tampa, 69-75—144; 8. Brien Holt, Windermere, 74-71—145; John Adcock, Valrico, 73-72—145; **Chris Brooks, West Palm Beach, 72-73—145**; Bob Kouwe, Tampa, 70-75—145;

12. **Cab Hargrave, Lake Worth, 75-71—146**; Dennis Deja, Largo, 74-72—146; Bob Stockman, Altamonte Springs, 73-73-146; Richard Kerper, Clearwater, 73-73—146; Joseph Alfieri, Tampa, 73-73—146; **John Nieporte, Boca Raton, 72-74—146**; **David Kartner, Palm City, 71-75—146**; Jack Veghte, Clearwater, 70-76—146; 20. Don Norbury, Ocala, 72-75—147; Terry May, Longwood, 72-75—147.

Area scores

Richard Ekey, Juno Isles, 75-75—150; Leonard Loyd, Stuart, 73-77—150; James Sowerwine, North Palm Beach, 76-75—151; David Brown, West Palm Beach, 79-72—151; Jay McWilliams, Palm City, 76-77—153; Greg Krak, Palm Beach Gardens, 77-77-154.

Failed to qualify

Peter Williams, Palm Beach Gardens, 74-81—155; Eric Schrieber, West Palm Beach, 77-79—156; Scott Wise, Stuart, 81-76—157; Lee Burke, Boca Raton, 81-76—157; Peter Newton, Boca Raton, 76-82—158; Greg Warner, Boca Raton, 82-77—159; Roger Gamble, West Palm Beach, 80-84—164; Chris Cavanagh, Coral Springs, 81-84—165; Dean Van Wart, Boynton Beach, 79-88—167; Tom Knapp, West Palm Beach, 79-73—152 (disqualified).

It's anyone's Amateur with 1 round to go

Golfers feel the heat
— 6 lead pack at par,
2 more 1 shot back

By George White

OF THE SENTINEL STAFF

After three days and 54 holes of golf, not much has been decided at the Florida State Amateur championship. As the final lap begins today at Lake Nona Golf Club, six players are tied for the lead with two others only one shot back.

It resembles the start of the New York City Marathon, a fact that puzzles a former champion, Sabal Point's David Smith.

"Everything has been conducive to some real low scoring," Smith said. "If you had told me we would have three days at this course with very little wind, tees placed relatively forward, and greens that are really holding shots, I would have sworn that somebody would be way under par by now."

Fact: No one is under par, all six leaders standing at par 216. In the logjam with Smith are a couple of other Central Floridians, David Boesel of Winter Park and Peter Williams of Orlando, along with Rollins College golfer Scott Ford, Wyatt Meyer of Tampa and Sean Pacetti of Palatka.

One shot off the pace is defending champion Nicky Martin of Atlantic Beach and second-round leader Tom Case of Fort Myers, who slipped with a 75 Saturday.

Why aren't the scores lower, when all obvious factors suggest someone should be under par? "I think the main thing is that everyone is playing for the state amateur championship," Smith said.

"Not many of these guys have ever won a big championship. It gets more and more tense each day. It's easy out there the first day, when guys are breaking par all over the place. But the second day gets a little tougher, and by the third day you realize that every swing can cost you the championship."

Smith has been a model of consistency with scores of 71, 73 and 72, but he says his play has been far from satisfactory. "I've been awfully lucky. I'm only hitting on one cylinder. I'm having a difficult time with my concentration this week."



JOHN RAOUX/SENTINEL

Sean Pacetti of Palatka is among 6 tied for the lead at Lake Nona.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

Lake Worth's Ford wins Amate

Special to The Palm Beach Post

ORLANDO — Scott Ford, the grandson of PGA Hall of Fame member Doug Ford, shot a one-under-par 71 Sunday to win the Florida State Amateur Golf Championship at Lake Nona Golf Course.

The Lake Worth resident, whose father operates a golf school in Palm Beach County, birdied the fifth, ninth, 11th and 12th holes before playing the next four holes three over par. He parred the 17th and 18th to finish the four-day tournament at 287.

"I figured I had at least a one- or two-shot lead after my birdie at the 12th," said Ford, 19, a junior at Rollins College, "and I guess I started thinking about it. I finally shook it off at the 17th."

University of Alabama senior Sean Pacetti finished a stroke back in second place and Peter Williams of Orlando finished third at 290.

GOLF

Three golfers were tied for fourth at 291, including defending champion Nicky Martin of Atlantic Beach, Fla., and Chris Brooks of West Palm Beach.

Ford's father was caddying for his grandfather in the Senior TPC at Ponte Vedra this weekend. "My dad would have been a nervous wreck if he had been here," said Ford, who began the day in a six-way tie for first.

He started the front nine with birdies at the 358-yard fifth hole and 532-yard ninth on putts of 8 and 12 feet. When he birdied the par-5 11th from 5 feet and then made a 40-foot birdie at the par-4 12th, Ford admittedly "started thinking about my lead."

He pushed an iron to the right side of the green on the par-3 13th

hole and had his first bogey of the day. After saving par from 6 feet at the 14th, he bogeyed the par-5 15th and par-4 16th holes. That allowed Pacetti, playing in the final group of the day, to pull even.

"I knew we were tied when I played the 17th," Ford said.

It was there that Ford hit a 6-iron only 15 feet from the pin, barely missing a birdie. On the 440-yard 18th hole, Ford's drive was down the middle and he put a 7-iron on the green, again only 15 feet from the cup. He two-putted for par.

Meanwhile, Pacetti three-putted the 16th hole for bogey and parred in for second place.

Ford is a two-time winner of the South Florida PGA Junior Championship.

While Scott was winning the state amateur tournament, his grandfather finished 11 over par Sunday in the Senior TPC.

- Scott Ford
- Sean Pacetti
- Peter Williams
- Nicky Martin
- Dennis Deja
- Chris Brooks
- David Smith
- Wyatt Meyer
- Joseph Alfieri
- David Kartner
- John Van Wart
- Tom Case
- Richard Ekey
- Bob Kouwe
- Terry May
- Don Norbury
- James Gilleon
- Bob Stockman
- James Sowerwine
- Jim Kiely
- Brian Holt
- Jack Veghte

- Other area golfers**
- John Nieporte
 - Jay McWilliams
 - David Brown
 - Cab Hargrave
 - Greg Krak
 - Paul Antenucci
 - Leonard Loyd