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CLEARWATER'S FEATHER SOUND LEADS ROUND 1 OF THE FLORIDA STATE CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

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SARASOTA, Fla. — Clearwater's Kevin Dyer shot the low score of the day with a 1-under 71 to put Feather Sound Country Club on top of the Florida State Club Team leader board at The PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie.

Feather Sound holds a four-stroke lead over Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club, and an eight stroke lead over Melbourne's Baytree National and the defending champions from West Palm Beach, Emerald Dunes Golf Club.

Dyer's 71 paced Feather Sound, but Sean 0Malia's 74, and 75's by Mike Natale and Jeff Gordon put the team at a 7-over 295 for the first round lead.

Rob Glisson shot an even par 72 to lead Tampa Palms, with Jack Hannon shooting 74, Steve Ousley a 76 and Jimmy Jones a 77.

Emerald Dunes, who shot a 295-297--592 to win last year's title, didn't do as well this year, but is still in the hunt. John Lipari led the team with a 74, while a 75 by Bill Harvey, a 76 by Richard Ekey and a 78 by Les Breedlove gave the team a 15-over 303.

The final round will be played Sunday, May 2. Forty teams will continue to compete, with four of the five gross scores determining the team total.

The Florida State Club Team is the second championship on the Florida State Golf Association's annual schedule. Clearwater's Jack Veghte claimed the Senior Championship, and now another Clearwater group looks to extend the winning streak.

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(1ST ROUND TEAM RESULTS TO FOLLOW)