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NORTH LEADS SOUTH 10 TO 6 AFTER DAY ONE OF THE FLORIDA CUP MATCHES

SARASOTA, Fla. --North Florida won six of the eight afternoon foursome matches to jump out to a 10 to six lead heading into tomorrow's singles matches at Laurel Oak Country Club in Sarasota. Each team won four points in the morning four-ball matches.

Co-captain's Joe Alfieri II and Doug LaCrosse led the North by earning a point in the morning four-ball matches and another in the afternoon foursome matches. The duo defeated Mark Leetzow and Rick Woulfe in a tight match during the morning. On the 152-yard par 3, 17th, Alfieri holed a seven-iron to win the match, 2 and 1. It was his fourth career hole-in-one, but his first in a competition.

"It was a knockdown 7-iron," Alfieri, the 1999 Florida State Player of the Year, said. "The wind was blowing hard to the right, but the ball stayed on line. It hit about 3 inches past the hole and sucked back in. It was now you see it, and a second later, now you don't."

At the end of the morning matches, the score was even at 4 apiece. The South's team of Ron Cleland and Steve Earsley made a mad dash during their match to earn a crucial half point. Three holes down with only three to play, they made two birdies and a par to win all three matches.

The afternoon foursome matches (alternate shot) was where the North Florida team took control. The first three groups off the tee ended with a North victory. George Earle II and Bill King stopped the South's bleeding with a win on the 18th hole for a 1 up victory, but the North rout continued. Three of the final four groups ended as North victories.

A total of 16 points will be available during tomorrow's round. The format will be individual match play. Each match will count a point. Play begins at 8:00 a.m.