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FLORIDA SOUTHERN WINS NCAA DII MEN'S GOLF TITLE



Earlier in the week, Florida Southern moved up to No. 2 in the national rankings as the Moccasins began play in the NCAA Division II Finals. They won't stay there very long. Pulling away early from Chico State before holding off a late charge by Central Missouri, Florida Southern went on to win the 2010 Division II National Championship, the 12th national title in team history.

Chico State had wrested the lead away from Florida Southern on Thursday, but one day later, the Moccasins grabbed it back. Only one stroke separated the two teams going into the final round, and the Mocs made up the difference right away and never surrendered the lead once they had it. **Matt Stauch** had a lot to do with that, as the senior birdied two of his first three holes and added another one on #6 that put him at three-under for the round. The Mocs also got a birdie from **Jude Eustaquio** on his first hole that officially put them ahead to stay.

Stauch continued to carry the Mocs the rest of the day, and it was fitting that his birdie putt on 18 was the final punch that allowed Florida Southern to celebrate its 12th national championship overall, the fifth under current head coach **Doug Gordin**, and their first since 2000. No other team has won more than six national championships at the Division II level.

Florida Southern was never far from first place at any point in the tournament, but Nova Southeastern and Chico State each had their day at the top of the standings. In the end, the Sharks really weren't a factor, and the Mocs' final round score of 307 was enough to widen the gap between them and Chico State. Central Missouri made it interesting though, with three eagles on the back nine that got them within five strokes; but the Mules finished ahead of Florida Southern and could only watch as the Moccasins did what they had to do.

The Mocs ended up having to count 81's from both Eustaquio and **Peter Creighton**, but Chico State had a pair of 80's to nearly balance it out. It was the first time all week Florida Southern counted a score over 80, and only the second time Chico State had to do it. Still, Creighton made his presence felt earlier with back-to-back rounds of 75 to start the tournament, and Eustaquio picked the Mocs up with a 72 in round two before his one-under par on the back nine Wednesday helped keep the Mocs within striking distance at the end of round three.

Where the Mocs really made up ground on Friday was with **Shelton Smith** and Stauch. Smith shot a two-over par 74 and Stauch finished with a 71. That was a total of 11 strokes better than Chico State's top two counters and dead even with the top two from Central Missouri, which also had to count an 80.

The Moccasins didn't count **Danny Evelyn's** 82, but like Eustaquio and Creighton, Evelyn was part of the reason Florida Southern was even within striking distance going into Friday. His 73 on Thursday was the Mocs' best score of the day and helped keep them within one shot of the lead.

The final round was historic before it ever began. Due to impending thunderstorms in the afternoon, the Division II Men's Golf Committee utilized the administrative cut option under NCAA guidelines, and trimmed the field from 20 teams to 15, giving them a better chance of completing a full round. Also making the cut were the top seven golfers not on one of the 15 remaining teams, and tee times were adjusted to ensure an earlier finish.

It was the first time on record the NCAA was forced to use that option, and put schools like Florida Southern in a dangerous position. If the final round was not completed in its entirety, the score would revert back to the end of the third round, and Chico State would be crowned national champion.

Fortunately for the Moccasins, that didn't happen. The round was completed, though higher winds than the first three days certainly played a role in Friday's scores. Florida Southern, Chico State, Nova Southeastern and Western New Mexico, four of the top five teams entering the final round, all had their highest scores of the tournament.

While Central Missouri was seven shots behind and Chico State eight back, defending national champion Sonoma State was in fourth place with a 10-stroke deficit. Barry, which had been ranked #1 in the country entering the finals, finished fifth with a margin of 12 strokes, and Nova Southeastern was sixth, 20 strokes behind Florida Southern.

The individual champion was individual qualifier Cyril Bouniol of Abilene Christian, who was the only golfer in the field to break par. Holding on to his lead from Thursday, Bouniol shot a three-under 285 for the tournament, six strokes better than Justin Yoder of Central Missouri. Florida Southern's Matt Stauch was third with a 293, trailing the Bouniol by eight shots.

Shelton Smith was tied for eighth with a 299, Jude Eustaquio tied for 30th with a 310, and both Danny Evelyn and Peter Creighton tied for 41st with scores of 312.

FSC CLAIMS PROGRAM'S 12TH MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP



* A recap of the rounds leading up to Friday's final round appears below.

NCAA ROUND ONE RECAP (MAY 18): Nova Southeastern got off to a good start at the DII Men's Golf Championship, firing a first-round score of 299 to take the early lead. The Sharks hold a four-stroke cushion over second-place Florida Southern, which carded a 303. Lynn is tied for ninth with a score of 313. Just one stroke behind the Fighting Knights, Barry is tied for 11th with a 314.

NSU's **Ben Vertz** sits atop the individual standings after 18 holes. Vertz was the only player to shoot an even-par 72 on Tuesday. Lynn's **Patricio Salem** sits in a four-way tie for 2nd with a one-over 73. Barry's **Victor Billskoog** and Florida Southern's **Shelton Smith** are tangled in a six player logjam for sixth place, having recorded a two-over 74.

Competing as an individual, Saint Leo's **JP Albuquerque** is tied for 30th. He sits five strokes behind the leader with a five-over-par 75.

NCAA ROUND TWO RECAP (MAY 19): Florida Southern carded a second-day 292 to take a nine-stroke lead in Wednesday's second-round action at the NCAA DII Men's Golf Championship. The Moccasins' (303-292=595) two-day tally is 595. Nova Southeastern (299-305=604) and Sonoma State (313-291=604) are tied for second with a score of 604. The Sharks carded a 305 on Wednesday, while Sonoma State was the only team to better the Mocs' round, shooting a 291. Chico State sits just one stroke behind NSU and Sonoma with a 605. Western New Mexico rounds out the top five with a total of 608.

SSC foes Lynn (313-305=618) and Barry (314-304=618) are tied for 12th in the standings with a score of 618.

In the individual standings, Queens University's **Ben Lasso** (73-70=143) took over the top slot with a two-under-par 70. FSC's **Matt Stauch** (76-71=147) sits four strokes behind Lasso in a tie for fourth with a score of 147. Stauch's teammate **Shelton Smith** (74-74=148) is also in the top 10, tied for sixth with a 148. Nova Southeastern's **Bobby Bode** (76-73=149) is tied for 10th with a 149.

Barry's **Carlos Velez** (77-73=150) and Lynn's **Patricio Salem** (73-77=150) are part of a seven-golfer tie for 12th. Saint Leo's **J.P. Albuquerque** (77-75=152) is tied for 23rd with a score of 152.

NCAA ROUND THREE RECAP (MAY 20): Florida Southern added 12 strokes to its third-round tally but still remains squarely in the hunt with just one round remaining at the NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship. The Moccains' (303-292-304=899) three-round total of 899 is one stroke shy of leader Chico State (307-298-293=898). Sonoma State sits eight strokes behind the leader with a 907, while Central Missouri is fourth with a score of 909. Western New Mexico occupies the fifth slot with a total tally of 910.

For the first time since Tuesday's opening round, Nova Southeastern slipped out of the top five. The Sharks (299-305-309=313) are in sixth place, 15 strokes off the lead. Barry (314-304-303=921) moved up five spots to seventh with a 921. Lynn (313-305-311=929) edged one slot higher into 11th with a 929.

Abilene Christian's Cyril Bouniol became the third different individual leader. Bouniol currently carries a one-under-par 215 with one round remaining. FSC's **Matt Stauch**, NSU's **Bobby Bode**, and Barry's **Carlos Velez** are the only SSC golfers in the top ten. Bode (76-73-70=219) is tied for third with a three-over 219. Stauch (76-71-75=222) is fifth with a six-over 222. Velez (77-73-75=225) is tied for 10th with a tally of 225.

Patricio Salem and **Marcus Williams** are Lynn's top golfers. The teammates are tied for 28th with a score of 229. Saint Leo's **JP Albuquerque** moved up the standings for the third straight round, posting a total tally of 226 to tie for 14th with one round remaining.

2010 Sunshine State Conference Men's Golf Update (through May 24, 2010)

NCAA DII Championship • Tuesday, May 18 - Friday, May 21 (Noblesville, Ind.) • 20 Teams

TEAM SCORES

1. Florida Southern 303-292-304-307=1206
5. Barry 314-304-303-297=1218
6. Nova Southeastern 299-305-309-313=1226
9. Lynn 313-305-311-306=1235
- Saint Leo (NTS)

TOP GOLFER

- Matt Stauch 3rd 76-71-75-71=293
Victor Billskoog T8th 74-78-76-71=299
Bobby Bode T6th 76-73-70-79=298
Marcus Williams 5th 79-77-73-68=297
JP Albuquerque T23rd 77-75-74-80=306

TAMPA WINS REGIONAL TITLE, COMPETING AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP



* Tampa will face Georgia College in an elimination game today in the NCAA DII Baseball Championship. Since the last weekly release, the Spartans won the South Region title and dropped their first game at the DII Championship in Cary, N.C. A recap of the regional title, as well as Saturday's loss to the Mules appears below.

REGIONAL FINAL (MAY 17): With two chances to win the NCAA Division II South Region Baseball Championship, second-seeded Tampa made good on the second opportunity, taking down top-seeded Southern Arkansas to win the 14th regional title in program history. The Spartans stumbled in the first game, falling to the Muleriders 10-7, but rebounded in grand fashion in the second contest, posting a 20-3 victory. The win sends the Spartans to Cary, N.C., May 22-29 for a shot at the NCAA DII Baseball Championship.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Southern Arkansas plated four runs before Tampa put a run on the board in the top of the third. The Muleriders extended their lead to 7-1, but UT's **Brad Roberts** belted a three-run homer in the top of the sixth to cut the deficit to 7-5. SAU would score one more run in the sixth and two more in the seventh to push its lead to 10-5. The Spartans rallied with two runs in the ninth but ultimately fell short in a 10-7 loss. **Mike Blanke** went 2-for-3 in the game with two RBI.

Game two was tied at 2-2 until the Spartans blew the game open in the bottom of the fifth on a grand slam by Blanke, which put UT ahead 7-2. The big hits just kept coming from there, as the Spartans amassed eight runs in the sixth and five in the eighth en route to a 20-3 victory. Pinch hitting in the eighth, **Larry Walicki** joined Blanke in the grand slam club, emptying the bases with a shot to right center. **Mike Schwartz** also had a big game, going 3-for-4 with two RBI. **Correy Figueroa** went 3-for-6 with two RBI. **A.J. Pinera** had a stellar outing on the mound, earning the win with one earned run on five hits and one walk. He struck out five in six innings. **Evan Stobbs** picked up the save, permitting one earned run on one hit and one walk over three innings. He fanned two.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ONE (MAY 22): The Tampa Spartans got their title quest off to a rocky start at Saturday's NCAA Division II Baseball Championship, falling to Central Missouri 3-0. The championship continues through May 29 at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, N.C.

Central Missouri pitcher Brooks Martin made things difficult for the normally-potent Spartan offense, limiting UT to just four hits and one walk over nine innings. Martin notched 10 strikeouts in his complete-game shutout. Albert Selanders was a perfect 3-for-3 for the Mules and drove in all three runs with a two-run homer and an RBI single.

Correy Figueroa was one of only three Tampa players to collect a hit, going 2-for-4. **Patrick Donahue** and **Jared Simon** tallied other UT hits. **Sean Bierman** took the loss, allowing three earned runs on seven hits and one walk over five innings. He struck out four.

Tampa will now look to keep its championship hopes alive in the loser's bracket. The Spartans will face Georgia College & State University at 3 p.m. Monday.

2010 Sunshine State Conference Baseball Update (through May 24, 2010)

SSC BASEBALL STANDINGS

	SSC Games			Overall			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	T	PCT
Tampa	21	3	.875	46	10	0	.821
Rollins	16	8	.667	41	19	0	.683
Nova Southeastern	15	9	.625	35	21	0	.625
Florida Southern	14	10	.583	41	16	0	.719
Florida Tech	14	10	.583	39	16	0	.709
Barry	13	11	.542	32	19	0	.627
Saint Leo	6	18	.250	20	34	0	.370
Lynn	6	18	.250	16	37	1	.306
Eckerd	3	21	.125	20	28	0	.417

SSC TEAMS IN RANKINGS

Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Poll (5/19):

2. Tampa, 15. Rollins, 16. Florida Southern, Florida Tech received votes

NCBWA Poll (5/11):

3. Tampa, 21. Florida Southern, Rollins received votes

NCAA DII SOUTH REGIONAL

Hosted by the Univ. of Tampa

MONDAY, MAY 17

Game 14: Southern Arkansas 10, Tampa 7

Game 15: Tampa 20, Southern Arkansas 3

NCAA DII BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Cary, N.C.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

Central Missouri 3, Tampa 0

MONDAY, MAY 24

Tampa vs. Georgia College & State Univ., 3 p.m.

TECH AND BARRY SELECTED FOR NCAA DII ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP



Florida Tech and Barry will represent the SSC at the NCAA Division II Rowing Championship, which will be hosted May 28-30 at the Sacramento State Aquatic Center in Gold River, Calif.

The Panthers were one of four teams to receive a team bid to compete in the event. Schools selected to compete as teams must field one Varsity 8 boat and one Varsity 4 boat. In addition to Tech, Philadelphia, Seattle Pacific, and Western Washington will compete for the team title.

In addition to the four team participants, two at-large Varsity 8 boats are selected. Barry received one of those two invitations, along with Mercyhurst.

Western Washington enters the championship having won the last five DII national titles.