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Women's Golf
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GREENVILLE, S.C. – Georgia Southern junior Ella Ofstedahl shot 2-under on the back nine and is tied for 12th after the first round of the Lady Paladin Invitational at Furman University Golf Course Friday.

The Eagles are 13th on the team leaderboard but just eight strokes away from fifth-place Augusta as nine schools are bunched together. Tourney host Furman leads the field at 5-under-par, and North Florida is second at 1-under. Ofstedahl is four shots off the lead in the individual standings.

Scores
Ella Ofstedahl – 72 (E), T12
Ansley Bowman – 75 (+3), T33
Julianna Collett – 78 (+6), 65
Sarah Noonan – 79 (+7), T74
Natalie Petersen – 80 (+8), T79

The story
Ofstedahl birdied her last three holes and played her final seven holes 4-under to shoot 34 on the back nine. Bowman played 12 holes in the middle of her round even with a pair of birdies, and Collett shot 1-over on the front nine.

Quotables from Coach Emily Kuhfeld
"Today wasn't the start we wanted score-wise, but we saw a lot of positive things. As a team, we averaged about 13 Greens in Regulation which is exceptionally strong! However, we had a very high number of putts, so we didn't really take advantage of our stellar ball striking today."

"Tomorrow is a new day, and we have a lot to build on to climb up the leaderboard! Ella led the way with an even par 72, and we couldn't be prouder of her strong finish."

Next Up
The Eagles are paired with James Madison and Georgia State and tee off the 10th hole at 9:45 a.m. in tomorrow's second round.

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