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STATESBORO – Seniors [Archer Price](#) and [Jake Storey](#) combined for five birdies on their last three holes to lead the Georgia Southern men's golf team into a tie for seventh Friday in the first round of the Schenkel Invitational at Forest Heights Country Club.

Theo Humphrey of Vanderbilt fired a 66 and made birdie on his last four holes of the day to shoot 66. He is the individual leader and along with Will Gordon, who shot 67, helped stake Vanderbilt (-14) to the team lead. Kentucky (-5) is in second and Mississippi State (-3) is third, while NC State (-2) and Notre Dame are tied for fourth.

Price shot a 67 to lead the Eagles and is tied for second with Gordon. Georgia Southern (+1) is level with UAB and College of Charleston, just three shots back of the tie for fourth.

Storey is tied for 11th with four others after shooting 70, and senior [Jonas Vaisanen](#), playing as an individual, carded a 72 and is tied for 22nd.

[Steven Fisk](#) shot a 73 for the Eagles, [Brett Barron](#) shot 79 and [Crawford Simmons](#) carded an 80. Individuals [Luukas Alakulppi](#) shot 73, and [Alexander DeRosa](#) carded a 76, while [Jacob Bayer](#) and [Avery Price](#) each posted a 77.

The story

Price rolled in a team-high eight birdies on the day and made birdie on four out of five holes as he made the turn. The senior added birdies on three of the last five holes of the day, including the par-5 18th to match his career low round.

Storey finished with a flurry by birdieing his last three holes. The senior made birdie on the first hole and added two more at 7 and 8 to shoot 1-under on the front. He played his last six holes of the day 3-under.

Fisk made three birdies on the day, scored an even 36 on the front nine and played his final eight holes even.

After a bogey on 10, his first hole of the day, Vaisanen ran off seven straight pars and birdied 18 to shoot even on the back. The senior made birdie at the par-4 4th and finished the round with five consecutive pars.

Alakulppi shot even on the front nine and played his last seven holes 1-under with birdies on 7 and 9.

Quotables from Coach [Carter Collins](#)

"Jake and Archer earned us a lot of momentum heading into tomorrow so we're thankful for the way they played all day but especially the finish. Steven was real steady all day as well. If you want to compete at the level we're competing at, you have to have four scores so the challenge is set for the whole team to put four scores together tomorrow and see if we can fly up the board. We feel like if we play to our potential, we've got a good shot to be in the mix on Sunday."

"There were tons of good things out there but a couple bad holes held us back. We were really close to putting up one of the best rounds of the day for the whole field. We didn't get

it done, but we have a chance to do it tomorrow and we have the guys to do it. We're looking forward to it."

Next up

The second round is set for tomorrow at Forest Heights Country Club. The Eagles are paired with College of Charleston and UAB and tee off the first hole at 9 a.m.

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