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Henry Mabbett shot a career-low 67 today.

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STATESBORO, Ga. – Davis Womble carded an 8-under-par 64, and Wake Forest shot a 270 in the first round of the 37th Annual Schenkel Invitational Friday at Forest Heights Country Club.

The Demon Deacons' total was tied for the third-lowest in tournament history, and Womble's 64 is one shy of the tournament record. Wake Forest (-18) holds a four-stroke lead over Georgia State (-14) and Vanderbilt, which are tied for second. North Carolina (-9) and Iowa are tied for fourth, followed by Georgia Southern (-8), North Florida and College of Charleston, which are tied for sixth.

Womble is two strokes clear of four players who carded a 66. Alexander Herrmann (Georgia State), Parker Derby (College of Charleston), Nate Yankovich (Iowa) and Ben Schlottman (Auburn) shot 66, while [Henry Mabbett](#) (Georgia Southern) and Will Gordon (Vanderbilt) shot 67.

Womble made birdies on holes 5 and 6 before tallying an eagle on the par-5 7th hole and adding a birdie on the par-5 9th to post a 31 on the front. He added birdies on holes 12, 13 and 16 on the back.

Mabbett led the way for Georgia Southern with his career-low 67. [Jonas Vaisanen](#) and [Archer Price](#) each shot 70, and [Jake Storey](#) posted a 73. [Steven Fisk](#) rounded out the quintet with a 74. [Andrew Klasing](#) led the Eagle individuals with a 70, while [Crawford Simmons](#) and [Cody O'Toole](#) each shot 76.

Annually one of the top collegiate golf tournaments in the country, this year's field features eight teams ranked in the top-50 and 13 out of 14 ranked in the top-100.

The story for Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern took advantage of the par-5 ninth hole with all five players in the lineup posting birdie, and Klasing rolling in a birdie as well. Mabbett had a clean card with five birdies, and the redshirt senior tallied birdies on three straight holes and blistered the back nine with a 33. Vaisanen rolled in birdies on holes 3, 7 and 9 to make the turn with a 33. The sophomore parred 12-15 and made birdie on 16. Price played his final 10 holes 3-under par with birdies on holes 9, 13 and 15. Klasing played his first six holes 1-under and posted 35 on his first nine. The senior birdied his final hole for his 70.

Quotables from head coach [Carter Collins](#)

"It was a solid day for the team. A bogey-free 67 from Henry is very impressive in his senior year playing the Schenkel. Jonas and Archer played consistently well at 2-under. Steven and Jake didn't have their best day, but I know they are going to bounce back with something good over the weekend. Having three sophomores and a freshman, I think that's a pretty good start with all the pressure that's on them this week. I wish we would have played the par-5s a little better, but I'll take it. We've built a good foundation to build on the rest of the way."

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