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DESTIN, Fla. – Iben Hvass and Yeji Shin each fired a 76 in the final round at the Raven Golf Club, and the Georgia Southern women’s golf team took fourth in the Sun Belt
Championship in the program’s inaugural season.

Shin (+13) tied for sixth on the individual leaderboard and was named all-tournament, while Hvass (+17) and Ariana Macioce each tied for 13th. The Eagles (+75) topped Arkansas State (+78) by three strokes and finished seven strokes back of third-place Little Rock (+61).

Georgia Southern finished ahead of Georgia State, which gives the Eagles another point in the Southern vs. State Rivalry Series. The Panthers lead the series 8-5.

Macioce carded a 78, and Ansley Bowman posted a 79. Taylor Thompson rounded out the group with an 89. Shin's T6 was the first top-10 finish of her career, while Macioce recorded her third top-20 of the year and Hvass placed in the top-20 for the fourth time.

The story
Georgia Southern did a superb job on the four par 5s today and played them at 3-over par. Much like the first round, the Eagles struggled on the five par 3s and played them 9-over.

Hvass rolled in three birdies today and overcame a tough start by posting birdies on holes 6 and 9 to make the turn at 2-over. The junior added a birdie on hole 13.

Shin tallied 14 pars on the day and parred 10 of her first 12 holes in the round. The freshman also parred her final three holes of the afternoon. Macioce parred her first four holes of the day and was even through 7 after making birdie on the par-5 hole. The freshman parred five of her last seven holes coming in.

Bowman parred six straight holes during her round and played the back nine 3-over. Thompson tallied two birdies and played her first three holes even.

Quotables from coach Emily Kuhfeld
"I am proud of the effort that every one of these girls gave this week. They played with purpose and can use this experience as a springboard into their summer events. They have really come together as a team unit this year, and it has been amazing to see the growth in their golf games and themselves as student-athletes."

"Yeji had her best finish of the year at this event, and I could not be happier with the way her game is progressing. Iben and Ari had another strong performance, and Ansley rebounded after her opening round nicely. Taylor was able to get a lot of experience this week and learn about what it takes to get her game to the next level - and she will get to that next level!"

"Thank you to our fans who have supported us and believed in us our first year. The best is yet to come for this special group!"

Next Up
The Eagles see their season come to a close but being a first-year program, there are no seniors on the roster. Georgia Southern welcomes three newcomers to the 2016-17 squad in Julianna Collett (St. Simons, Ga./Glynn Academy), Rachel Hardy (Houston, Texas/St. Pius) and Ella Ofstedahl (Bedfordshire, England/Harlington Upper School).

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