



SoCon Men's Golf



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Furman Claims 2004 SoCon Men's Golf Championship

Matt Davidson of Furman Earns Medalist Honors

JONESBOROUGH, TN -- The Furman Paladins completed a sweep of the Southern Conference Men's Golf Championships, winning both the team and individual titles following final round play Tuesday at the Ridges Golf and Country Club.

The Paladins, who captured their 12th SoCon title and first since 1997, posted a team score of 289 for the day and finished at 16-over-par for the championship, 14 strokes better than Georgia Southern and UNC Greensboro, which tied for second at 30-over. The rest of the top five saw East Tennessee State finish fourth and Chattanooga end the day in fifth.

Furman will receive the SoCon's automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals in early May.

"Obviously, we're pleased with any tournament win we have, but it's great for our players to work this hard and be rewarded for it with a conference title," said Furman head coach Todd Satterfield, whose team won two of its final three tournaments before coming to the SoCon Championships. "I think playing well the last several weeks of the season kept us steady at the end today."

Indeed, the Paladins rolled to the title thanks in part to the play of individual champion Matt Davidson, who finished the day at 5-under-par (67) and ended the tournament at 4-under (212). Davidson had to overtake ETSU's Rhys Davies, who began the day atop the leaderboard at even-par and posted a final score of 2-under for the event.

Davidson held a one-stroke advantage heading into the 17th hole on Tuesday, but added one final birdie for good measure. In fact, Furman trailed UNC Greensboro after the first nine holes of the day, but blitzed through the back nine to take the decisive victory.

"I didn't know how (Davies) was doing," Davison said. "I was just trying not to make mistakes. I think the conditions today made the course more playable and I think it might have made things a little easier."

Satterfield was impressed by his fifth-year senior's effort. "He's been one of the greatest golfers ever in the history of Furman golf," Satterfield said. "I can't say enough about him."

Along with Davidson and Davies, the rest of the individual leaderboard's top five included Chattanooga's Matt Brock in third, while Furman's Rob Langley and Georgia Southern's Aron Price finished tied for fourth.

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2004 Southern Conference All-Conference Selections

First team

Ryan Loucks, Elon
Rhys Davies, ETSU
Andy Bare, UNC Greensboro
Aron Price, Georgia Southern
Matt Davidson, Furman

Second team

Matt Brock, Chattanooga
Buddy Davis, Furman
Nick Baker, UNC Greensboro
Daniel Sloan, Wofford
Rob Langlely, Furman

Freshman of the Year – Rhys Davies, East Tennessee State

Player of the Year – Aron Price, Georgia Southern

Coach of the Year – Todd Satterfield, Furman

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The Ridges Golf and CC Jonesborough, TN

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Par: 72

Yardage: 7147

Fin.	Top 20 Teams	Scores			
1	Furman University	285	306	289	880
2	Georgia Southern U.	297	294	303	894
	N. Car.- Greensboro	299	298	297	894
4	East Tennessee St.	303	302	291	896
5	Tenn.-Chattanooga	298	303	298	899
6	Wofford College	300	309	291	900
	Davidson College	297	300	303	900
8	Appalachian State U.	294	309	309	912
9	Charleston, Coll. of	300	313	302	915
10	Elon University	306	304	307	917
11	Western Carolina U.	307	311	309	927
12	Citadel, The	309	318	310	937

Fin.	Top 20 Players	School	Scores			
1	Matt Davidson	Furman	70	75	67	212
2	Rhys Davies	E Tenn. St	71	73	70	214
3	Matt Brock	Chattanooga	74	71	73	218
4	Aron Price	Ga. South	73	72	74	219
	Rob Langley	Furman	72	74	73	219
6	John Assey	Charleston	73	77	72	222
	Matt Riddick	Appal. St.	70	75	77	222
	Jake Lowder	NC Greensb	74	77	71	222
	Shane Birckbichler	Furman	69	77	76	222
10	Nick Baker	NC Greensb	79	73	71	223
	Donald(Tripp) Morrow	W Carolina	75	74	74	223
	Mitchell Brock	Chattanooga	74	74	75	223
13	Andrew Paduch	E Tenn. St	77	76	71	224
	Jon Stephenson	Wofford	75	75	74	224
	Bryan Jones	Ga. South	71	75	78	224
16	Steve Mayo	Davidson	74	73	78	225
	Tim Dillon	Davidson	74	75	76	225
18	Daniel Sloan	Wofford	80	78	68	226
	James Hockman	Elon	75	75	76	226
	Jon David Kennedy	Ga. South	78	74	74	226

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T 6	Shane Birckbichler	69	77	76	222
T 31	T.J. Blandford	74	80	76	230
T 41	Buddy Davis	78	81	73	232
T 2	Georgia Southern U.	297	294	303	894
T 4	Aron Price	73	72	74	219
T 13	Bryan Jones	71	75	78	224
T 18	Jon David Kennedy	78	74	74	226
T 21	Kurt Watkins	77	73	77	227
T 41	Drew Bowen	76	75	81	232
T 2	N. Car.- Greensboro	299	298	297	894
T 6	Jake Lowder	74	77	71	222
T 10	Nick Baker	79	73	71	223
T 28	J.D. Bass	79	72	78	229
T 31	Andy Bare	71	82	77	230
T 31	Bradley Leeper	75	76	79	230
4	East Tennessee St.	303	302	291	896
2	Rhys Davies	71	73	70	214
T 13	Andrew Paduch	77	76	71	224
T 23	Cennydd Mills	77	77	74	228
T 31	Jeremy Hobson	78	76	76	230
49	Chase Baldwin	78	77	80	235
5	Tenn.-Chattanooga	298	303	298	899
3	Matt Brock	74	71	73	218
T 10	Mitchell Brock	74	74	75	223
T 28	Thomas Smith	73	81	75	229
T 37	Stephen Fritsch	78	78	75	231
48	Bryce Ledford	77	80	77	234
T 6	Wofford College	300	309	291	900
T 13	Jon Stephenson	75	75	74	224
T 18	Daniel Sloan	80	78	68	226
T 23	Adam Dox	73	81	74	228
T 23	J.P. Chamberlin	78	75	75	228
T 31	Van Burgess	74	81	75	230

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T 41	Alex Knoll	82	76	74	232
8	Appalachian State U.	294	309	309	912
T 6	Matt Riddick	70	75	77	222
T 21	Robert Quick	73	78	76	227
T 31	David Thomas	74	76	80	230
54	Chris Jarman	77	80	82	239
T 55	Brady Eckard	80	84	76	240
9	Charleston, Coll. of	300	313	302	915
T 6	John Assey	73	77	72	222
T 37	Dustin Barr	77	80	74	231
T 41	Tim Ferguson	76	78	78	232
T 45	Kellen Altman	75	80	78	233
T 55	Rand Williams	76	78	86	240
10	Elon University	306	304	307	917
T 18	James Hockman	75	75	76	226
T 23	Ryan Loucks	78	76	74	228
T 45	Keith Orlen	76	80	77	233
T 55	J.D. McNeill	77	82	81	240
58	Bennett Smith	90	73	80	243
11	Western Carolina U.	307	311	309	927
T 10	Donald(Tripp) Morrow	75	74	74	223
T 37	Blake Wray	76	79	76	231
T 50	Chase Kress	79	78	79	236
T 52	Keith Tyburski	77	80	80	237
T 59	Tim Eckberg	82	83	83	248
12	Citadel, The	309	318	310	937
T 37	Angelo Medico	79	77	75	231
T 45	Matt Frye	77	78	78	233
T 50	Jeff Spencer	76	81	79	236
T 52	Douglas McMillan III	77	82	78	237
T 59	Lawrence Caudle III	84	83	81	248

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