ABAC Golf Team

No matter what time of year it is, warm weather and blue skies are never far away in Tifton. Those weather conditions bode well for the ABAC golf team which has become a force to be reckoned with in the Georgia Collegiate Athletic Association (GCAA).

The Stallions compete against Georgia teams as well as squads from surrounding states. ABAC always plays a fall tournament schedule as well as a very tough spring lineup of matches.

The Stallions never lack for a practice site since ABAC owns and operates the nine-hole Forest Lakes Golf Club. Tifton Ophthalmologist Larry Moorman and his wife, Debra, donated the $1 million course to the ABAC Foundation in January, 2002.

ABAC uses the Forest Lakes course for practice and plays home tournaments at Ironwood Golf & Country Club Community.

For more information about the ABAC golf team, contact Coach Jimmy Ballenger at (229) 391-4939 or jballenger@abac.edu

Jimmy Ballenger
Spring 2014 Roster

Clayton Chandler
Clayton Degler
Robert Johnson
John Moore
Guillermo Retana
Chris Rogers
Anthony Wright, Jr.

Fall 2013 Roster

Clay Degler
Robert Doolan
Robbie Johnson
John Moore
Andrew Penn
Guillermo Retana
Chris Rogers
Lee Wright
2014 Golf Schedule

NJCAA District Four Golf Tournament in Albany, GA – Day 1 Results

ABAC Stallions are currently in 6th place with 18 holes out of 11 teams at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) District Four Golf Tournament at Stonebridge Country Club in Albany, GA. They shot 311 and 292 today for a total of 603.

Leader Board:
Wallace: 589
Darton: 590
Central Alabama: 591
Cape Fear: 597
Eastern Florida: 597
ABAC: 603
Meridian Mississippi: 605
Faulkner: 608
USC Lancaster: 615
Spartanburg Methodist: 624
Wake Tech: 653

ABAC Golf Team Takes Second Place at State Competition

The golf team at ABAC took home second place at the Region XVII Golf Championship earlier this month at Bagby State Park in Fort Gaines. On the first day of play the Stallion golfers had a score of 297, followed by a second day score of 301 for a total of 598. The third day of championship was cancelled due to inclement weather and finished with only seven strokes behind the lead, Darton College, who won the championship with a score of 591. Other colleges in the state tournament included Andrew College with a total score of 601 and Georgia Military College with a total score of 659. During the championship, captain Chris Rogers from Dawson and Lee Wright of Moultrie were selected as 1st Team All-Region players. Both players were also tied for third out of 20 players. Robbie Johnson from Canada finished 7th, Guellermo Retana of pain placed 10th, and Clay Degler from Greenville finished 15th of the top 20 players. “Coach Chelsey and I are very proud of the ABAC golf team,” said Jimmy Ballenger, Head Coach. “Some of our players get to the golf course at 1 p.m. and don’t leave until 8 p.m. They have great team chemistry. Rogers adds, “I was very happy with the way we played at state. I feel like this was one of our most solid tournaments all year and we gained a lot of confidence heading into the district tournament. Two of our players were in the top five and three of the four top players with the most pars were from ABAC.” With the state championship behind them the team now has all their focus on the NJCAA District Four Tournament where they will compete with 11 other teams from across the south for the district title. “The team is playing really well and hopefully we can carry the energy from the state championship into the tournament,” said Rogers. “Stonebridge is a great course and we are excited about playing there but we have an extremely tough district so just placing high enough to make it to nationals is a big accomplishment and that is our goal.” The team’s hard work has really paid off but Ballenger would also like to give credit to former head coach of the ABAC golf team, Herb Hendrix, who has contributed to their success this year. “One of our goals has been to build upon the foundation established by Herb
Hendrix and compete in state, districts, and nationals,” Ballenger said. “Without him, none of these players would be at ABAC.”

April 4, 5, 6, 2014 GCAA Golf Tournament

April 4 – Andrew 296, ABAC 297, Darton 297 and GMC 326

April 5 – Darton- 591, ABAC-598, Andrew -601 GMC-659

April 6 – Cancelled Due To Weather Final Results stand as Darton- 591, ABAC-598, Andrew -601 GMC-659

March 2-4, 2014 ABAC @ Double-Gate Invitational ABAC finished 8th in the Double-Gate Invitational. Chris Rogers led the Stallions finishing 23rd with scores of 72, 79, 81, TOTAL -232. Guellermo Retana was close behind at 30th with scores of 79, 79, 79, TOTAL -237. Other Stallions competing in the Tournament were, Lee Wright, Robbie Johnson, and Clay Degler. The Stallions will be back in action April 3rd at the State Tournament.

Feb. 9-11, 2014 Golf Team Results:

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Date: Feb 9-11 Coastal GA Invitational @ Brunswick, GA

Results: 2014 Coastal Georgia Invitational
1st – Coastal Georgia 601
2nd – Mobile 606
3rd – Faulkner 609

Top five individuals were all-tournament team. Those were: Day (Mobile) Smith (CCGA) Moss (Mobile) Godwin (Faulkner) Freeman (CCGA)

Mar 2-4 Darton State Invitational Albany, GA

- Results: March 2-4 @ Darton State Invitational in Albany, GA

Apr 3-6 Region/State Tournament Andrew State Championship: ABAC, Andrew, Darton, GMC, Gordon & South GA

- Results: April 3-6 @ Region/State Tournament
Fall Schedule

Sept. 8, 9, 10 Wallace State in Cullman, AL
Results: Sept 9: Chris Rogers 68; Robbie Johnson 75; Robert Doolan 77; Clay Degler 80
Currently +5 for the Tournament

Oct. 12,-13 @ Golf Course of South Georgia in Tifton, GA
ABAC Won the ABAC Invitational this weekend by defeating both Andrew College and GA Military College

Oct. 20, 21, 22 Darton State College Fall Fundraiser Golf Tournaments at Stonebridge Country Club – Albany, GA
Format: 4 Person Scramble (3 Players and a “A” Player) 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM Shotgun Starts

Nov. 10, 11, 12 CACC Fall invitational at Willow Point Country Club, Alexander City, AL

Golf Stats

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- The ABAC Stallions finished 7th out of 15 teams at a tournament at St. Simons Island February 10th-12th, 2013. The Stallions topped all junior college teams and all eight four-year schools that participated. Chris Rogers, Lee Wright, and Robbie Johnson finished as ABAC’s top golfers. The Stallions will be back on the road to Albany, GA for the Darton Tournament March 3-5, 2013.