

SIUE golf is close to lead of Derek Dolenc Invitational

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MADISON, Ill. – SIUE golf is three strokes off the lead after the first day at the 2016 Derek Dolenc Invitational presented by DoubleTree Hotels. The Cougars have a combined 583 and are second after two rounds at Gateway National Golf Links.

Missouri State has a 580 to lead the tournament. SIUE and Murray State each have a 583 and are tied for second place. South Dakota (586) and Bradley (587) round out the top five.

Missouri State's Jack Knoesel has a 134 (-8) and leads the tournament by four strokes over South Dakota's Scott Funderburg.

[Conor Dore](#) is tied for sixth overall and is at even par 142 after the first day. He shot a 69 in the first round.

A pair of individual players follow for SIUE. [Austin Glendinning](#) and [Justin Hemings](#) each have a 144 and are tied for 11th. Hemings carded a first-round 69, which is the lowest round of his career. [Kyle Slattery](#) has a 145 through the first two rounds. He is tied for 15th. [Brady Dixon](#), who is also playing as an individual is tied for 23rd with a 147. [Luke Long](#) is tied for 27th with a 148. [Danny Gorman](#) is tied for 33rd with a 149. [Jordan Harre](#) is tied for 46th with a 153. [Spencer Underwood](#), SIUE's last individual player, is 87th with a 169.

The Cougars, who are defending champions at the tournament, will attempt to defend their title with the final round Tuesday. Teams will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m.