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ALFIERI BIDS FOR THIRD TITLE OF YEAR AT FLORIDA STATE MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Joe Alfieri II of Lutz won his first and second round matches Saturday at the Florida State Mid-Amateur Championship at Timuquana Country Club to move closer to his third state title of the year. He defeated defending champion Mark Leetzow of Sarasota in the second round, 5 and 3, to advance to the semifinals.

Alfieri has teamed with Tampa's Doug LaCrosse to win both the Florida State Four-Ball Championship and the Florida State Mid-Amateur Four-Ball Championship this year. LaCrosse was also in this Championship, but was defeated by Leetzow on the 20th hole in the first round.

Play concludes Sunday in this 25-and-over Championship with the semifinal and final rounds of match play. The 18-hole final match is scheduled for the afternoon.

Joining Alfieri in the semifinals are Orlando's Matt Avril, Ft. Lauderdale's Rick Woulfe and Wellington's Steve Earsley.

Avril defeated Naples' Ron Cleland, the qualifying medalist, 7 and 6, in the first round, and then held off Weston's Cary Geensburg for a 1-up victory in round two.

Woulfe, who is the Vice-President of the Florida State Golf Association, managed a 2 and 1 victory over Winter Park's Jim Byington in the first round and a 5 and 4 victory over Tallahassee's Robert Lasko in the second round.

Earsley had to go extra holes to defeat Maitland's David Sutton in the second round. Sutton was leading but ended up losing three of the last four holes by 3-putting. Earsley finally won the match on the 20th hole.

Avril will face Woulfe at 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning, while Earsley and Alfieri will start at 8:07 a.m.

The Florida State Mid-Amateur Championship is the 14th of 16 state championships conducted annually by the Florida State Golf Association. The FSGA is a not-for-profit organization that promotes, preserves and protects amateur golf in the state of Florida. For information about membership, please call (941) 921-5695.

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