

Keiser dominates Sun Conference Women's Golf Championships; Southeastern takes 4th

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Retabi leads top-ranked team to conference title as medalist

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LAKELAND — For top-ranked Keiser to win its third straight Sun Conference title, it was going to need to hold off a strong charge from the field.

But the Seahawks, from West Palm Beach, were dominant, matching their own best score of the week at 12-over-par 300 to beat runner-up SCAD-Savannah by six strokes in the final round of The Sun Conference Women's Championships on Tuesday at Grasslands Golf and Country Club.

Host Southeastern, playing its home course, slipped from third to fourth in the final round with a 316.

Elsa Westin paced Keiser in the final round, matching the low individual round of the tournament by teammate Caroline Retabi at 71.

Retabi took home medalist honors, clearing Westin and Blanca Porta of South Carolina-Beaufort by seven shots. The senior finished with a 73 for a total of 2-over 218 for 54 holes after opening with 71-74.

Paulina Camacho and Maria Paula Otero had second-ranked SCAD-Savannah looking to claim the top spot, as each shot 74. Camacho was 2-under through 13 holes, and Otero was minus-3 through 10. Camacho finished fourth overall at 227, nine shots behind Retabi. Mariona Maeso carded a 75 for the second straight day and tied for fifth at 12-over.

The Sand Sharks of South Carolina-Beaufort moved ahead of Southeastern into third with a 307, besting the Fire by nine in the final round and by eight strokes overall. Porta had the low round on

the roster at 72 to tie for second with Westin at 225, and Franzi Knoetsch finished tied for fifth at 12-over after a 76.

Rebecca Bostrom had the best day for the Fire, shooting 76 to tie for seventh at 229 and make the All-Conference Team.

Webber finished seventh, led by Shelby Hart of Lakeland, who tied for 18th.