

SEC MATCH PLAY

HOSTED BY JERRY PATE

Oct. 10-12, 2021 // Birmingham, Ala. (Shoal Creek Club)

After 35 seasons (1986-2020), the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate, Alabama men's golf lone home tournament in most seasons, will make the transition to a newly-announced SEC Match Play hosted by Jerry Pate. Head coach Jay Seawell worked closely alongside the tournament's namesake Mr. Pate to put together a first of its kind three-day tournament, which will be held October 10-12 at the beautiful par 72, 7,400 yard Shoal Creek Club course. All 14 SEC schools will compete in a match play "single-elimination" format. Sunday's opening day consists of 36 holes of match play, with 18 holes being played on both Monday and Tuesday. Every team is guaranteed to play matches each day, even if eliminated en route to Tuesday's finals.

THE FIELD (ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Alabama	NR
Arkansas	No. 14
Auburn	No. 18
Florida	No. 20
Georgia	No. 13
LSU	No. 24
Kentucky	NR
Missouri	No. 32
Mississippi State	NR
Ole Miss	No. 43
South Carolina	NR
Tennessee	NR
Texas A&M	No. 11
Vanderbilt	No. 10

* Bushnell/Golfweek Coaches Poll (as of Sept. 17)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 9: Practice Round

- 11 a.m. – Practice rounds begin (Teams tee off #1 every 11 minutes in fivesomes)
- 12:30 p.m. – Coaches meeting (Under tent at Shoal Creek)

Sunday, Oct. 10: First Round

- 7:30 a.m. - Opening matches begin on #1 and #10
- 1 p.m. - Second round matches begin on #1 and #10

Monday, Oct. 11: Second Round

- 7:30 a.m. - Complete any "unfinished matches" from Sunday (*if necessary*)
- 8 a.m. - Matches still alive begin on #1 and #10
- 8:40 a.m. - Pool play begins on #1 and #10
- 3 p.m. - Fishing event (9 & 18 greens)

Tuesday, Oct. 12: Third Round

- 7:30 a.m. - Pool play begins on #1 and #10
- 8 a.m. - Consolation matches begin on #1
- 8:30 a.m. - Championship match begins on #1 (twosomes with walking scorers)
- 2:30 p.m. - Trophy presentations

EVENT INFORMATION

Course

- Shoal Creek Club; Birmingham, Ala.
- Par: 72 // Yardage: 7,400

Live Scoring Link(s)

- Golfstat.com

Tournament Format

- All 14 SEC teams will compete
- All teams guaranteed four matches
- 36 Holes Monday (morning and afternoon wave)
- 18 Holes Monday (morning)
- 18 Holes Tuesday (morning)

ABOUT JERRY PATE

The host and tournament namesake Jerry Pate is the one of the most successful professional golfers to have worn the Crimson and White. The former Tide golfer and current Champions Tour player proudly lends his name and plays an active role each year, including handing out the tournament trophy. Pate was a mere 22 years old when he won the United States Open in 1976, and that wasn't even the first time he'd made major national headlines. He did that in 1974 when he won the United States Amateur – only weeks before he started his senior season on The University of Alabama's golf team. Pate would go on to win eight PGA Tournaments including the 1976 U.S. Open as a rookie on the tour. That year, Pate would be named the PGA Rookie of the Year and Co-Player of the Year. He was also a member of the 1981 victorious Ryder Cup team and was inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 1994.