



## 20<sup>th</sup> St. Augustine Amateur: UNF's Vermut takes three-stroke lead into final round

ELKTON, Florida, USA (December 6, 2025) – On a foggy, damp and cool Saturday at the St. Johns Golf Club, the tallest player was also the best player as Adam Vermut, a 6-foot-6 senior at North Florida, took a three-stroke lead after 36 holes of the St. Augustine Amateur.

The 22-year-old Vermut has made 11 birdies and an eagle in two rounds, but no disastrous holes like many other players as six bogeys have been easy to overcome. The Jacksonville, Fla., native sits at 7-under-par after rounds of 68 and 67.

His closest pursuer is an area high school senior who is bound for UNF next fall. Easton Oliva flew up the leaderboard earlier in the day to reach 4-under. The Ponte Vedra (Fla.) High School player celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with a 4-under 67 that concluded with a birdie on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole. There were plans to celebrate Saturday night, including a cookie cake prepared by his sister Caiden, a catcher on the UNF softball team who was in attendance on Saturday.

Another high school senior, Tyler Gutierrez from Jackson, Miss., is bound for Furman next fall. He shot the day's low round, a 6-under 65, that consisted of a career-best three eagles (par-5 fourth and 11<sup>th</sup> and par-4 fifth) after trailing by nine to start the day. Gutierrez is joined at 3-under by first-round leader Jake Moffitt from Southern Miss (second-round 73) and University of Cincinnati golfer Brayden Miller (69). There are 10 players under par for 36 holes.

Play continues Sunday with rain in the forecast for the entire day. As a result, there will be an 8:30 a.m., shotgun start with players allowed to use golf carts and play with preferred lies. The final threesome of Vermut, Gutierrez and Oliva will be the second group to go off No. 1.

"I like this course because it's wide enough for my driver," said Vermut, who played two seasons at Eastern Florida Junior College before transferring to UNF last season. "It's what you see, either driver down the middle or 2-iron. It's a little different since it's the first time I've played here since the (2022) renovation."

Regarding his height, Vermut noted he grew up playing baseball and that golf "is the one sport where height and strength don't matter as much. ... but it does help me hit if farther."

Go to [www.staugustineamateur.com](http://www.staugustineamateur.com) for live scoring and other tournament details and visit BabyGrande Golf on Instagram, TikTok and youtube for social media updates.

Notes:

Low rounds:

2025: Round 1, Jake Moffitt (66); Round 2, Tucker Gutierrez (65)

2024: Round 1, Carson Johnson (66); Round 2, Justin Sui (67); Round 3, Ryan Nicholson (62)

Birdies, Field:

2025: Round 1, 267; Round 2, 253. Total: 520.

2024: Round 1, 175; Round 2, 183; Round 3, 201. Total: 559.

2023: Round 1, 268; Round 2, 263; Round 3, 229. Total: 760.

Eagles, Field:

2025: Round 1, 14; Round 2, 13. Total: 27.

2024: Round 1, 3; Round 2, 11; Round 3, 10. Total: 24.

2023: Round 1, 8; Round 2, 9; Round 3, 8. Total: 25.

Field's average score:

2025: Round 1, 74.74; Round 2, 74.79. Cumulative: 74.77.

2024: Round 1, 77.12; Round 2, 76.36; Round 3, 74.48. Cumulative: 76.1

2023: Round 1, 73.65; Round 2, 73.75; Round 3, 73.33. Total: 73.61

Hardest Hole:

2025 (Round 1): No. 9, par 4, 4.73 stroke average; (Round 2): No. 3, par 4, 4.59. Cumulative: No. 10, par 4, 4.56.

2024 (cumulative): No. 7, par 5, 5.62 stroke average

2023 (cumulative): No. 9, par 4, 4.44 stroke average

Easiest Hole:

2025 (Round 1): No. 11, par 5, 4.37 stroke average; (Round 2): No. 18, par 5, 4.48. Cumulative: No. 11, par 5, 4.59.

2024 (cumulative): No. 11, par 5, 4.79 stroke average

2023 (cumulative): No. 11, par 5, 4.54 stroke average

Results: [www.staugustineamateur.com](http://www.staugustineamateur.com)

Final -round pairings: <https://2025staugustineamateur.golfgenius.com/pages/11935599744765676621>

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