

GCSU golf team shows signs of improvement under new coach

The Georgia College golf team completed their first tournament under new head coach Ben English on Feb. 3rd and 4th.

The Bobcats shot a team total of 909 in the 54-hole tournament to finish 9th place. It is the first regular season top-10 finish for the Bobcats since the 2022-23 season.

Graduate senior Billy Goddard led the Bobcats with a 218 to finish t-10th place. It is the first top-10 finish for a Bobcat golfer since the 2022-23 season.

Goddard felt good about his performance, noting the spark that Coach English has brought to the team.

“Coach English has brought a new wave of energy and life to this team. He never stops working and is always trying to make us better,” Goddard said. “Coach English is helping our team get better every day. I expect our team to shock some people this year.”

Senior Blane Davis fired a 241 to finish t-65th the Bobcats. Despite not having his best stuff, Davis improved with each round and likes the trajectory of the team.

“Our performance was not what I wanted. However, we had two good individual performances,” Davis said. “We are moving forward. After knocking some rust off, I am confident myself and the team are only going upward from here.”

Davis also cited upgrades to the team’s facilities as reason for belief in Bobcat golf.

“We recently had our new simulator finished in the Centennial Center and we have already seen improvements. We are able to practice no matter the weather. We are working our plan and improving our mindset. Coach English is completely invested in making us better,” Davis shared.

Coach Ben English was hired on December 2nd, 2024, following the retirement of former head golf coach Jimmy Wilson. English enters his first stint as a head golf coach. English formerly worked with and owned Next Level Golf, a college recruiting service and performance coaching company. English brings a competitive mindset and player development focus to the Bobcat golf program.

The Bobcats are back in action on Feb. 17th and 18th at the Matlock Collegiate Classic in Lakeland, Florida. The Bobcats host their own tournament, the Bobcat Invitational on March 17th and 18th at The Golf Club of Cuscowilla.