

## DAYTONA STATE COLLEGE WOMEN'S GOLF BEGINS SEASON WITH WIN AT LADY FALCON INVITATIONAL

The Daytona State College Woman's Golf team began their quest to repeat as NJCAA National Champions by winning the Lady Falcon Invitational at the LPGA International Golf Course in Daytona Beach, Florida. With a score of 589, the Lady Falcons ended the tournament 18 shots over second place Florida Southern. West Florida University, Saint Leo University, and Embry-Riddle rounded out the top five.

The Falcons were led by tournament individual champion, Mitsuki Katahira, who after posting consecutive birdies on 13, 14, 15, and 16, ended play with the second day's low score of 67. Her two day total of 140 placed her 3 shots ahead of fellow Falcon, and second place finisher, Amy West. Daytona grabbed two additional top 10 finishes when Kelly Miller placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall with a score of 152 and Ericka Schneider placed 10<sup>th</sup> just two shots behind."

Regional rivals, Seminole State College, placed 6<sup>th</sup> due in part to the strong 3<sup>rd</sup> place individual performance of Elia Folch Sola.

Falcon Head Coach Laura Brown had this to say about the Falcon's strong outing, "I am very happy and proud of my players on their impressive win today. They fought hard today and deserved this win. Amy West was 4 over par after 6 holes and fought back with 5 birdies to shoot a 1-under par 71. Mitsuki and I worked on her putting after yesterday's round and made a couple of adjustments and it really came together for her today. I was also happy to see that my freshman, Kelly Miller played so well. This is a great way for these young ladies to start the season and this win should provide them with a shot of confidence as they head into our next event."

When asked if the Falcons lived up to preseason expectations, Brown commented, "Our goal has always been to consider each season as an opportunity to improve our athletes both personally and athletically. This team has set some very lofty goals this year and they achieved the goals we set for this event so I think they are well on their way to having a successful season."

The Falcon's next tournament will be held at the Waterlefe Golf and River Club, In Bradenton, FL, when they participate in the USF Waterlefe Invitational tournament on October 4-5.

### Lady Falcon Invitational Final Results – Team

Team	Day 1	Day 2	Total
1 Daytona St. College	300	289	589
2 Florida Southern	301	306	607
3 West Florida, U of	316	314	630
4 Saint Leo University	332	311	643
5 Embry-Riddle - FL	325	319	644
6 Seminole State-FL	334	317	651
7 Northwood U. - FL	332	322	654
8 Florida Inst of Tech	331	326	657
9 So.Carolina Beaufort	332	327	659
Lynn University	337	322	659

Lady Falcon Invitational Final Results – Individual

Player	Team	Day 1	Day 2	Total
1 Mitsuki Katahira	DaytonaSt	73	67	140
2 Amy West	DaytonaSt	72	71	143
3 Elia Folch Sola	SSCC-FL	76	71	147
Jennifer Gartin	W. Florida	73	74	147
5 Silvie Dittertova	Fl. South.	76	73	149
6 Marianne Andersson	Fl. South.	76	75	151
7 Kelly Miller	DaytonaSt	79	73	152
Melanie Audette	Fl. South.	71	81	152
9 Bhavna Shetty	W. Florida	78	75	153
10 Ericka Schneider	DaytonaSt	76	78	154

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Daytona State College is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Florida Community College Athletics Association Mid-Florida Conference. The Falcons currently compete in seven Division I NJCAA sports including Men's and Women's Basketball, Baseball, Fast-Pitch Softball, Women's Golf and Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving. The main focus of the Daytona State Falcons athletic program is to prepare student-athletes for success in life. This is accomplished through strong academic programs and support services coupled with quality coaching and athletic facilities.



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Pictured from left to right: Top row – Amy West; Mitsuki Katahira; Cassie Cleary; Ericka Schneider; Coach Laura Brown; Assistant Coach Ashley Aguilera; Barbara Malone. Bottom row from left to right: Kaylee Random; Kelly Miller.