

PLYMOUTH, Ind. - The Kirkwood men's golf team hopes to hang onto third place at the NJCAA Division II national tournament at Swan Lake Resort in the final round Friday.

The Eagles have little chance of winning the title or claiming the No. 2 spot in the team standings, but they have a one-shot lead over Mississippi Gulf Course in a spirited battle for the bronze medal.

South Mountain leads the tournament at 888. Walters State is second at 892, with Kirkwood third at 912 and Mississippi Gulf Coast a shot behind in fourth place at 913.

Dawson Peters fired an even-par 72 to lead the Eagles Thursday. Ryan Morrison is tied for 11th place at 9-over-par 225.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. South Mountain 888, 2. Walters State 892, 3. Kirkwood 912, 4. Mississippi Gulf Coast 913, 5. Black Hawk 918, 6. Parkland 926, 7. Rend Lake 935, 8. Murray State 938, 9. (tie) Abraham Baldwin 941, Tyler 941. 11. Meridian 944, 12. DMACC 945, 13. Scottsdale 950, 14. Southwestern 958, 15. Grand Rapids 966, 16. Oakland 974, 17. Mott 975, 18. Lake County 998, 19. Southeast 1000, 20. Bucks County 1043, 21. Southern Maryland 1087.

KIRKWOOD: 11. Ryan Morrison 76-75-74=225, 29. Dawson Peters 81-78-72=231, 29. Will Babcock 79-75-77=231, 39. James Morgan 81-71-82=234, 42. Ben Epperly 72-78-85=235.