

## GOLF

# Roache repeats as black college champ

South Carolina State's Martin Roache carved his way into the record books by becoming the first two-time medalist winner at the National Minority College Golf Championships. Roache turned the trick when he won a four-player, two-hole playoff round last month in Cleveland.

With his second straight victory in the 36-hole event, Roache also closed out an outstanding college career on the golf course in a manner equal to the cum laude honors he received last month when got his degree in economics.

Like all of his SC State teammates, Roache had hoped to wrestle the team title from Jackson State, who edged the Bulldogs 621 to 627. It was Jackson's third straight team title in this event.

In addition to his victory in Cleveland, Roache was a member of the Bulldogs team that won the Black College Golf Invitational last fall in Atlanta. The three-time Black College All-American also won the coveted Rose Festival Tournament.

In earning medalist honors a year ago, Roache shot a one-under par 141 to set a tournament record. This year, weather conditions and his own struggles on the Highland Park Course, saw his total balloon to 153. But his scramble on No. 18 for a bogey after going into the water with his tee shot got him into the playoff, where he defeated teammate Peter Hill on the second hole of sudden death.

Jackson State's Spencer Grundy and Hampton's Craig Crossely were also in the the playoffs, but fell out of contention on the first hole.

In the final round, Roache said he felt he was in good shape until 17 and 18, where he finished at three over par.

"I played solid golf," Roache said, "until the final two holes. I double-bogeyed 17, then hit into the ditch at 18. But I hit a pretty good putt (on 18) to end up with a bogey which put me in the

playoff. It's a good feeling to win. I'm glad I was able to repeat, but I really wanted our team to win. My victory is bittersweet because I had to defeat my teammate and friend, Peter Hill."

Bulldogs coach Lyman Foster, who had hoped his team would finally rid itself of playing the bridesmaid, said his team may have missed its chance for the championship on the first day. At the end of the first round, SC State was in fourth place at 320, trailing front-running JSU by six strokes.

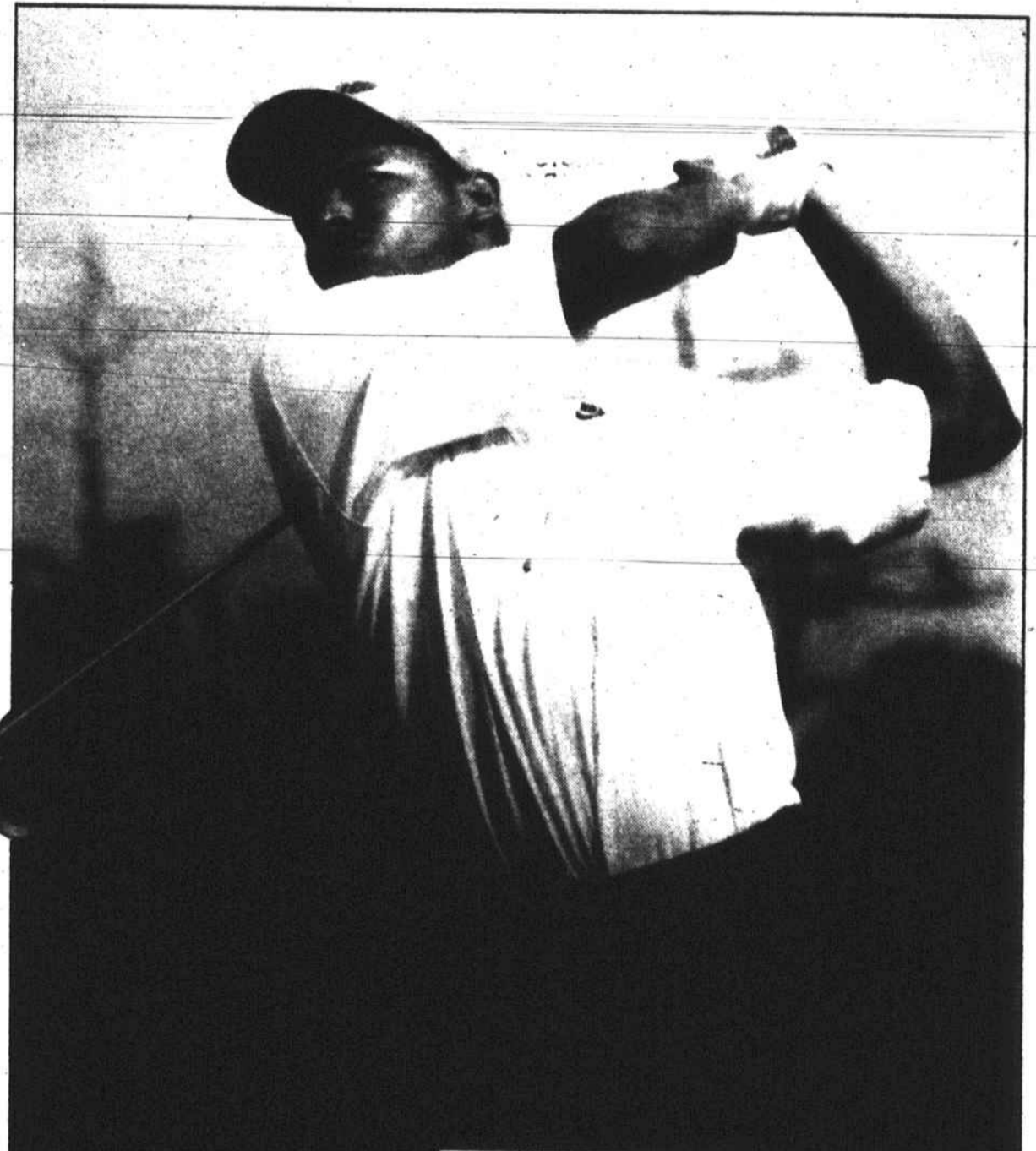
But on the final day, the Bulldogs picked up the pace, carding a 307 to take 13 strokes off of the previous day's total which put them in the No. 2 spot for the fourth straight year. SC State won the championship in '87 and '88.

"We played Jackson State even on the second day," Foster said, "and we were able to overtake Texas Southern and Hampton to grab second. We didn't close the gap on Jackson, but I'm really pleased with the team's effort.

"I want to commend Martin and Peter Hill. Martin played steady but slipped a bit on the last two holes. But he showed how tough he was when he sank a long putt on 18 to make the playoff and go on to repeat as medalist. It was due to Hill's efforts that we finished second. He had an outstanding round of 72. He usually plays four or five strokes over that, but he rose to the occasion in the last round. I'm happy for him. The one-over par by Hill was the best round of the 36-hole event.

"The overall competition has really improved," said Foster. "We went into the final round with just seven strokes separating five teams. I think this is good for the tournament and I believe the competition will continue to get better as the years go by. No longer will just two or three teams have a lock on the championship."

— Bill Hamilton



## Smooth Swing

Roache is the first player to win medalist honors twice at the National Minority Golf Championships.

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## Team Scores

TEAM/ORDER OF FINISH	TOTAL
1. Jackson State	621
2. South Carolina State	627
3. Texas Southern	637
4. Hampton University	637
5. St. Augustine's	641
6. Florida A&M	648
7. Tennessee State	650
8. Fayetteville State	658
9. Southern University	685
10. Alcorn State	697
11. Johnson C. Smith	706
12. Kentucky State	724
13. Alabama State	750
14. Prairie View A&M	777

## Medalists

PLAYER/SCHOOL	TOTAL
Martin Roache/South Carolina State	153
Peter Hill/South Carolina State	153
Craig Crossley/Hampton University	158
Marcus Williams/Jackson State	156
Kevin Greenard/Jackson State	157
Mike Kaczoroski/Florida A&M	157
Jerrwood Marshall/Texas Southern	157
John Wallace/Jackson State	158