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2008 St. Augustine Amateur Winner In John Deere Classic field

ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida — (July 9, 2009) – Zack Sucher, the 2008 St. Augustine Amateur winner, is playing in the John Deere Classic, this weeks PGA Tour event being held outside Chicago in Silvis, Illinois.

Sucher, a native of Mobile, Alabama won last fall's St. Augustine Amateur with a score of 69-70-68~207 to finish at 3 under with a total of 207. He beat an elite field of nationally ranked amateur competitors from across the country. Sucher is being actively considered for this years USGA Walker Cup Team by Walker Cup Team Captain, Buddy Marucci.

Sucher recently completed his collegiate career at [University of Alabama at Birmingham](http://www.ua-birmingham.edu) just missing out on a third-consecutive NCAA National berth. One of the most decorated golfers in the schools history, he was listed as No. 8 on the Top-10 Dominators of the Year among the collegiate and professional ranks in 2007-08 by Sports Illustrated. The two-time All-American was ranked as the world's No. 6 amateur golfer at the beginning of the 2008-09 seasons by Golfweek Magazine.

Thus far in 2009, Sucher has finished second at the Azalea Amateur, tied for third at the Palmetto Amateur and tied for seventh at the Jones Cup. Look for Sucher to be back in St. Augustine in October to defend his title.

About the St. Augustine Amateur

The St. Augustine Amateur is a national event established in 2004 for better amateurs and collegiate players. Played over three days at stroke play, the field this year is comprised of players from 14 different states. The winner will receive a replica of our trophy designed by Heritage Creations of Glens Falls, NY.

Net proceeds of the event will go to benefit the First Tee of St Johns County. The First Tee is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, and is supported by (among others) its Founding Partners: the Augusta National Golf Club, PGA Tour, PGA, LPGA and USGA. The focus is to give young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life enhancing values such as honesty, integrity, sportsmanship and responsibility.

Our Vision

"The best expression of the game lies in high level amateur competitions and the fellowship and sportsmanship attendant at such events. It is our vision to conduct an event which provides this experience for players, sponsors, volunteers, and all who come in contact with the St. Augustine Amateur."