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Men's Golf schedule announced; two Blue Raiders qualify for Southern Am

Five Blue Raiders also qualify for Tennessee Match Play event.

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MEN'S FALL GOLF IS FINALIZED: The Middle Tennessee men's fall golf schedule was completed recently and the Blue Raiders will play two of their five events in Tennessee. The Blue Raiders will open the fall on Sept. 11 at the Scenic City Invitational in Ooltewah, Tenn., before heading the next weekend to the Jaguar Intercollegiate in Mobile, Ala. The team will play in the Crown Colony Classic in Lufkin, Tex., on Oct. 9, then return home to compete in the prestigious Mason Rudolph Invitational in Franklin, Tenn., on Oct. 22-24. The Blue Raiders will conclude the fall campaign at the Sam H. Hall Invitational in Hattiesburg, Miss., on Oct. 30. "It's great to play a couple of events closer to home this fall and I know our players will be excited," said Head Coach Johnny Moore. "We will go up against some outstanding teams in the fall which will only help us we enter the spring season and gear toward a run at the Sun Belt Championship."

BAILES, SMITH QUALIFY FOR SOUTHERN AMATEUR: Junior [Nick Bailes](#) and freshman [Craig Smith](#) have both qualified for the prestigious 100th Southern Amateur Championship. The event, which dates back to 1902, will be played on July 19-22 at the Country Club of Birmingham in Birmingham, Ala. Bailes and Smith both earned a trip by being in the top five at The Golf Club of Tennessee with Smith being the overall low qualifier with a 69. "This is a great honor for these guys because the Southern Amateur is one of the top three amateurs in the country," said assistant coach Whit Turnbow.

NARRAMORE FALLS IN FINALS: Blue Raider golfer [Chas Narramore](#) teamed with Polk Brown recently in the Tennessee State Four Ball Championship at Ridges Golf and Country Club in Jonesborough, Tenn. Narramore and Brown advanced all the way to the finals before falling to Adam Mitchell and Bryce Ledford, 5 and 3. The match was even through seven holes before Narramore and Brown lost five straight holes to seal their fate.

OTHER TIDBITS: [Rick Cochran](#), who was the 2005 Kentucky Men's State Amateur, finished 14th in this year's event with rounds of 72-74-74. Cochran was eight shots behind 43-year old winner Casey Combs ... Incoming recruit [Kent Bulle](#) (Glasgow, KY) recently qualified for the United States Golf Association Junior Championship which will be held in San Diego in mid July ... The Tennessee Golf Association State Match Play event at the Honors Course in Chattanooga will be held July 25-28 and Blue Raiders [Craig Smith](#), [Nick Bailes](#), [Scott Vick](#), and [Chas Narramore](#) have all qualified along with Head Coach Johnny Moore in the senior match play event.



Craig Smith was the low amateur at the Golf Club of Tennessee with a 69 to qualify for the Southern Amateur. (J. Intintoli)

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