Linksters set school record for low three-round score

Still not enough as Blue Raiders finish third at Unlimited Potential

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MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. - One day after setting a school record for low round, the Middle Tennessee women's golf team set another standard for low three-round score with an 895 at the Unlimited Potential Classic Tuesday afternoon.

The Blue Raiders bested the previous mark of 904 for low three-round score, which was set at the 2005 Lady Eagle Invitational. Despite their record-setting play at the Shaftesbury Glen Golf Course, the Blue Raiders had to settle for a third-place finish, five strokes off host College of Charleston's 890 finish. Southern Illinois was third with an 892.

Middle Tennessee's 288 in the first round was a school record for low round, and the Blue Raiders followed with a 305 in the second round and closed with a 302.

"Overall, I am pretty pleased with the scores," Middle Tennessee coach Rachel Short said. "I can't complain with the scores we shot. We would have loved to have won but we played well and the other two teams were just the better teams today. We came out of here with some positives. The girls are playing well and we set a school record for low round and low three-round score so we are playing well. We have a lot to build

on before our next tournament."

Riding the strength of outstanding play throughout and par-4 scoring in particular, junior Tayrn Durham shot 2-over for the tournament to lead Middle Tennessee with a 221. She finished tied for sixth overall. Durham led the field of 90 with a 6-under on par-4 scoring and she totaled eight birdies, which was tied for fourth overall. In all, Durham shot par or better on 46 of the 54 holes played.

Clara Leathers and Leigh Wilkins tied for 15th overall at 225, while Maggie McGill came in tied for 26th with a 229. Tasha Gough was 40th with a 236.

Middle Tennessee led the 16-team field with 187 pars and was in the middle of the pack with 27 birdies. The Blue Raiders also led the tournament in par-4 scoring, where they were 13-over for the tournament.

Unlimited Potential Classic
Par-73; Shaftesbury Glen
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Final Team Scores
1 College of Charleston 294-299-297=890
2 Southern Illinois 297-299-296=892
3 Middle Tennessee 288-305-302=895
4 Coastal Carolina 297-301-301=899
5 Central Arkansas 301-302-303=906
6 Methodist College 299-308-302=909
7 Jacksonville State 301-300-309=910
8 Lamar University 303-307-308=918
9 Old Dominion 311-308-314
10 Charleston Southern 311-321-311=943
11 UAB 310-319-326=955
12 Texas-Pan American 323-309-329=961
13 Tennessee Tech 317-326-339=982
14 Savannah Col.of A&D 335-327-337=999
15 Drake 332-330-339=1001
16 The Citadel 375-364-376=1115

Individual Scores
T6 Tayrn Durham 72-76-73=221
T15 Clara Leathers 72-78-75=225
T15 Leigh Wilkins 75-74-76=225
T26 Maggie McGill 69-79-81=229
T40 Tasha Gough 81-77-78=236

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