

Rain halts final-round play at Bill Hill - Crown Classic

Blue Raiders settle for seventh-place finish

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LUFKIN, Texas - The final round of the Bill Hill - Crown Classic was rained out Tuesday morning at Crown Colony Country Club, leaving the final results to be based on the two rounds played Monday.

Middle Tennessee was in seventh out of 15 teams through the first two rounds but had surged into third place when the torrential downpours wiped out the tournament Tuesday.

"Sometimes the rain helps and sometimes it doesn't," said Middle Tennessee Head Coach Johnny Moore. "We were really playing well before the downpour came and I was pleased with how the players rebounded from an OK Monday on a very, very difficult course."

Unfortunately for the Blue Raiders Tuesday didn't count; however, their 19-over 595 through two rounds did and they were forced to settle for a seventh-place finish after a pair of top five finishes in the first two fall tournaments. The Blue Raiders shot 300 in the opening round and came back with a 295 in the second.

Rick Cochran tied for ninth overall and led Middle Tennessee with a 2-over 146 in his two rounds, giving him a third straight top 10 finish during the fall. The sophomore standout ran his streak of sub-par rounds to five with a 72 in the first round; however, the nice run ended with a 74 in the second round. Cochran has shot par or better in five of eight rounds played this fall.



Chas Narramore tied for 15th overall with a 147 and demonstrated consistency on an unforgiving course with a 73-74 to give the Blue Raiders two top 20 finishes. Craig Smith and Bart Barnes tied for 34th with a 151, followed by Kent Bulle (t51 - 155).

"We didn't play real well Monday but I thought the guys were solid. Some decisions were not good but this course will make you make some bad decisions," Moore said. "When that happened no one gave up and let it continue to hamper their play. It wasn't our best but it wasn't bad, either."

Middle Tennessee will continue its fall season when it plays in the Mason Rudolph Invitational, hosted by Vanderbilt, at the Vanderbilt Legends Club, Oct. 22-24.

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Final scores*

- 1 Baylor 291-283=574
- 2 Sam Houston State 292-294=586
- 3 Wichita State 298-294=592
- 3 Oral Roberts 298-294=592
- 5 UMKC 301-292=593
- 6 Texas-San Antonio 299-295=594
- 7 Middle Tennessee 300-295=595**
- 8 Stephen F. Austin 302-298=600
- 9 Texas Pan American 309-292=601
- 10 Missouri State 295-309=604
- 11 UALR 303-304=607
- 12 Nicholls State 317-297=614
- 13 McNeese State 309-314=623
- 14 Central Arkansas 318-313=631
- DNF Texas State 311-DNF

MT Individual Scores

- T9 Rick Cochran 72-74=146
- T15 Chas Narramore 73-74=147
- T34 Craig Smith 77-74=151
- T34 Bart Barnes 78-73=151
- T51 Kent Bulle 81-74=155

*Third round rained out. Final team and individual standings based on two rounds played Monday.

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