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## Blue Raiders Win ULM/Fred Marx Intercollegiate

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**MONROE, La.** - Behind strong efforts from [Josh Nelms](#) and [Charlie Gibson](#), Middle Tennessee won the ULM/Fred Marx Intercollegiate to capture its first tournament victory since winning the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in 2000. The Blue Raiders shot a 54-hole score of 889 on the par 72 Bayou DeSiard Country Club course.

Host Louisiana-Monroe was seven shots back in second, while Stephen F. Austin and Texas State finished third and fourth, respectively.

The championship was the 14th all-time for the Blue Raiders under head coach Johnny Moore.

"This was a great win for our program on a very difficult golf course," Moore said. "[Josh Nelms](#) had a great final round score of 70, but the gutsy effort of [Kenny Green](#) on the last 18 holes put us over the top. Kenny was out there on one leg and playing very sore. He gutted it up and played like a champion."

Green, who won the National Amputee Championship for the second straight year on Sept. 13, played in his first tournament with the Blue Raiders this fall. Green had a total of 227 to tie for 16th overall, which was his career-best finish.

Nelms, who was 3-under on the par 5s for the tourney, led the Blue Raiders with a 220 to record his best finish ever with a tie for third. Gibson, who was fifth after two rounds, had a disappointing 78 in the final round but managed to record a tie for 7th.

[Blake Bivens](#) fired a 228 to tie for 20th, while teammate [Chris Webb](#) matched Bivens' effort with a 228.

For the tournament, Middle Tennessee paced the field in par 4 scoring with a 4.21 average and was second in par 3 scoring with a 3.17.

"All five guys came down here and felt like they could win," Moore said. "We are getting better every time out and I like our progress."

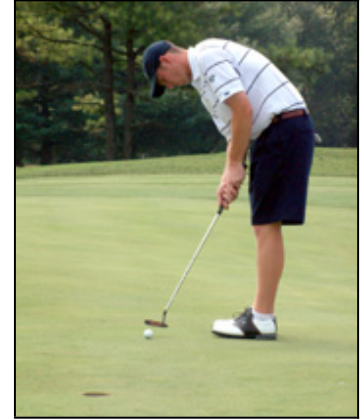
The Blue Raiders will step back into action on Oct. 6-7 at the Shangri La Shootout in Tulsa, OK.

### MT SCORES

T3 [Josh Nelms](#) (77-73-70=220); T7 [Charlie Gibson](#) (74-71-78=223); T16 [Kenny Green](#) (75-79-73=227); T20 [Blake Bivens](#) (80-71-77=228); T20 [Chris Webb](#) (79-73-76=228)

### TEAM SCORES

- 1 Middle Tennessee (305-288-296=889)
- 2 Louisiana-Monroe (305-287-304=896)
- 3 Stephen F. Austin (299-292-306=897)
- 4 Texas State (298-307-300=905)
- 5 McNeese State (294-304-310=908)
- 6 Troy State (302-303-309=914)
- 7 Nicholls State (309-302-308=919)
- Northern Iowa (314-295-310=919)
- 9 Jackson State (308-312-305=925)
- 10 Louisiana Tech (310-298-318=926)
- 11 Birmingham Southern (305-306-321=932)
- ) 12 Western Illinois (314-312-311=937)
- 13 Centenary College (305-320-313=938)
- 14 Texas Pan American (317-315-317=949)



Josh Nelms tied for third to lead Middle Tennessee to a win at the ULM/Fred Marx Intercollegiate. (MT)