Durham finishes fourth at Pat Bradley

Junior notches 17th career Top 10 finish

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MIAMI - Middle Tennessee junior standout Taryn Durham shot a 227 and tied for fourth overall at the 29th Pat Bradley Women's Championship at the Missosukee County Club here Tuesday.

Durham's 227 led the Blue Raiders and was six strokes off the pace of low medalist Therese Wackenstedt from Florida International. No other Blue Raider finished in the top 20 as Middle Tennessee finished sixth overall in its first event of the spring. It was the 17th top 10 finish in her two-plus seasons as a Blue Raider.

"Taryn was pretty consistent and she put three good rounds together," Middle Tennessee head coach Rachael Short said. "She had a shot of winning the first tournament we played this semester and she will build on this performance. As far as the team, we have to put this one behind us, learn from it, and get better. We know we have the players, but we just didn't have a good tournament as a team."

Middle Tennessee's three-round 967 was 55 shots behind tournament champion Washington State, while Florida International was second with a 917. The next four teams were separated by 17 strokes but the Blue Raiders dug themselves a big hole on the opening day when they posted rounds of 318 and 328.

Newcomer Clara Leathers finished second for Middle Tennessee with a 241 and was 21st overall, while Mallory Bishop was tied for 34th with a 248. Maggie McGill and Jamey Dillard rounded out the scoring for the Blue Raiders.

Final Team Scores
Pat Bradley Women's Golf Championship
Miami, Fla.
1 Washington State U. 310 304 298 912
2 Fla. International 309 305 303 917
3 Maryland, U. of 317 311 312 940
4 Barry University 335 315 313 963
5 Florida Atlantic U. 329 313 323 965
6 Middle Tennessee St. 318 328 321 967
7 Daytona Beach CC 325 322 327 974
8 Florida Gulf Coast U 336 328 337 1001

MT Individual Scores
6 Middle Tennessee St. 318 328 321 967
T 4 Taryn Durham 72 78 77 227
21 Clara Leathers 82 81 78 241
T 34 Mallory Bishop 78 84 86 248
37 Maggie McGill 86 85 80 251
44 Jamey Dillard 87 89 90 266

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