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Blue Raiders turn in another solid showing; second at Carter Plantation

Narramore, Smith tie for fourth

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HAMMOND, La. - Middle Tennessee entered the week flirting with its highest golf ranking in Division I and its showing at the Carter Plantation Intercollegiate, hosted by Southeastern Louisiana, won't hurt the team's chances of making a significant move after another outstanding showing.

The Blue Raiders, who entered the week ranked 54th by Golfstat.com, finished second at the Carter Plantation Intercollegiate with a 4-over 862, six shots behind Southeastern Louisiana, and 11 shots in front of conference rival South Alabama (879). Middle Tennessee's highest team ranking is 46th in 2000 and the Blue Raiders figure to improve on their current rating of 54 after finishing well ahead of No. 37 Mississippi, No. 45 Tennessee-Chattanooga, and No. 68 Mississippi State.

Led by the trio of [Chas Narramore](#), [Craig Smith](#), and [Kent Bulle](#), Middle Tennessee continued what has been an exceptional spring season with its third finish of third or higher in four tournaments by firing a tournament-best 286 in the final round. The Blue Raiders have finished fourth or higher in all four spring tournaments and have finished fifth or higher seven times in 10 tournaments during the 2006-07 school year.

"I'm really proud of the guys and the way they have competed all season, but we have put together some very nice rounds in these last few tournaments," Middle Tennessee coach Johnny Moore said. "The biggest thing is we have been consistent and that's how you give yourself a chance. They were good throughout this tournament but that third round was an excellent showing."

Middle Tennessee's third-round 286 was one shot off the 10th-best round in program history and it tied for the second-best third-round total in program history. The 286 was one shot behind's Southeastern Louisiana's 285 for best round during the tournament.

Sophomore [Chas Narramore](#) and freshman [Craig Smith](#) anchored the Blue Raider assault in the most recent tournament showing as they tied for fourth overall with a 1-under 215. Smith capped a strong two days on the links with a career-best 4-under 68 in the final round, which tied for the 19th best round in program history. Smith's 215 was the best three-round tournament of his young career.

Narramore finished with a 2-under 70 Tuesday to close with a 215 and give him his second top five finish during what has been a steady run. Freshman [Kent Bulle](#) finished with a 2-over 218 to tie for 10th overall. [Nick Bailes](#) (226) and [Bart Barnes](#) (227) capped the scoring for Middle Tennessee.

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Hammond, La.

Final Scores

- 1 Southeastern Louisiana 285-286-291 = 862
- 2 Middle Tennessee 293-289-286 = 868**
- 3 South Alabama 295-289-295 = 879
- 4 Jacksonville State 298-294-289 = 881
- 5 Tennessee-Chattanooga 294-299-293 = 886
- 6 Mississippi 295-302-290 = 887
- 7 Louisiana Tech 299-294-297 = 890
- 8 Mississippi State 298-302-296 = 896
- 9 Southern Mississippi 302-293-303 = 898
- 10 Arkansas State 297-301-304 = 902
- 11 South Florida 302-303-299 = 904
- 12 Southeastern Louisiana Green 303-307-295 = 905
- 13 Texas-San Antonio 310-296-303 = 909
- 14 Nicholls State 306-297-316 = 919
- 15 Louisiana-Monroe 313-311-305 = 929



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(Bradley Lambert)

MT Team Scores

T4 [Chas Narramore](#) 71-74-70 = 215

T4 [Craig Smith](#) 72-75-68 = 215

T10 [Kent Bulle](#) 73-68-77 = 218

T34 [Nick Bailes](#) 77-75-74 = 226

T41 [Bart Barnes](#) 81-72-74 = 227

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