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Provow leads Middle Tennessee/Aldila Intercollegiate

Blue Raiders second entering Tuesday's final round

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - It figures a Murfreesboro native would be leading the first collegiate tournament held in the city since 1989, and that's the case as [Spencer Provow](#) owns the lead entering Tuesday's final round of the Middle Tennessee/Aldila Intercollegiate at Old Fort Golf Course.

Middle Tennessee's Provow, a Murfreesboro native who prepped at nearby Oakland High School, shot a 5-under 139 through the first two rounds Monday, including a career-best 4-under 68 in the second round, and owns a one shot lead over Southeastern Louisiana's James Taverner (140) entering the final round.

Provow leads the field in par-5 scoring with a 6-under after two rounds and his 25 pars are fourth-most. He also dropped in eight birdies Monday. Provow said playing a home tournament meant a great deal to the Blue Raiders, and he admitted it has special meaning for him as a native of Murfreesboro.

"It was really neat getting to play at home and to play in front of a bunch of my family and friends. To play well on top of that was an added bonus," Provow said. "I had a great pairing today and it was real relaxed out there. I didn't even think about (Old Fort) being a course I have played so many times because it doesn't matter how many times you have played a course and how well you know it if you don't strike the ball well."

Old Fort Golf Course provided a perfect landscape for the first collegiate golf tournament played in Murfreesboro since the Blue Raider Golf Invitational in 1989 with plush greens and trees in full bloom, and on a day when the wind was reduced to a slight breeze and temperatures were in the high 70s, the course played tough as Provow and Taverner were the only players to shoot in the 60s. Only 11 of the field's 60 players shot par or better.

The top two teams in the national Golfstat.com ratings among the field grabbed the lead through two rounds. No. 35 Southeastern Louisiana fired a 9-under 567 Monday, and No. 49 Middle Tennessee was even at 576 after shooting 288 in each of the first two rounds. Texas State is third with a 2-over 578 entering Tuesday's final round.

"It was a perfect day for golf and we played very well at times, but Southeastern Louisiana put two really good rounds together and are in front of the pack," Middle Tennessee coach Johnny Moore said. "We are going to have to have a strong, strong final round to pull this off, but we are capable. [Spencer Provow](#) was exceptional out there today, and we needed him to be because he gave us a good boost."

Provow's second-round 68 goes down as the 19th-best round in school history and is his best as a Blue Raider. [Chas Narramore](#) continued his steady play and is tied for 10th with a 144 through two rounds, followed by [Craig Smith](#), who is tied for 12th with a 1-over 145. [Kent Bulle](#) (148) is tied for 26th, and [Rick Cochran](#) (156) is tied for 53rd.

Blue Raiders [Bart Barnes](#), [Nick Bailes](#), and [Derrick Bright](#) are playing as individuals. Barnes had a strong first two rounds and is tied for seventh with a 1-under 143 entering Tuesday's play. Bailes is tied for 17th with a 2-over 146, and Bright (157) is tied for 56th.

Following are the tee times for Blue Raider players in the final round of the Middle Tennessee/Aldila Intercollegiate:

Individuals

[Derrick Bright](#) Hole 10 8:30 a.m.

[Nick Bailes](#) Hole 10 9:00 a.m.

[Bart Barnes](#) Hole 10 9:10 a.m.

Team

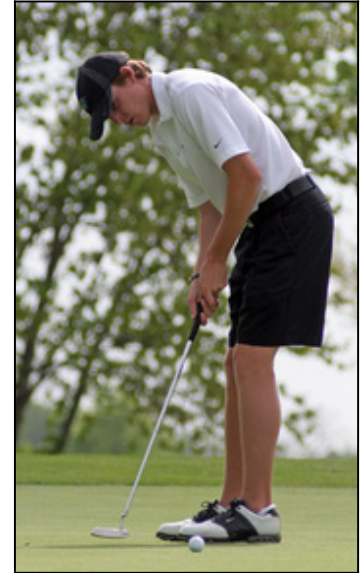
[Rick Cochran](#) Hole 1 9:20 a.m.

[Kent Bulle](#) Hole 1 9:30 a.m.

[Craig Smith](#) Hole 1 9:40 a.m.

[Chas Narramore](#) Hole 1 9:50 a.m.

[Spencer Provow](#) Hole 1 10:00 a.m.



Spencer Provow shot par or better on 33 of the 36 holes played Monday and leads the Middle Tennessee/Aldila Intercollegiate entering Tuesday's final round. (Bradley Lambert)

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Second-round scores

Old Fort Golf Course, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

1 Southeastern Louisiana 285 282 567

2 Middle Tennessee 288 288 576

3 Texas State 288 290 578

4 Jacksonville State 291 290 581

5 Troy 292 290 582

6 College of Charleston 295 293 588

7 New Orleans 298 292 589

8 Arkansas State 301 289 590

9 Western Kentucky 290 302 597

10 UALR 295 302 597

11 Murray State 304 301 605

MT Scores

1 [Spencer Provow](#) 71 68 139

T10 [Chas Narramore](#) 71 73 144

T12 [Craig Smith](#) 73 72 145

T26 [Kent Bulle](#) 73 75 148

T53 [Rick Cochran](#) 80 76 156

* T7 [Bart Barnes](#) 71 72 143

* T17 [Nick Bailes](#) 73 73 146

* T56 [Derrick Bright](#) 81 76 157

* - playing as individual

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