Barnes, Provow tie for second at Aldila Intercollegiate

Blue Raiders finish third overall

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's quest for a team championship at the Middle Tennessee Aldila Intercollegiate came up short at Old Fort Golf Course Tuesday, but the Blue Raiders did have three of the tournament's top 10 performers and the squad turned in its ninth top 5 finish this season.

The Blue Raiders, who started the day in second place, had to settle for a third-place finish in the first collegiate golf tournament played in Murfreesboro since 1989. Southeastern Louisiana, ranked No. 35 nationally by Golfstat.com, won the event with a 2-under 862 and it was the only team in the field to shoot better than par.

Texas State finished second with a 1-over 865, and Middle Tennessee was 10th with a 10-over 874 after producing a 10-over 298 in the final round. The Blue Raiders finished third or higher in a tournament for the fifth straight time this spring and enjoyed its sixth top 3 finish this year.

Blue Raider seniors Spencer Provow and Bart Barnes posted the best three-round tournament total of their Middle Tennessee career and tied for second overall with a 2-under 214, one shot behind Texas State's Michael Carnes, who was the tournament's low medalist with a 213. Freshman Kent

Bulle had a strong final round with a 3-under 69 and finished tied for 10th with a 217.

"It was a good three days for golf and we certainly want to thank our tournament sponsor, Aldila, and (director) Tracy Wilkins and Old Fort Golf Course for helping make this tournament the success it was," Middle Tennessee coach Johnny Moore said. "I wish we could have won the tournament but it wasn't to be this time. We got off to a really good start, but we were not able to sustain it throughout the day."

Provow opened the day with a 1-shot lead after shooting five under through the first two rounds, but he slipped into the tie for second with Tuesday's 3-over 75. Still, it was another strong showing for the senior as the Blue Raiders brace for the Sun Belt Conference championships in Orlando, Fla., April 16-18.

The same can be said for Barnes, who was playing as an individual. The senior was steady throughout the tournament, posting scores of 71 and 72 in the opening two rounds Monday, and he followed that with a 71 Tuesday to tie for second.

Bulle was one of the tournament's best players in the final round with a 3-under 69 - which tied for the low score of the day. His final-round showing propelled him into a tie for 10th.

Craig Smith (220), Chas Narramore (224), and Rick Cochran (235) rounded out the team scoring for Middle Tennessee. In addition to Barnes, Nick Bailes (225) and Derrick Bright (231) also played as individuals.

Provow led the tournament in par-5 scoring at 7-under and his 36 pars were fourth most. Barnes was fifth in par-5 scoring and finished with 12 birdies - third most among the linksters. Bailes was second in par-3 scoring at 1-under.

Middle Tennessee Aldila Intercollegiate
Old Fort Golf Course, Mufreesboro, Tenn.
Final Results
1 Southeastern Louisiana 285 282 295 862 -2
2 Texas State 288 290 287 865 +1
3 Middle Tennessee 288 288 298 874 +10
4 Troy 292 290 295 877 +13
5 New Orleans 297 292 297 886 +22
College of Charleston 295 293 298 886 +22
7 Arkansas State 301 289 297 887 +23
Jacksonville State 291 290 306 887 +23
9 Western Kentucky 290 302 300 892 +28
10 UALR 295 302 296 893 +29
11 Murray State 304 301 304 909 +45

MT Team Scores
T2 Spencer Provow 71 68 75 214 -2
T10 Kent Bulle 73 75 69 217 +1
T22 Craig Smith 73 72 75 220 +4
T33 Chas Narramore 71 73 80 224 +8

T55 Rick Cochran 80 76 79 235 +19

* T2 Bart Barnes 71 72 71 214 -2 * T36 Nick Bailes 73 73 79 225 +9 * T51 Derrick Bright 81 76 74 231 +15

*** - played as individual**

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