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## Blue Raiders finish disappointing 11th

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**ORLANDO, Fla.** - The Middle Tennessee men's golf team shot a disappointing final round 301 to finish 11th overall at the UCF/Rio Pinar Intercollegiate Tuesday. The Blue Raiders entered the final day in 10th place after shooting a 608 after the first 36 holes.

"I was disappointed, and I think the guys are disappointed in our play here," Blue Raider head coach Johnny Moore said. "We just played badly. We didn't drive the ball in the fairways, we drove it into the trees. We couldn't make birdies. It was just very disappointing, overall."

[Josh Nelms](#) led the Blue Raiders with rounds of 71-75-76 to tie for 19th overall with a total of 222, while teammate [Blake Bivens](#) was second on the team and 44th overall with a three-round total of 229. Bivens' 1-over-par 73 was the best round by a Blue Raider Tuesday.

[Chris Webb](#) and [Charlie Gibson](#) tied for No. 60 overall with scores of 233. Webb finished with an 83 Tuesday, the highest score registered by a Blue Raider in the two-day event, while Gibson's 75 was a four-stroke improvement from Monday's opening two rounds. [Taylor Bowers](#) tied for No. 75 with a 54-hole total of 239 after firing a 77 in the final round.

Fellow Sun Belt Conference foe South Alabama won a playoff against host Central Florida to capture the event. Both teams finished the final round with a three-round-total of 863.

The Blue Raiders will participate in the Dick Witcoff/USF Invitational at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla., this weekend.

### TEAM SCORES

1. South Alabama 295 282 286 863
2. Central Florida 290 288 285 863
3. Coastal Carolina 289 299 293 881
4. Lamar University 296 293 295 884
5. Texas-Arlington 296 298 292 886
6. Mercer University 297 297 294 888
7. Kansas 299 300 289 888
8. South Florida 298 304 295 897
9. Richmond 310 300 293 903
10. Indiana 297 304 303 904
11. **Middle Tennessee** 307 301 301 909
12. Davidson College 309 310 295 914
13. Belmont 309 303 305 917
14. East Carolina 311 308 304 923
15. Wofford College 311 313 300 924
16. Oral Roberts 300 320 304 924
17. Florida Atlantic 316 300 310 926
18. Jacksonville Univ. 316 317 304 937

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE SCORES

- T19 [Josh Nelms](#) 71 75 76 222  
T44 [Blake Bivens](#) 82 74 73 229  
T60 [Chris Webb](#) 77 73 83 233  
T60 [Charlie Gibson](#) 79 79 75 233  
T75 [Taylor Bowers](#) 80 82 77 239

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