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Golfers making run at State Amateur Championship

Smith, Narramore among leaders entering final round

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The State Amateur Championship has a definite Middle Tennessee feel as three Blue Raider golfers are among the top 10 entering the final round at the Belle Meade Country Club Friday.

Sophomore **Craig Smith**, the 2007 Sun Belt Conference low medalist and a native of Springfield, Tenn., shot a five-under-par 67 Thursday and is 6-under 210, two strokes off the lead entering Friday's final round. Junior **Chas Narramore** is three shots off the lead with a 211 through three rounds, and Murfreesboro native Spencer Provow is tied for seventh with a 213.

University of Texas sophomore Bobby Hudson, a Memphis native, leads the tournament with an 8-under 208.

Three other Blue Raiders made the cut at the State Am and are still among the field. Senior **Nick Bailes** (Cleveland, Tenn.) and junior Scott Vick (Franklin, Tenn.) are tied for 36th, and freshman **Jason Millard** (Murfreesboro) is 58th.

Smith has put himself in position to contend for the title with another solid performance on the links. He is 8-under on par-5s for the tournament, including 5-under in Thursday's third round. Smith's 67 Wednesday was one shot off his career best and included an eagle on the par-5 No. 8. He also enjoyed five birdies and 10 pars. Smith has 34 pars, 12 birdies, and an eagle through three rounds.

Narramore was cruising with an 8-under 136 through two rounds but shot a 3-over 75 Thursday. Still, he is within striking distance thanks in large part to a career-best 65 in Wednesday's second round.

Smith and Narramore will attempt to keep the pressure on as they lead a strong Middle Tennessee contingent into the final round of the State Am.

State Amateur Championship

Middle Tennessee golfers

2 Craig Smith 75-68-67=210 -6

T3 Chas Narramore 71-65-75=211 -5


T7 Spencer Provow 66-68-79=213 -3

T36 Nick Bailes 75-75-74=224 +8

T36 Scott Vick 78-72-74=224 +8

58 Jason Millard 76-74-81=231 +16



Craig Smith, left, is in second, two shots back at the State Amateur Championship, while teammate Chas Narramore is third. (MT) 

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