Narramore ties for second at Scenic City

Blue Raiders start strong, finish fifth out of 17-team field

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - Weather conditions and an already difficult course made for a tough trek at the 2007 Scenic City Invitational but Middle Tennessee junior Chas Narramore continued to tame the course at the Council Fire Golf Club and led the Blue Raiders to an impressive start to the fall season.

Narramore shot 2-under in Tuesday's third round and finished the 54-hole event with a 7-under 206 to finish tied for second with Oklahoma's Eric Durbin, three shots behind Charlotte's Corey Nagey, who was the tournament medalist.

"All things considered it was a good start to the season," Narramore said. "We could have played a little better as a team and I could have played some holes better but it was a tough field and a tough course and we came out and held our own during these three rounds. It's something positive for us to build upon this season."

Middle Tennessee started the final round tied for third with Oklahoma and LSU but slipped to fifth with a 10-over showing in Tuesday's third round. Torrential downpour made scoring difficult at the par-71, 6,961-yard course and the inclement weather took a toll on several teams trying to make a run.

The Blue Raiders, under first-year head coach Whit Turnbow; however, would not be denied in their quest to make an opening statement. Middle Tennessee finished fifth with a 5-over 857 in the 17-team tournament and it finished ahead of two teams ranked among the nation's top 35 by Golfstat at

the end of last season - No. 33 Southeastern Louisiana and No. 35 Mississippi. The Blue Raiders were three shots behind fourth-place LSU and 10 shots behind Oklahoma. Charlotte won the tournament by shooting 30-under.

"I'm proud of the guys and the way they hung in there and battled, especially when the weather turned later in the final round," Turnbow said. "It was a tough field and a tough course and we were right there heading into the final round."

Narramore had three rounds below par, including two in the 60s (67 and 69) to tie for second, while Craig Smith finished tied for 17th. He enjoyed two rounds under par before shooting 5-over Tuesday.

Nick Bailes tied for 46th with a seven-over 220, and Jason Millard (62nd, 10-over 223) and Kent Bulle (76th, 13-over 226) rounded out the scoring.

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Chattanooga, Tenn.
Council Fire Golf Club
Final Team Results
1 Charlotte 272-271-279=822 -30
2 Tennessee-Chattanooga 272-275-282=829 -23
3 Oklahoma 277-286-284=847 -5
4 LSU 277-286-291=854 +2
5 Middle Tennessee 281-282-294=857 +5
T6 Mississippi State 287-288-290=865 +13
T6 Mississippi 281-300-284=865 +13
T6 Southeastern Louisiana 285-282-298=865 +13
9 Akron 283-288-298=869 +17
10 South Florida 290-291-290=871 +19
11 Southern Mississippi 295-291-288=874 +22
T12 Furman 291-289-295=875 +23
T12 Virginia Commonwealth 290-293-292=875 +23
14 Louisiana Tech 296-290-292=878 +26
15 Western Carolina 298-287-294=879 +27
16 Francis Marion 294-297-298=889 +37
17 Mercer 300-299-293=892 +40

MT Individual Scores
T2 Chas Narramore 67-70-69=206 -7
T17 Craig Smith 68-70-76=214 +1
T46 Nick Bailes 72-74-74=220 +7
T62 Jason Millard 76-68-79-223 +10
T76 Kent Bulle 74-77-75=226 +13

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