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## Adams named new Blue Raider women's golf coach

### Experienced coach brings proven record

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - Chris Adams already has a working knowledge of Middle Tennessee's female golfers after coaching against them for the past five seasons while serving as head coach at Arkansas State.

Not only is Adams familiar with the Blue Raiders' returning linksters, but she also appreciates the fact she will no longer have to go against them as the former Arkansas State coach has been named to the same position at Middle Tennessee, according to Middle Tennessee Director of Athletics Chris Massaro.

Adams replaces former Blue Raider coach Rachael Short, who resigned in December to pursue other professional interests. She becomes the third women's golf coach in the program's history.

"We are very pleased to bring in an experienced young coach to fill the women's golf coach vacancy," Massaro said. "When you talk to Chris you feel her enthusiasm and we believe she will build upon the strong foundation Rachael left us. (Adams) is familiar with our players and our program having been at Arkansas State so I see that as another advantage for her, as well as Middle Tennessee."

Adams inherits an experienced Middle Tennessee team that includes one of the Sun Belt's most decorated players in senior Tayrn Durham, who became the first Blue Raider to participate in the Women's U.S. Open last summer. Durham is a three-time All-Sun Belt selection and leads a group that includes several players with strong credentials and a wealth of tournaments under their belt.

"Quite frankly I am glad I don't have to coach against (Durham) anymore," Adams said. "Having a player like [Taryn Durham](#) is great but we have a very good team at Middle Tennessee and that is exciting. We have several players with a great deal of tournament experience at the college level so they know what it takes to compete at a high level because that is what Rachael demanded. I look forward to jumping in and getting started. It's a great opportunity because of the job Rachael has done here."

Adams said location and the success of the overall athletic department at Middle Tennessee were important factors in pursuing the Blue Raider position.

"I'm very appreciative to Chris Massaro and the selection committee for showing confidence in me for this position," Adams said. "I have seen Middle Tennessee compete and be successful within the Sun Belt. It's not like you don't know anybody. Middle Tennessee is certainly a school we always looked up to and wanted to meet their standards. The administration here is very supportive and it's a great situation."

Adams had served as the head women's golf coach at Arkansas State since April, 2002. There, she developed two All-Sun Belt selections and led the team to its first tournament win since 2001 in September 2007 at the ULM/Fred Marx Invitational. Her program is also successful in the classroom with four players being named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll and the Sun Belt's Commissioner's List.

Prior to her five-plus years at Arkansas State, Adams served as head coach at Wichita State from 1997 to 2002 and led her teams to runner-up finishes in the Missouri Valley in 1998 and 1999. While there, she helped lower the team scoring average by 10 strokes over a two-year period and led her team to scoring records in 1999, 2000 and 2001.


During that span, she produced 10 all-conference selections and three first-team selections to the MVC All-Scholar team. She also had 16 Valley "Golfers of the Week" and 16 were named to the Wichita State Athletics Director's Honor Roll.

After beginning her golf career at the John Jacobs Practical Golf Schools in Scottsdale, Ariz., Adams served as assistant golf professional at Bonaventure Country Club in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and the Fort Lauderdale Country Club in Plantation, Fla.

A 1991 graduate of Kansas State, Adams received her bachelor's degree in psychology. While there, she was a member of the varsity golf team and received the Lucille Boyd Scholarship for four years, which is awarded to the school's top woman golfer.

A native of Beaver, Okla., she earned all-state honors as a junior and senior in basketball and golf at Beaver High School.



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