Blue Raiders finish fifth at GADO North Texas Classic

Narramore, Cochran lead way in first spring tournament

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NUEVO VALLARTA, Mexico - Middle Tennessee moved up two spots with a 2-over 290 in the final round of the GADO North Texas Classic at the Flamingo Golf Club and claimed a top five finish out of the 14 teams in the opening event of the spring. Chas Narramore and Rick Cochran led the Blue Raiders with top 20 finishes individually as Middle Tennessee turned in its third top five finish in five tournaments during the 2007-08 season. The Blue Raiders' 290 in Monday's final round was tied for the second lowest score of the day. "We had a bit of a slow start Sunday and the second round (295) is what really got us but I'm proud of the way the guys battled and fought back today to give us a more favorable finish," Middle Tennessee first-round coach Whit Turnbow said. "It was pretty good for the first tournament of the spring but we know we can play much better and that's the encouraging thing." Louisiana-Lafayette ran away from the field and won by 22 strokes over CSU-Northridge with a 18-under 848 for the three round event, hosted by North Texas. Narramore rallied to play the final 36 holes of the 54-hole tournament at 2-under par after shooting a 75 in the opening round Sunday. His play in the second and third rounds enabled the junior to tie for 14th overall with a 1-over 217, which was 10 shots off the pace of medalist Kyle Nicolson from CSU-Northridge. Cochran finished 16th after shooting par in the final round. Cochran was 2-over 218 for the tournament. His first-round 68 tied for

the fourth best score in the tournament and his finish would have been much higher if not for a second-round 78. Craig Smith tied for 28th with a 7-over 223, followed by Jason Millard (228) and Kent Bulle (230). Middle Tennessee was fourth as a team in par-3 scoring at 12-over and the Blue Raiders were fifth in par-4 scoring at 20-over. The Blue Raiders' 190 pars were the most of any of the 14 teams. Millard and Smith tied for second in the field with 41 pars each, followed by Narramore's 40. **GADO North Texas Classic**

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Final Team Scores

1 Louisiana-Lafayette 278-288-282 848 -18
2 CSU-Northridge 286-294-290 870 +6
3 New Orleans 283-299-290 872 +8
4 Southeastern La. 292-288-293 873 +9
5 Middle Tennessee 291-295-290 876 +12
6 Colorado State 295-288-295 878 +14
7 Troy 291-296-297 884 +20
8 North Texas 297-292-296 885 +21
9 Washington 291-288-307 886 +22
10 Missouri 290-303-301 894 +30
10 UALR 297-301-296 894 +30
12 Houston 304-294-301 899 +35
13 Ball State 302-308-306 916 +52
14 Eastern Illinois 304-315-316 935 +71

5 MT Scores (876)

T14 Chas Narramore 75-71-71 217 +1
16 Rick Cochran 68-78-72 218 +2
T28 Craig Smith 75-74-74 223 +7
T44 Jason Millard 73-75-80 228 +12
T50 Kent Bulle 82-75-73 230 +14

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