Blue Raiders storm from behind to win All-American Classic

Millard earns first top 10 finish; Narramore 10th, Cochran 17th

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SPRING, Texas - Weather conditions for the final round of the University of Houston's All-American Golf Classic at Cypresswood Golf Club were dreadful with high wind gusts and declining temperatures throughout the day Tuesday. The weather conditions may have been tough but Middle Tennessee's golf team was tougher. The Blue Raiders fought through the inclement conditions and overcame a seven-shot deficit to storm past four teams and claim the 2008 All-American Golf Classic by one stroke over UALR, which entered the day with the lead. Middle Tennessee shot 891 for the three-round event and was the only team in the 12-team field to break 300 with Tuesday's 9-over 288. Middle Tennessee freshman Jason Millard finished tied for seventh with a 6-over 222 to record his first career top 10 finish. Chas Narramore (223) tied for 10th and Rick Cochran (225) tied for 17th as the Blue Raiders finished with three of their five players in top 20. "I am proud of the guys and especially of the manner in which they played under some really tough conditions out here," said Middle Tennessee first-year coach Whit Turnbow, who turned in his second tournament win in just his sixth tournament leading the charge. "We knew the conditions were going to worse and we talked about it Monday night. We decided we were going to be tougher than the weather and these guys were today." The tournament win should also bolsters

Middle Tennessee's national Golfstat ranking, which was 67th entering the event, as the Blue Raiders were able to finish ahead of 26th-ranked Lamar and 54th-ranked Baylor. Millard demonstrated great moxie for a rookie under extreme circumstances to lead the Blue Raiders in scoring. He was seventh entering Tuesday's final round and finished tied for seventh after carding a 5-over 77. "Jason played really well and he was consistent," Turnbow said. "They all always want to play better and shoot lower but given the circumstances here I thought he put together three really good rounds. I'm proud of the way he approached things and played with a lot of confidence." Narramore was steady from start to finish and turned in his 10th career top 10 finish with the 7-over 223 (75-73-75). Cochran had Middle Tennessee's best round Tuesday and was one of seven players (out of 67) to shoot par or better with his round of 72. He finished with a 9-over 225 for the three-round event. Kent Bulle (227) tied for 22nd and Craig Smith (228) tied for 26th. Middle Tennessee will play in the Ron Smith Invitational, hosted by the University of South Florida, this weekend in Tampa, Fla. **All-American Golf Classic**

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Final Team Scores

1 Middle Tennessee 300 294 297 - 891 +27

2 UALR 295 292 305 - 892 +28

3 UL-Lafayette 303 293 300 - 896 +32

4 New Mexico State 296 299 302 - 897 +33

5 Houston 295 298 308 901 +37

6 Baylor 296 296 310 - 902 +38

7 Lamar 298 295 310 - 903 +39

8 Jacksonville State 297 300 307 - 904 +40

9 Texas State 298 306 301 - 905 +41

10 North Texas 297 310 306 - 913 +49

11 Kansas 298 301 320 - 919 +55

12 Texas Southern 307 315 320 - 942 +78

1 MT Scores (891)

T7 Jason Millard 71 74 77 - 222 +6

T10 Chas Narramore 75 73 75 - 223 +7

T17 Rick Cochran 78 75 72 - 225 +9

T22 Kent Bulle 80 72 75 - 227 +11

T26 Craig Smith 76 77 75 - 228 +12

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