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Blue Raider golfers fight back, finish fifth

Narramore's 211 leads team

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CHATTANOOGA - Displeased with their first-round performance at the Aldila Scenic City Intercollegiate the Blue Raider men's golfers did what they always do Tuesday.

They fought back.

Middle Tennessee was in 11th place when play was suspended during the second round due to weather at Council Fire Golf Course in Chattanooga Monday evening. By the time play was complete Tuesday afternoon the Blue Raiders had vaulted to fifth in the 16-team field to salvage a respectable showing after a slow start to the event. It was the first event of the 2008 fall campaign.

"We dug ourselves quite a hole after one round but I have a resilient bunch and they did what I thought they would, they fought back," Middle Tennessee coach Whit Turnbow said. "They dug themselves out of that hole today and that's why they are winners. They always fight back but we have to find a way to get off to a better start, and we will."



Jason Millard's second-round 66 was one of the best in school history. (MT)

Chattanooga won the tournament with an impressive 45-under 819, followed by Augusta State (833), Wichita State (851), and Southern Miss (854). Middle Tennessee tied North Florida for fifth, and Oklahoma was seventh. Only the top seven teams played the course under par.

Middle Tennessee made its run by playing the second and third rounds at 11-under to pass six teams. It did so by turning in two of the better rounds in school history. The 282 in the closing round tied for the eighth-best overall round and second-best third round in program history, and the second-round 283 tied for the 13th best round ever.

The sterling finish was highlighted by Murfreesboro native [Jason Millard](#)'s career-low 66 in the second round - tied for the fourth lowest round in school history. Millard shot even par in the final round to finish 4-under 212 and tied for 17th. His 212 also is a college personal-best for a three-round tournament.

[Chas Narramore](#) led the Blue Raiders and tied for 15th overall with a 5-under 211. He and fellow senior [Rick Cochran](#), who tied for 17th at 4-under 212, were the only Blue Raiders to play all three of their rounds at par or better. Narramore's second-round 68 tied for the third-lowest of his career and his 211 total is tied for the 15th best round in school history. His consistent play kept him among the tournament leaders. Narramore played the par-5s at 10-under and totaled two eagles and 16 birdies.

Cochran followed back-to-back even rounds with a 4-under 68 to close at 212. The 68 tied for his fourth-lowest round. Cochran's 38 pars were second most among the tournament field. [Kent Bulle](#) tied for 51st with a 5-over 221 and freshman [Brad Simons](#) shot a 232 in his collegiate debut. Fellow freshman [Hunter Green](#) played as an individual and finished at 10-over 226.

Aldila Scenic City Intercollegiate

Council Fire GC, Par-72

Final team scores

- 1 Chattanooga 278-275-266 819 -45
- 2 Augusta State 279-279-275 833 -31
- 3 Wichita State 280-287-284 851 -13
- 4 Southern Miss 285-285-284 854 -10
- 5 Middle Tennessee 290-283-282 855 -9**
- 5 North Florida 284-288-283 855 -9
- 7 Oklahoma 289-287-284 860 -4
- 8 Southeastern Louisiana 288-289-288 865 +1
- 8 Western Carolina 283-28-294 865 +1
- 10 Jacksonville State 277-300-293 870 +6
- 11 Francis Marion 298-286-287 871 +7
- 12 Furman 288-292-293 873 +9
- 12 Mercer 291-295-287 873 +9
- 14 Florida Gulf Coast 293-287-296 876 +12
- 15 Louisiana Tech 295-292-291 878 +14
- 16 South Florida 292-291-306 889 +25

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T15 [Chas Narramore](#) 71-68-72 211 -5

T17 [Rick Cochran](#) 72-72-68 212 -4

T17 [Jason Millard](#) 74-66-72 212 -4

T51 [Kent Bulle](#) 74-77-70 221 +5

T82 [Brad Simons](#) 73-80-79 232 +17

T67 [Hunter Green](#) 75-77-74 226 +10 *

* - played as individual

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