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Women's golf tied for fifth entering final round at FIU

Akin, Bishop among top 15

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Karisa Akin shot even par in the second round of the FIU Pat Bradley Invitational Monday. (MT) 

FORT MYERS, Fla. - Middle Tennessee's women's golf team used a moving second round to move into a tie for fifth after two rounds the FIU Pat Bradley Invitational Monday.

The Blue Raiders' second-round 298 tied for the fifth-lowest round of the 26 played by the 13-team field Monday. Middle Tennessee is 31-over 607 for the tournament and tied for fifth, five shots out of third. FIU leads the tournament with a 6-over 582, five shots in front of Florida Southern (587) entering Tuesday's final round.

"We battled back in the second round to give ourselves a chance," Middle Tennessee coach Chris Adams said. "The course played tough today as evidenced by the scores but we had some players to hold their own and battle."

One such player was freshman **Karisa Akin**. She played the course even in the second round and stands 6-over 150 through the first two rounds. Akin is 14th overall.

Senior **Mallory Bishop** also turned in a good first day. Bishop is 7-over and tied for 15th. Her play was highlighted by a 1-over 73 in the first round. Freshman **Steph Gough** is tied for 24th at 9-over 153. Senior **Leigh Wilkins** demonstrated fight and determination with a 1-over 73 in the second round after posting an 82 in her opening round and is tied for 34th overall. Sophomore **Morgan Hale** was 16-over in the first two rounds.

Middle Tennessee concludes its fall schedule with Tuesday's final round.

FIU Pat Bradley Invitational Pelican Preserve Golf Course, Par-72 Second round team scores

- 1 FIU 291-291 582 +6
- 2 Florida Southern 293-294 587 +11
- 3 Stetson 304-298 602 +26
- 4 South Florida 298-305 603 +27
- 5 Middle Tennessee 309-298 607 +31
- 5 Florida Atlantic 299-308 607 +31
- 7 Kennesaw St. 303-306 609 +33
- 8 Texas A&M Corpus Christi 305-306 611 +35
- 9 Montana 313-303 616 +40
- 10 Ball State 310-307 617 +41
- 11 Daytona State 305-314 619 +43
- 12 Wofford 318-303 621 +45
- 13 Florida Gulf Coast 322-316 638 +62

T5 MT Scores (607)

- 14 **Karisa Akin** 78-72 150 +6
- T15 **Mallory Bishop** 73-78 151 +7
- T24 **Steph Gough** 78-75 153 +9
- T34 **Leigh Wilkins** 82-73 155 +11

T57 **Morgan Hale** 80-80 160 +16

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