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Bulle opens spring season with Top 20 finish in Arizona

Blue Raiders do not fare well as team

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Kent Bulle finished tied for 19th at the Arizona Intercollegiate. (B. Lambert)

TUCSON, Ariz. - Middle Tennessee junior golfer **Kent Bulle** was one of few bright spots for the Blue Raiders as they opened the spring season with a disappointing 16th-place finish at the Arizona Intercollegiate at Arizona National Golf Course.

Bulle capped the two-day, three-round event with a 2-under 69 in Tuesday's final round to turn in a Top 20 finish. He carded a 4-over 217 for the tournament after posting scores of 74 in each of the first two rounds and finished 19th overall.

The news wasn't as good for the Blue Raiders as a team. They turned in their highest score of the tournament with a 308 Tuesday and closed with a 56-over 908.

"We were totally unprepared for what we were facing here and that's my fault," Middle Tennessee Head Coach Whit Turnbow said. "This one is on me."

Craig Smith was Middle Tennessee's second-highest finisher. He shot a 14-over 227 and was tied for 58th. **Jason Millard** was in position to make a move up the leader board entering the final round but he shot an 11-over 82 and finished with a 231, followed by **Rick Cochran** (235) and **Hunter Green** (242).

Arizona Intercollegiate

Arizona National GC, Par 71

Tucson, Arizona

Final Team Scores

- 1 Pepperdine 286-279-290 855 +3
- 2 San Diego State 288-280-290 858 +6
- 3 Tennessee 285-285-292 862 +10
- 4 UNLV 291-281-294 866 +14
- 4 East Tennessee St. 300-278-288 866 +14
- 6 Arizona 292-281-294 867 +15
- 7 California 294-283-291 868 +16
- 8 New Mexico 295-292-282 869 +17
- 9 UC-Irvine 295-286-293 874 +22
- 10 Coastal Carolina 299-282-297 878 +26
- 11 Tulsa 294-282-306 882 +30
- 12 Nevada 299-286-299 884 +32
- 13 Brigham Young 300-286-305 891 +39
- 14 Long Beach St. 292-302-306 900 +48
- 15 Rice 313-294-300 907 +55
- 16 Middle Tennessee 304-296-308 908 +56
- 17 Arizona (B) 317-294-306 917 +65

16 MT Scores (908)

- T19 **Kent Bulle** 74-74-69 217 +4
 T58 **Craig Smith** 76-71-80 227 +14
 T70 **Jason Millard** 75-74-82 231 +18
 T81 **Rick Cochran** 79-77-79 235 +22

90 **Hunter Green** 85-78-80 243 +30

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