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Bulle captures All-American Classic with one of top scores in program history

Blue Raiders fall one shot short of team title

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Junior Kent Bulle won the All-American Golf Classic to capture his first career title Tuesday. (B. Lambert) 

SPRING, Texas - Junior standout **Kent Bulle** continued his torrid start to the spring season by capturing earning medalist honors at The All-American Golf Classic at the Tradition Course at Cypresswood here Tuesday.

Bulle capped his strong tournament run with a 1-over 73 in the final round to finish 7-under 209 and post one of the top three-round tournament scores in program history to capture his first career championship. Bulle tied for the Jaguar Intercollegiate but lost in a playoff last season.

Unfortunately, for the Blue Raiders, Bulle was unable to celebrate a team championship with his teammates. Middle Tennessee shot 10-over 298 Tuesday and finished second with an 11-over 875 for the tournament.

Southeastern Louisiana started the day in third, seven shots off Middle Tennessee's lead after the first two rounds; however, it stormed back and overtook the Blue Raiders down the stretch in a finish that came down to the final hole.

Rick Cochran also turned in a Top 10 finish - the 12th of his career - with a 3-over 219 to finish ninth overall. He closed with a 2-over 74 after entering the final round. **Craig Smith** tied for 14th overall with a 7-over 223, followed by freshman **Brad Simons** (T28th, 11-over 227) and **Chas Narramore** (T36th, 12-over 228), who battled illness to get through the 54-hole event. The Blue Raiders were playing without sophomore standout **Jason Millard** who is recovering from a knee injury.

Middle Tennessee began the day with a five-shot lead over second place Louisiana-Lafayette but the Blue Raiders' 10-over in the final round enabled Southeastern Louisiana to make a charge.

"It was disappointing to not win because the guys battled hard the entire tournament," Middle Tennessee Head Coach Whit Turnbow said. "I am very proud of this team and the effort it gave. It was a winning effort but we just fell short of taking the win. We made progress and I liked the way our team played. **Kent Bulle** was solid. Everything he is doing is right, from his practice habits on and his hard work is paying off."

Bulle's three-round 209 was the second best of his career and tied for the ninth-best three-round tournament score in program history. It is his sixth career Top 10 finish. His final-round 73 represented the first time in four rounds he failed to break par. In fact, Bulle had produced three straight rounds under 70 before Tuesday's final round.

"It was a good weekend and I felt good each day," Bulle said. "I feel like my practice rounds have been productive and I've been able to transfer that into the tournaments. We played well as a team this weekend and this is a tournament we can build upon through the spring season."

The Blue Raiders return to action in the USF Invitational March 6.

All-American Golf Classic
Tradition Course at Cypresswood, Par-72

Final Team Scores

- 1 Southeastern Louisiana 297-286-291 874 +10
- 2 Middle Tennessee 294-283-298 875 +11**
- 3 Louisiana-Lafayette 298-284-301 883 +19
- 4 New Mexico State 301-299-288 888 +24
- 5 Houston 302-291-300 893 +29
- 6 CSU-Northridge 294-303-300 897 +33
- 7 Texas State 306-297-295 898 +34
- 8 North Texas 296-298-309 903 +39
- 9 Sam Houston State 311-294-299 904 +40
- 10 UALR 303-297-317 917 +53
- 11 Louisiana Tech 305-301-314 920 +56
- 12 Jacksonville State 310-308-310 928 +64
- 13 Texas Southern 329-309-309 947 +83

2 MT Team Scores (875)

- 1 **Kent Bulle** 67-69-73 209 -7
- 9 **Rick Cochran** 74-71-74 219 +3
- T14 **Craig Smith** 76-72-75 223 +7
- T28 **Brad Simons** 78-71-78 227 +11
- T36 **Chas Narramore** 77-75-76 228 +12

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