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## Wilkins caps strong showing with even round to finish in Top 15

### Blue Raiders finish 19th at Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate

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**KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C.** - Middle Tennessee put together its best round of the tournament, shooting 308 in Tuesday's final round at the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate but it wasn't enough to hold make a run against a field of teams that also enjoyed solid third rounds. As a result, Middle Tennessee finished 19th in the 43-team, three-day event.

Murfreesboro native **Leigh Wilkins** completed a strong tournament by playing the final round at even par to finish tied for 14th overall (amongst a 215 player field) with a 9-over 225. Wilkins improved her scores in each round and rallied impressively after a disappointing 80 in Sunday's opening round.

"I put that first round behind me and stayed composed," Wilkins said. "I realized there were two rounds left and I needed to come back in those and help the team. I was able to manage the course and get through some tough conditions. I was really pleased to come back and shoot 72 in the final round because it was on the same course where I shot the (80 Sunday). I left some shots out there Sunday but I was able to capitalize today."



Leigh Wilkins finished tied for 14th at the Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate. (B. Lambert)

Newcomer **Hannah Weathersby**, a Mississippi State transfer, finished tied for 66th and was Middle Tennessee's second lowest scorer. She shot 19-over 235 for the tournament, followed by **Karisa Akin** and **Clara Leathers** tied for 87th at 22-over 238. **Mallory Bishop** finished at 243.

The Blue Raiders will play in the USA Lady Jaguar Intercollegiate March 2-3.

### Edwin Watts/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate Oak Point and Cougar Point, Par-72 Final Team Scores

T1 Miami 300-305-299 904 +40  
 T1 Central Arkansas 310-300-294 904 +40  
 3 East Tennessee 300-306-302 908 +44  
 4 Florida 309-303-300 912 +48  
 5 Mississippi 305-306-302 913 +49  
 6 Coll. of Charleston 307-310-298 915 +51  
 T7 Kentucky 312-302-303 917 +53  
 T7 Oregon 310-311-296 917 +53  
 9 UCF 306-307-305 918 +54  
 T10 Oregon State 319-309-296 924 +60  
 T10 South Florida 314-304-306 924 +60  
 T12 Western Carolina 306-311-308 925 +61

T12 Augusta State 315-307-303 925 +61  
 T14 Illinois State 320-305-301 926 +62  
 T14 Oral Roberts 303-318-305 926 +62  
 16 Toledo 319-300-308 927 +63  
 17 Nebraska 309-314-305 928 +64  
 18 William & Mary 318-310-301 929 +65  
**19 Middle Tennessee 311-312-308 931 +67**  
 20 Elon 328-302-307 937 +73  
 21 UNC Wilmington 311-317-313 941 +77  
 T22 Mississippi State 311-319-316 946 +82  
 T22 Texas State 320-313-313 946 +82  
 24 Southern Methodist 333-309-309 951 +87  
 25 Longwood 316-324-317 957 +93  
 26 Jacksonville State 314-318-327 959 +95  
 T27 Winthrop 329-309-325 963 +99  
 T27 Charleston Southern 322-317-324 963 +99  
 29 Richmond 330-310-328 968 +104  
 T30 Maryland 313-339-320 972 +108  
 T30 Cincinnati 334-319-319 972 +108  
 T30 Kennesaw State 331-318-323 972 +107  
 33 Ball State 326-321-328 975 +110  
 34 Missouri State 334-318-326 978 +113  
 T35 USC Upstate 334-325-322 981 +117  
 T35 Wofford College 347-314-320 981 +117  
 37 Old Dominion 328-336-325 989 +125  
 38 Southern Illinois 341-326-323 990 +126  
 39 Bucknell 325-332-336 993 +129  
 40 Bradley 344-319-331 994 +130  
 41 Mercer 350-330-316 996 +132  
 42 Marshall 339-338-330 1007 +143  
 43 The Citadel 352-354-337 1043 +179

**19 MT Team Scores (931)**

T14 **Leigh Wilkins** 80-73-72 225 +9  
 T66 **Hannah Weathersby** 84-80-81 235 +19  
 T87 **Karisa Akin** 79-76-83 238 +22  
 T87 **Clara Leathers** 78-83-77 238 +22  
 T124 **Mallory Bishop** 82-83-78 243 +27

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