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." 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 Diminion 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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