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Golfers finish third at USF Invitational Cochran ties for fourth overall

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Rick Cochran finished tied for fourth at the Ron Smith/USF Invitational. (B. Lambert)

TAMPA, Fla. - The Middle Tennessee men's golf team put itself in position to capture the Ron Smith/USF Invitational by taking a two-stroke lead with six holes remaining; however, the Blue Raiders couldn't close the deal and eventually finished third, three shots behind Texas Tech and Florida Southern.

Middle Tennessee players combined to play the final six holes at two-over, enabling Texas Tech and Florida Southern to overtake them down the stretch. It still was another strong showing and back-to-back Top 3 finishes for the Blue Raiders.

Senior **Rick Cochran** led Middle Tennessee and finished tied for fourth overall with a 4-under 212. He was under par all three rounds of the tournament. **Chas Narramore** also put together a strong run and finished tied for 18th with an even round at 216.

Jason Millard tied for 22nd with a 1-over 217 and **Craig Smith** tied for 39th with a 3-over 219. **Kent Bulle** finished tied for 47th with a 4-over 220.

Ron Smith/USF Invitational Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club, Par-72 Final Team Scores

T1 Texas Tech 285-289-284 858 -6
 T1 Florida Southern 286-289-283 -6
 3 Middle Tennessee 285-286-290 861 -3
 4 Louisville 283-290-289 862 -2
 5 Baylor 286-293-284 863 -1
 6 Marquette 283-287-294 864 E
 7 Troy 290-281-295 866 +2
 T8 Eastern Michigan 284-289-296 869 +5
 T8 Columbus State 285-290-294 869 +5
 T10 Missouri State 281-300-291 872 +8
 T10 Austin Peay 284-295-293 872 +8
 12 Jacksonville State 289-290-295 874 +10
 13 Missouri 285-295-296 876 +12
 14 Xavier 292-297-292 881 +17
 15 South Alabama 293-302-294 889 +25
 16 South Florida 300-286-305 891 +27
 17 Arkansas State 286-302-304 892 +28
 18 DePaul Univ. 296-297-302 895 +31
 19 Louisiana-Monroe 294-301-306 901 +37
 20 Rhode Island 307-295-305 907 +43
 21 Seton Hall 308-301-302 911 +47
 22 Connecticut 301-312 314 927 +63
 23 Cincinnati 311-309-312 932 +68

3 MT Scores (861)

T4 **Rick Cochran** 70-71-71 212 -4
 T18 **Chas Narramore** 72-71-73 216 E
 T22 **Jason Millard** 72-72-73 217 +1

T39 **Craig Smith** 74-72-73 219 +3

T47 **Kent Bulle** 71-75-74 220 +4

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