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Seniors Bishop, Wilkins lead team in final round at Canes & Cardinal Classic

Blue Raiders finish eighth as team

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Mallory Bishop's 77 led Middle Tennessee in the final round of the Canes & Cardinal Classic. (MT)

MIAMI LAKES, Fla. - Middle Tennessee senior **Leigh Wilkins** turned in a Top 10 finish and Middle Tennessee was eighth as a team at the Canes & Cardinal Classic following Tuesday's final round.

Wilkins was in contention for medalist honors entering the final day but she slipped to a 7-over 79 in the final round but still managed her second Top 10 finish in the last three tournaments.

"Leigh is doing what you hope seniors will do and she is playing her best golf right here at the end," Middle Tennessee coach Chris Adams said. "She has been solid the last three events and she is playing with a great deal of confidence going into the (Sun Belt) Conference Tournament."

Another senior stepping up at the right time is **Mallory Bishop**, who turned in Middle Tennessee's best score in the final round with a 77. Bishop finished tied for 39th overall with a 238.

Morgan Hale tied for 28th at 234 and Stephanie Gough tied for 43rd with a 239.

San Jose State won the Canes & Cardinal Classic with a 19-over 887, followed by Washington State (910) and Princeton (910).

Canes & Cardinal Classic Don Shula Golf Resort, Par 72 Final Team Results

- 1 San Jose State 293-298-296 887 +19
- 2 Washington State 298-305-307 910 +23
- 2 Princeton 299-308-303 910 +23
- 4 Miami 305-305-304 914 +27
- 5 Penn State 304-316-298 918 +31
- 6 Texas State 297-308-319 924 +37
- 7 Texas Tech 298-311-316 925 +38

8 Middle Tennessee 301-313-315 929 +42

- 9 Cincinnati 303-317-321 941 +54
- 10 Maryland 312-315-315 942 +55
- 11 Boise State 313-311-324 948 +61
- 12 Akron 313-317-320 950 +63

8 MT Team Scores (929)

- 8 **Leigh Wilkins** 72-74-79 225 +9
 - T28 **Morgan Hale** 73-80-81 234 +18
 - T39 **Mallory Bishop** 79-82-77 238 +22
 - T43 Stephanie Gough 77-79-83 239 +23
 - DQ **Clara Leathers** DQ-80-78
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