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Millard's remarkable run lands him fifth at Kepler Intercollegiate

Blue Raiders move up to sixth on the final day

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COLUMBUS, Ohio - Sophomore **Jason Millard** produced one of the best final-round performances to finish fifth at the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate and help Middle Tennessee make a move on the leader board.



Jason Millard's 71 was the second-lowest score in the final round at the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate. He finished fifth. (MT) 

Millard's even par 71 was the second-lowest score of the final round and vaulted him 16 spots in the standings. His 9-over 222 was four shots behind Ohio State's Brad Wright for medalist honors. It was, nonetheless, a remarkable finish on a tough trek for the Murfreesboro native.

The Blue Raiders started the day in a logjam at eighth but moved up two spots in the standings and finished sixth with a three-round 914. Northwestern won the event with an 892, followed by East Tennessee (894) and Minnesota (900).

Chas Narramore (231) finished tied for 29th, followed by **Rick Cochran** (T43, 235), **Craig Craig Smith** (T48, 236) and **Kent Bulle** (T48, 236). Cochran bounced back from battling the tough conditions Saturday with his best effort of the weekend with a 76 in the final round.

"I'm proud of the guys," Middle Tennessee Head Coach Whit Turnbow said. "We would have liked a higher finish but the conditions were tough and they just kept battling and, as a result, we were able to do what we wanted to do today, which was to try and move up a couple spots on the leader board. It was a tough weekend for reasons other than golf with all that has been doing on back at home (with the recent destructive storms) so I'm very proud of these guys and how they got through it."

Millard got through it fine. His final round featured three birdies on the unyielding Scarlet Course. In fact, he played the final 10 holes at 2-under to make a run at the title.

Robert Kepler Intercollegiate

Host: Ohio State Univ.

Scarlet Course, Par-71

Final Round Team Scores

- 1 Northwestern 301-296-295 892 +40
- 2 East Tennessee 295-303-296 894 +42
- 3 Minnesota 305-299-296 900 +48
- 4 Kent State 300-299-303 902 +50
- 5 Ohio State 297-309-301 907 +55
- 6 Middle Tennessee 311-303-300 914 +62**
- 7 Eastern Michigan 308-299-311 918 +66
- T8 Iowa 307-312-301 920 +68
- T8 Wisconsin 308-305-307 920 +68
- 10 Notre Dame 309-315-305 929 +77
- 11 Penn State 316-310-311 937 +85
- 12 Temple 310-309-323 942 +90
- 13 Marshall 312-318-319 949 +97

6 MT Team Scores (914)

5 **Jason Millard** 76-75-71 222 +9
T29 **Chas Narramore** 77-75-79 2331 +18
T43 **Rick Cochran** 82-77-76 235 +22
T48 **Craig Smith** 76-85-75 236 +23
T48 **Kent Bulle** 82-76-78 236 +23

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