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## Lady Raiders In Seventh After Day 1 Of SBC Golf Championships

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**PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla.** - Middle Tennessee women's golf team dug itself a big hole with a team-total 320 to tie for seventh on the opening day of the Sun Belt Conference Championships at the PGA Village, but the good news is there is time to battle back into contention.

The Lady Raiders are 11 strokes off the pace established by Denver, which shot a 309 Monday and although there are several teams between Middle Tennessee and the top spot, Short believes her team still has a chance in the three-day, 54-hole event.

"A three-day event always helps, especially if you have a bad round," Short said. "That's the good thing in our situation. We have to be a little bit tougher. This is when you find out how tough your team is. We have to get through this and battle back."

Senior [Kristin Lynch](#) and sophomore [Maggie McGill](#) led Middle Tennessee with a 7-over-par 79, while freshman standout [Taryn Durham](#), playing for the first time since being diagnosed with mononucleosis shot a disappointing 80. [Jenny Kim](#) and [Jamey Dillard](#) each fired an 82.

"This was definitely not our best day," Short said. "We didn't play well and we didn't execute. The wind and everything took a toll on us. We didn't do a good job of course management and some things at the end but, like I said, the good thing is we have two more days so we can redeem ourselves (Tuesday) and get back into contention."

None of the Lady Raiders managed a round of par on either the front or back on the Dye Course, one of three golf courses at the beautiful PGA Village, however, McGill, Durham and Dillard all short 3-over-par 39 on the back or the situation could have been worse for Middle Tennessee.

### Individual

T15 [Kristin Lynch](#) 39-40 79

T15 [Maggie McGill](#) 40-39 79

T23 [Taryn Durham](#) 41-39 80

T33 [Jenny Kim](#) 41-41 82

T33 [Jamey Dillard](#) 43-39 82

### Team

Denver 309

2. New Mexico State 310

3. Florida International 311

4. Arkansas-Little Rock 312

5. New Orleans 316

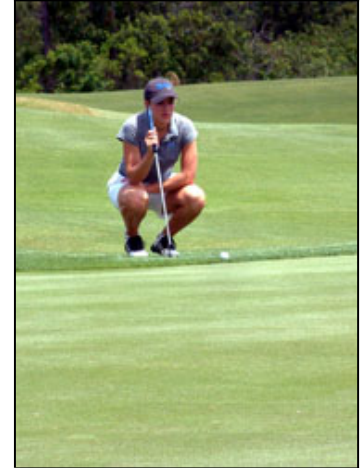
6. South Alabama 318


**T7. Middle Tennessee 320**

T7. North Texas 320

9. Arkansas State 323

10. Western Kentucky 328



Lady Raider Kristin Lynch studies the green before a putt. Lynch shot a 79 in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference Golf Championships Monday. (MT) 

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