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Lady Raiders Have Work Cut Out Entering Final Round At SBC Championships

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Freshman Jamey Dillard sinks a birdie putt during the second round of the Sun Belt Golf Championships. (MT) 

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. - Middle Tennessee's Lady Raiders made a move in the second round of the Sun Belt Conference Golf Championships at PGA Village Tuesday, but they still have their work cut out heading into Wednesday's final round.

The Lady Raiders shot a team-total 315 Tuesday and improved a spot to sixth but they are 26 shots off Florida International's 609 heading into the third round with a two-day total of 635.

"We played better overall today but we still have a long way to go," Middle Tennessee coach Rachael Short said. "We haven't played our best golf at this tournament and that's unfortunate because we have a good team, but we have had a lot to overcome this week. I'm proud of the way the players came back today and improved their score. We just need another round where we show improvement again tomorrow and we will see how things work out."

Senior **Kristin Lynch** led the Lady Raiders with a 77 on Tuesday and has a two-day total of 156 to lead all Middle Tennessee players and she is tied for 13th overall. Sophomore **Maggie McGill** also improved her first-round performance with a 78 on Tuesday and is shooting 157 for the tournament, followed by **Taryn Durham** (161), **Jamey Dillard** (161) and **Jenny Kim** (164).

Lynch has fired six birdies, good for third in the tournament, while Dillard has added four. McGill has been solid with 25 pars, which is second overall in that category.

Dillard, one of the Lady Raiders' two talented freshmen, fired a 79 Tuesday and improved her play by three strokes from Monday's round; however, Durham, who has been Middle Tennessee's top performer throughout the season has been feeling the effects from a bout of mononucleosis during the tournament and has not been her usual solid self.

"Taryn is giving us all she's got and it's something that she's even able to play," Short said. "You can tell she is weak but she is not one to complain and more than that, she has not been able to practice and I believe that is taking a toll, as well. Our players have battled and are giving all they have and that's all I can ask of them."

The Lady Raiders tee off for the final round Wednesday at 8:40 a.m.

Individual

T13 **Kristin Lynch** 79-77 156

T17 **Maggie McGill** 79-78 157

T24 **Taryn Durham** 80-81 161

T24 **Jamey Dillard** 82-79 161

T34 **Jenny Kim** 82-82 164

Team

Florida International 311-298 609

2. Denver 309-305 614

3. New Mexico State 310-312 622

4. Arkansas-Little Rock 312-315 627

5. South Alabama 318-313 631

6. Middle Tennessee 320-315 635

7. Arkansas State 323-318 641

8. New Orleans 316-330 646

9. North Texas 320-328 648

10. Western Kentucky 328-336 664

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