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Lady Raiders finish 5th at SBC; Short Named Coach of the Year

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PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. - The Middle Tennessee women's golf team turned in its best round of the tournament to move up one more spot and finish fifth at the Sun Belt Conference Championships. The Lady Raiders shot a 307 on Wednesday to finish with a cumulative score of 942. The round of 307 went down as the fifth-best round of the tournament.

Denver won the event with a 922 followed by New Mexico State in second with a 924. Florida International came in third with a 928, while Arkansas-Little Rock was fourth with a 932.

Middle Tennessee Head Coach Rachael Short was named the Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year, and a record three Lady Raiders made the all-conference team. Senior [Kristin Lynch](#), sophomore [Maggie McGill](#), and freshman [Taryn Durham](#) were all tabbed to the all-league squad.

"We played much better today," said Short. "In fact, we played really well down the stretch and the girls really came through. I am proud of the way they finished up."

Lynch, who earned all-conference honors for the second year in a row, paced the Lady Raiders with a 54-hole score of 231 to finish in a tie for sixth and equaling her best showing in the SBC.

"It's a great way to end her career at Middle Tennessee," said Short. "She has had an outstanding four-year career and has helped put Middle Tennessee women's golf on the map. Kristin has led by example and is the reason why our program has progressed as fast as it has."

Durham, regarded as one of the top freshmen in the region, struggled most of the tournament but bounced back on the final day to post a 75 to finish in a tie for 18th. Durham, who did not practice the two weeks prior to the tournament due to an illness, carded a 236.

Another freshman, [Jamey Dillard](#), had her best round of the tournament on Wednesday with a 78 to finish in a tie for 26th. Dillard totaled a 54-hole score of 239, while teammate McGill fired a three-day total of 240 to tie for 28th.

Sophomore [Jenny Kim](#) rounded out the scoring for Middle Tennessee with a 243 to tie for 32nd overall.

"We will take this as a learning experience," said Short. "We only have one senior, so our two freshmen and two sophomores have two to three more years to play here. I think they have gained a lot from being here this year."

TEAM SCORES

- 1 Denver, Univ. of 309 305 308 922
- 2 New Mexico State U. 310 312 302 924
- 3 Fla. International 311 298 319 928
- 4 Arkansas-Little Rock 312 315 305 932
- 5 Middle Tennessee 320 315 307 942**
- 6 South Alabama, U. of 318 313 316 947
- 7 Arkansas State Univ. 323 318 309 950
- 8 North Texas, U. of 320 328 312 960
- 9 New Orleans, U. of 316 330 322 968
- 10 Western Kentucky U. 328 336 321 985

MT SCORES

- T 6 [Kristin Lynch](#) 79 77 75 231
- T 18 [Taryn Durham](#) 80 81 75 236
- T 26 [Jamey Dillard](#) 82 79 78 239
- T 28 [Maggie McGill](#) 79 78 83 240
- T 32 [Jenny Kim](#) 82 82 79 243



Rachael Short, shown talking to her team before the tournament, was named the SBC Coach of the Year on Wednesday. (MT)

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