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Blue Raiders tie for 8th in first fall tourney

Freshman Love ties for 8th overall

Athletic Communications

LEXINGTON, KY - The Middle Tennessee women's golf team got an outstanding performance from freshman **Olivia Love** to finish tied for eighth at the 2009 Bettie Lou Evans Fall Invite. The Blue Raiders shot 300 on Sunday to finish the weather shortened tournament with a 36-hole score of 612.

Ninth ranked Florida State won the tournament with a 587 which was five shots better than UCF at 592. Chattanooga and Notre Dame tied for third with a 598 and Kennesaw State rounded out the top five with a 601.

Love played a solid round on Sunday with three birdies and two bogeys for a 1-under par 70 to match the third-best score of the day. Love tied for eighth overall with a 147 total.

"For a true freshman to bounce back the way she did today was impressive," said Head Coach Chris Adams. "She played a nice round of golf today and I think this is something she can build on."

Steph Gough, who was tied for fifth after the first round, carded a 77 on Sunday to tie for 24th with a 151. Gough was solid on the front side but found trouble in her last nine that saw her struggle with a triple bogey on the par 3 12th hole.

Freshman **Ashley Haggard** tied for 36th with a 153 total after firing a 74 on Sunday, while teammate **Karisa Akin** finished 61st with a 161 total.

Freshman **Stephanie Smith** completed the Blue Raider scoring with a 167 total and an 81 on Sunday to place 76th.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action Oct. 5-6 at the Second Annual Johnie Imes Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

TEAM SCORES

1 9 Florida State Univ. 2 +15 F +5 298 289 587
 2 UCF 2 +20 F +7 301 291 592
 T3 12 Chattanooga 2 +26 F +11 303 295 598
 T3 Notre Dame, U. of 2 +26 F +10 304 294 598
 5 Kennesaw State 2 +29 F +12 305 296 601
 6 Coastal Carolina 2 +35 F +22 301 306 607
 7 Texas State 2 +36 F +22 302 306 608
 T8 Fla. International 2 +40 F +17 311 301 612
 T8 **Middle Tennessee** 2 +40 F +16 312 300 612
 T10 Mississippi St. U. 2 +42 F +16 314 300 614
 T10 Augusta State 2 +42 F +20 310 304 614
 T10 Kentucky, U. of (B) 2 +42 F +19 311 303 614
 13 Miami, U. of 2 +47 F +22 313 306 619
 14 Kentucky, U. of 2 +49 F +19 318 303 621



Middle Tennessee got a strong effort on Sunday from freshman Olivia Love. ()

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MT SCORES

T8 **Olivia Love** +4 77-70=147

T24 **Steph Gough** +8 74-77=151

T36 **Ashley Haggard** +10 79-74=153

61 **Karisa Akin** +18 82-79=161

76 **Stephanie Smith** +24 86-81=167

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