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Love, Hale lead women's golf at Duramed MAC Preview

Raiders shoot second-best round of day

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FISHERS, Ind. - Middle Tennessee shot the second-best round of the day and the fourth-best of the tournament to tie for sixth at the Duramed MAC Preview on Tuesday. The Blue Raiders carded a 308 on the par 72 Hawthorns Golf and Country Club to finish with a 54-hole score of 950.

Ball State won the event with a 933 while Eastern Michigan came in second with a 935 and Akron placed third with a 938. Bradley and Indiana State rounded out the top five.

"We wanted to come back strong on Tuesday to make a good showing," said Head Coach Chris Adams. "We have some things to improve on like avoiding big numbers but I like the progress we made today.

"Olivia (Love) had to play through a very sore knee and Ashley (Haggard) really hung in there today. Overall, it was a good team effort but we just have to get off to better starts."

Freshman [Olivia Love](#) continued her strong play this fall with a 75 in Tuesday's final round for a 230 total and a sixth place finish. Love had nine straight pars before finishing with a bogey on the 18th hole.

Junior [Morgan Hale](#) also enjoyed a solid tournament despite a difficult second round. Hale opened with a 75, then registered an 83 before storming back for a 75 on the final 18. Hale tied for 11th overall with a 233 total.

Freshman [Ashley Haggard](#) tied for 37th after firing a 77 on Tuesday for a 242 cumulative score.

Sophomore [Steph Gough](#) tied for 53rd, while senior [Clara Leathers](#) tied for 62nd. Freshman [Stephanie Smith](#) played as an individual and tied for 70th.

"We have 10 days to get ready for a very strong field in San Antonio," added Adams. "We will be searching for consistency."

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Olivia Love finished a career-best sixth at the Duramed MAC Preview on Tuesday. ()

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