

# Blue Raiders capture men's golf tournament

## Middle Tennessee rallies from nine strokes back

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### **CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. -**

Making up 12 strokes on the final day has been done already this season so trying to come back from nine back was a cinch. Not really, but that is exactly what the Blue Raiders did on Tuesday at the Aldila Scenic Invite to complete their fall season.

The No. 33 Blue Raider men's golf team showed its mental toughness once again by coming back from nine strokes down to overtake No. 18 Chattanooga and No. 53 Charlotte during a rainy day at Council Fire Golf Club. It was their second win of the fall.

"Without question today was the best round I've seen or been a part of," said Head Coach Whit Turnbow. "It rained from the time we pulled in the parking lot until we left with the trophy, and these guys just were not going to let it bother them. An old coach of mine (Johnny Moore) always said 'that tough times don't last, but tough people do', and we saw that play out today. It was just a complete team effort today which is what it takes to win a tournament like this."

The Blue Raiders shot a sizzling 278 on Tuesday to finish with an 851 total which was good enough to place three strokes ahead of second place Wichita State. Southern Miss was third, Furman fourth, and Missouri fifth.

Hunter Green and Kent Bulle finished in a three-way tie for medalist honors with WSU's Dustin Garza. All three had 54-hole totals of 210 as Bulle had a 2-under 70 in the final round and Green carded a 71. It was the second career win for Bulle and the first for Green.

Senior Craig Smith and junior Jason Millard keyed the comeback win with impressive comebacks of their own. After a less than stellar day on Monday both recorded rounds in the 60s. Smith fired a 68 to tie for 21st overall while Millard had a 69 to tie for 36th.



Brad Simons completed the scoring on the day with a 78 to tie for 45th.

"Jason and Craig really showed what they are made of today with 69 and 68," added Turnbow.

"Hunter got his first college win and Kent his second. I am so proud of all these guys. They are winners."

#### **TEAM SCORES**

- 1 Middle Tennessee 287-286-278=851
- 2 Wichita State 285-279-290=854
- 3 Southern Miss 283-283-296=862
- 4 Furman 289-286-288=863
- 5 Missouri 290-285-293=868
- 6 Charlotte 287-285-298=870
- 7 Chattanooga 284-280-307=871
- 8 Iowa State 292-288-292=872
- 9 Kennesaw State 295-282-297=874
- 10 Eastern Michigan 294-286-297=877
- 11 Akron 293-297-297=887
- 12 Maryland 300-289-307=896
- 13 Western Carolina 300-297-303=900
- 14 Francis Marion 309-293-312=914
- 15 Mercer 308-299-316=923
- 16 College of Charleston 294-303-322=928
- 17 South Florida 301-311-322=935

#### **MT SCORES**

- T1 Kent Bulle 72-68-70=210
- T1 Hunter Green 69-70-71=210
- T21 Craig Smith 75-74-68=217
- T36 Jason Millard 76-77-69=222
- T45 Brad Simons 71-74-78=223

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