Women's golf weathers storm at Kiawah Island, tied for fifth after round two

Morgan Hale sets new career low round with a two-under 70

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Kiawah Island, S.C. - The Middle Tennessee women's golf team shot their best round of the season today with a 299 in a rainy day two of play at the Kiawah Island Intercollegiate at Cougar Point golf course (6,001 yards). Overall, the Blue Raiders are tied for fifth place in the 33-team field. Morgan Hale set a new career-best score with a 2-under 70 to help the Blue Raiders post the lowest team score of the day on the Cougar Point course. Hale's round was tied for the second best on the day, and has her tied for sixth overall (out of 169) individually. "I was really glad to help the team," said Hale. "I tried to keep focused, and we put up a good number." On the day, the Blue Raiders posted impressive numbers across the board. Stephanie Smith carded a one-over 73 in the round and Olivia Love shot a five-over 77. The scores were perhaps more remarkable due to rainfall throughout the day that delayed play for much of the tournament field. "They really battled tough today," said Coach Chris Adams. "We faced some tough conditions in the rain, and it says a lot about our team and our confidence that we were able to finish so well." Middle Tennessee will tee off on the third and final round of play tomorrow morning on the Cougar Point course. Live scoring will be available at www.golfstat.com. **TEAM SCORES**

1. Augusta State, 591 (+15)
T2. East Tennessee State, 595 (+19)
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4. Minnesota, 600 (+24)
T5. Western Carolina, 602 (+26)

T5. Middle Tennessee State, 602 (+26)
T7. Miami, 603 (+27)
T7. Oral Roberts, 603 (+27)
9. Campbell, 605 (+29)
10. Illinois State, 607 (+31)

MT SCORES

T6. Morgan Hale, 145 (+1)
T22. Stephanie Smith, 150 (+6)
T40. Olivia Love, 153 (+9)
T47. Clara Leathers, 154 (+10)
T123. Ashley Haggard, 164 (+20)

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