

Blue Raiders in lead at UALR Women's Golf Classic

Haggard, Hale and Leathers in top ten

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HOT SPRINGS, Ark. - Middle Tennessee sits in first place after two rounds of play at the fourth annual UALR Women's Golf Classic at Diamante Country Club (5,999 yards). Ashley Haggard, Morgan Hale and Clara Leathers each sit in the top 10. "It was a long day for us out there," said Head Coach Chris Adams. "We spent 11 hours on the course, which makes the focus of our team even more impressive. The conditions were absolutely perfect, and we started off strong and put together two solid rounds." Middle Tennessee took an eight stroke lead in the first round, but a big second round by Oral Roberts cut the deficit to three strokes, and UALR shot a tournament-best 288 in the second to sit five strokes off the pace. The Blue Raiders opened play today with a first



round 291, the second lowest first round in school history and tied for the third lowest round ever. Haggard led all participants with a four-under 68, which tied Taryn Durham for the fourth-best individual round in the school record books. Hale tied her career low round with a two-under 70. Middle Tennessee followed up with a 297 in the second round, which is the third-best round this season. Leather led the way with an even par 72, her best round since 2007. Karisa Akin rebounded from a first round 81 with a two-over 74, and Haggard dropped from first place to second with a three-over 75. Haggard sits one stroke behind the leader with a one-under 143. Hale is seventh with a two-over 146, and Leathers is tied for 10th with a four-over 148. Olivia Love shot a 77 in each round to place tied for 34th with a 10-over 154, and Akin is one stroke behind and tied for 37th at 155. Middle Tennessee will look to hold on for their first team championship since 2007. "We get to sleep on the lead," said Adams. "But there are teams right on our heels, and we definitely have our

work cut out. We need to go out and battle tomorrow."

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