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Blue Raiders struggle to 11th place finish at Sam Hall

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JACKSON, Miss. - In the final tournament of the fall season, Middle Tennessee finished 11th at the Sam Hall Invitational with an 881 total. The Blue Raiders shot a 295 in the final round at the Patrick Farms Golf Club.

South Florida won the event in a playoff over host Southern Miss as both teams recorded an 848. Nebraska was third with an 850 while Jacksonville State came in fourth with a score of 853. Louisiana-Monroe rounded out the top five with an 855.

"This was not the way we wanted to end the fall season," said Head Coach Johnny Moore. "We only had 45 birdies for the tournament and struggled on the par 3s. Our youth really showed this week but now we have to work hard over the next three months and get ready for the spring season."

Veterans [Nick Bailes](#) and [Josh Nelms](#) led the way for Middle Tennessee by finishing tied for 31st with a score of 218. Bailes finished with a 1-under par 71 while Nelms recorded a 73.

[Spencer Provow](#), the team's top player this fall, tied for 45th with a 221 after finishing with back-to-back 73s. [Derrick Bright](#), who was playing as an individual, tied for 51st with a 222.

Freshmen [Rick Cochran](#) and [Chas Narramore](#) completed the Blue Raider scoring. Cochran struggled in the final round with a 78 to tie for 65th with a 225 while Narramore tied for 72nd with a 228. Narramore shot a disappointing 79 in the final round.

The Blue Raiders will now have off until the spring season gets underway on Feb. 19 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

TEAM SCORES

** 1 So. Florida, U. of 276 282 290 848
2 Southern Mississippi 279 284 285 848
3 Nebraska, U. of 283 283 284 850
4 Jacksonville St. 279 284 290 853
5 Louisiana - Monroe 284 277 294 855
6 New Orleans, U. of 286 286 284 856
7 West Florida, U. of 290 279 294 863
8 Mercer University 280 291 295 866
9 Arkansas State U. 289 288 293 870
10 Western Kentucky U. 287 292 298 877
11 Middle Tennessee 293 293 295 881
12 Nicholls State Univ. 291 293 299 883
Louisiana Tech Univ. 287 298 298 883
14 Sam Houston St. U. 295 290 300 885
15 Evansville, U. of 298 297 298 893
16 Troy University 297 297 302 896

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T31 [Nick Bailes](#) M. Tenn 73 74 71 218 +2
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T45 [Spencer Provow](#) M. Tenn 75 73 73 221 +5
T51 *[Derrick Bright](#) M. Tenn 72 73 77 222 +6
T65 [Rick Cochran](#) M. Tenn 75 72 78 225 +9
T72 [Chas Narramore](#) M. Tenn 74 75 79 228 +12

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