

Women's golf remains in second after two rounds of play

Karisa Akin tied for first

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MUSCLE SHOALS, Ala. - The Middle Tennessee women's golf team improved upon their first round performance, shooting a 10-over 298 in the second on Tuesday at The Shoals Golf Club's Schoolmaster Course (6,123 yards). The Blue Raiders are in second place in the conference tournament.

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also provided the highlight of the day with an eagle on the 15th hole and a birdie on the 16th. "I played pretty steady today," said Akin. "I made par on most of the holes, I was just hitting greens. I finally made some putts on 15 and 16." Olivia Love is tied for seventh in the field after shooting a two-over 74, and Clara Leathers rebounded from round one with a three-over 75 to sit tied for 26th. Morgan Hale started play off with a birdie on the first hole, but finished the day with a seven-over 79. The junior is currently tied for 22nd. Ashley Haggard is tied for 39th after carding a nine-over 81. The Blue Raiders will finish the Sun Belt Championships tomorrow at The Shoals Golf Club's Schoolmaster Course. Tee times for Middle Tennessee begin at 8:15. Live coverage and scoring will be provided at www.golfstat.com and www.twitter.com/MTWomensGolf. **TEAM SCORES**

1. Denver, 281-298=579 (+3)
- 2. Middle Tennessee, 300-298=598 (+22)**
- T3. Arkansas-Little Rock, 305-295=600 (+24)
- T3. Florida International, 300-300=600 (+24)
5. South Alabama, 303-304=607 (+16)
6. Arkansas State, 309-306=615 (+18)
7. North Texas, 313-304=617 (+16)
8. Troy, 308-316=624 (+28)
9. Florida Atlantic, 307-318=625 (+30)
10. Louisiana-Monroe, 306-324=630 (+54)
11. Western Kentucky, 314-322=636 (+60)

MT SCORES

- T1. Karisa Akin, 74-70=144 (E)
- T7. Olivia Love, 73-74=147 (+3)
- T22. Morgan Hale, 75-79=154 (+10)
- T26. Clara Leathers, 80-75=155 (+11)
- T39. Ashley Haggard, 78-81=159 (+15)

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