Blue Raiders in 7th after rainy first day at NCAA Regionals

Green tied for 8th

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BREMERTON, Wash. - Middle Tennessee opened the 2010 NCAA Regionals with a 299 in very rainy conditions to stand in seventh place in the 13-team field. The Blue Raiders are playing on the Olympic Course at the Gold Mountain Golf Club where par is 72 on the 7,104-yard track.

The tournament started with a 90-minute rain delay.

Host Washington owns the lead after day one with a 2-under par 286, while Colorado State and Oregon State are tied for second with 291s. Illinois shot a 293 and is in fourth place and San Diego rounds out the top five with a 294.

The top five teams advance to the National Championship on June 4-6 and the Blue Raiders are just five shots out of fifth place.

"We are in position," said Head Coach Whit Turnbow. "If we play a little better each day then we will be right in the hunt come Saturday afternoon."

Sun Belt All-Conference performer Hunter Green led the way for the Blue Raiders in round one. Green shot an even par 72 and is tied for eighth overall.

Fellow all-conference player Kent Bulle and sophomore Brad Simons are tied for 31st after recording a pair of 75s.

Junior Jason Millard, who also earned all-conference recognition this year, is tied for 44th after carding a 77.

Senior Craig Smith is tied for 51st after turning in a 78.

The Blue Raiders will begin play in the second round Friday morning.

TEAM SCORES
1 Washington 286

T2 Colorado State 291
T2 Oregon State 291
4 Illinois 293
5 San Diego 294
6 Southern Cal 297
7 Middle Tennessee 299
8 VCU 302
9 Eastern Michigan 303
10 SMU 307
11 Loyola College 308
12New Mexico 309
13 Fresno State 318

MT SCORES
T8 Hunter Green (4) 72
T31 Kent Bulle (1) 75
T31 Brad Simons (5) 75
T44 Jason Millard (3) 77
T51 Craig Smith (2) 78

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