Men's golf summer notebook

Patterson has big summer; Turnbow gets new title

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The Middle Tennessee men's golf program has enjoyed unprecedented success under Head Coach Whit Turnbow with four straight NCAA Regional appearances. If the summer season is any indication their success will continue in 2011-12. Following is a recap of the summer and how some of the Blue Raider golfers fared in various tournaments. The team will begin practice on August 29.

"Our current players and former players have enjoyed a very successful summer competing in some of the top tournaments," said Turnbow. "I am very excited to get everyone back to school and begin practicing for our first tournament on Sept. 9-11 (Carpet Capital Collegiate)." **Tennessee State Open**

Sophomore Brett Patterson, transfer Lucas Armstrong, and sophomore Jordan Jennings all competed and placed in the top 30. Patterson shot 65-75-70 to tie for 11th, while Armstrong turned in a 72-68-71 to tie for 13th. Jennings tied for 28th after rounds of 74-66-75. Armstrong, from Church Hill, Tenn., transferred to Middle Tennessee from East Tennessee State where he played in six tournaments a year ago. **Tennessee Four-Ball Championship**

Former Blue Raider golfers Spencer Provow and Craig Smith teamed up to win the 41st Annual Tennessee Four-Ball Championship held at the Links at Kahite in Vonore, Tenn. The pair shot an impressive 12-under par in stroke play in advancing to match play in the late June event. In the first match, Provow and Smith won 6 and 4 before winning the quarterfinal match 3 and 2. The twosome then took the semifinal round 3 and 1 before closing out the title with a 4 and 2 decision in the championship. **Tennessee State Amateur**

Middle Tennessee had four golfers perform at the Tennessee State Amateur at the Colonial Country Club in Cordova, Tenn. in early August. Senior Hunter Green finished second overall with a 54-hole total of 220 as he put together rounds of 74-72-74. Green was two strokes back of winner Bobby Hudson. Former Blue Raider Jason Millard tied for third with a 221 total, while Lucas Armstrong tied for 17th. Armstrong carded a 226. Jordan Jennings registered a 231 to tie for 31st. **Tennessee Match Play Championship**

Four Blue Raiders competed in the annual TGA Match Play Championship at the Tennessee National in Loudon, Tenn., July 12-15. Junior Dane Voss advanced to match play with a 36 hole even par score of 144 while former Blue Raider Spencer Provow also advanced with a 141. Voss opened match play against well-known amateur Tim Jackson and fell 7 and 6. Provow defeated Eric Kennedy 4 and 3 in the first round before upsetting Tim Jackson 1 Up in the quarterfinals. Provow

then downed Steve Johnson 2 and 1 in the semifinals before falling to Steve Fox in 19 holes in the finals. Douglas Harris and Jordan Jennings also competed but did not advance to match play. **Big summer for Patterson**

Brett Patterson competed in some of the toughest tournaments in the country over the summer which should prove to be very valuable as he begins his sophomore campaign at Middle Tennessee. The McMinnville, Tenn., native participated in the 2011 U.S. Open, the Northeast Amateur, the Players Amateur, the U.S. Public Links Championship, and the U.S. Amateur Championship. Patterson made the cut at the Northeast and Players Amateur events. “Brett played the top summer schedule of any player in school history,” added Turnbow. “I am very proud of the way he competed and handled himself in such elite fields.” **Narramore, Bulle make pro debut**

Former Middle Tennessee golfers Chas Narramore and Kent Bulle will be making their professional debut on August 25 at the Nationwide Tour’s Knoxville Open. Both players earned entry by qualifying on Monday, August 22. Narramore shot a 64 and Bulle added a 66. Fans can follow their progress by logging onto pgatour.com. Also, both players recently competed in the Capital City Open at Nashville’s McCabe Golf Course. Narramore won the event with a 19-under total while Bulle placed second at 17-under par. **Turnbow gets new title**

Whit Turnbow, who has led the Middle Tennessee golf program to four straight NCAA appearances, has been elevated to Assistant AD as announced by Director of Athletics Chris Massaro. Turnbow’s new duties will have him overseeing both the men’s and women’s tennis programs in an administrative role but his primary job will still be leading the highly successful men’s golf program.

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