

# Haggard tied for second at Bettie Lou Evans Invitational

## Junior just a stroke off the pace

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**LEXINGTON, Ky.** - The opening day of the Bettie Lou Evans Invitational was a long one for most players in the event, but it didn't seem to affect Ashley Haggard as the junior ended the round in a tie for second with a two-over 74. As a team, Middle Tennessee is tied for sixth (out of 16) at 34-over. "It was a tough one out there today," head coach Chris Adams said. "It was pretty cold, and there were some strong winds out of the north. We actually moved up a bit on the leaderboard after finishing, due to the conditions the teams behind us had to deal with." Haggard was one-under through the first nine holes of the day, and was steady down the stretch



despite bogeying three times. "Ashley really managed the course well today," Adams said. "She has a lower ball trajectory, which really helps her with some of these difficult conditions. There were several holes today where a bogey is a good result, and finishing at just two-over is really a tribute to how well she played." Karisa Akin and Olivia Love are tied for 24th and 29th, respectively, in the 90-player field after carding an eight-over 80 and a nine-over 81. Allie Knight is currently tied for 75th at 15-over, and Steph Gough ended the day tied for 84th at 19-over. Competing in the event as an individual, Natalie Chrisopulos is tied for 19th after shooting a 16-over 88. Middle Tennessee will continue play at the Bettie Lou Evans Invitational on Saturday at the University Club of Kentucky in Lexington. Live scoring is available at Golfstat.com. "There may be a few yardage adjustments tomorrow because of the conditions," Adams said. "They aren't really going to get much better, and every shot matters. So we just need to stay focused and look to make a move tomorrow." **TEAM SCORES** 1. UCF - 311 (+23) 2. Kentucky - 312 (+24) 3. Miami (Fla.) - 314 (+26) 4. Illinois - 318 (+30) 5. Mississippi State - 320 (+32) T6. Middle Tennessee - 322 (+34) T6. Kennesaw State - 322 (+34) T6. Michigan - 322 (+34) T9. Jacksonville State - 325 (+37) T9. Marshall - 325 (+37) T11. Florida Southern - 326 (+38) T11. Augusta State - 326 (+38) 13. Akron - 327 (+39) 14. Murray State

- 330 (+42) 15. Chattanooga - 331 (+43) 16. Toledo - 334 (+46) **MT SCORES (out of 90)** T2. Ashley Haggard - 74 (+2) T24. Karisa Akin - 80 (+8) T29. Olivia Love - 81 (+9) T75. Allie Knight - 87 (+15) T84. Steph Gough - 91 (+19) 79. Natalie Chrisopulos - 88 (+16)

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