Middle Tennessee in seventh at Bettie Lou Evans Invitational

Haggard tied for sixth

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LEXINGTON, Ky. - Dealing with subpar conditions for the second consecutive day on Saturday, the Middle Tennessee women's golf team improved by seven strokes with a 27-over 315 in the second round of the Bettie Lou Evans Invitational at the University Club of Kentucky in Lexington. Ashley Haggard, who entered the day tied for second, carded an eight-over 80, dropping into a tie for sixth at 10-over. "We were in position to put up one of the best scores of the day, but we just didn't finish like we needed to," head coach Chris Adams said. "We really had some issues on the 15th hole especially, but there were still some positives for us. The conditions were worse today than they were yesterday, and we still cut some strokes off our score. Allie bounced back pretty strong, which we definitely needed." After carding an 87 in the opening round, Allie Knight made the team's biggest improvement in round two, shaving 11 strokes off to finish with a four-over 76. The freshman from Knoxville is now tied for 45th in the 90-player field. Karisa Akin was the only other Blue Raider to register a round under 80 as the senior posted a seven-over 79 to move into a tie for 16th at 15-over. Olivia Love cut a stroke off her first round with an eight-over 80 in the second, and Steph Gough posted a 14-over 86. The duo is tied for 32nd and 85th, respectively, at 17-over and 33-over. Natalie Chrisopulos, who is competing in the event as an individual, is now tied for 74th at 27-over. Middle Tennessee will play in the final round of the Bettie Lou Evans Invitational on Sunday in Lexington. Live scoring is available through Golfstat.com. **TEAM SCORES** 1. UCF - 311-305=616 (+40) 2. Kentucky - 312-309=621 (+45) 3. Michigan - 322-310=632 (+56) T4. Augusta State - 326-307=633 (+57) T4. Illinois - 318-315=633 (+57) 6. Miami (Fla.) - 314-320=634 (+58) 7. Middle Tennessee - 322-315=637 (+61) 8. Mississippi State - 320-318=638 (+62) 9. Florida Southern - 326-314=640 (+64) T10. Chattanooga - 331-310=641 (+65) T10. Kennesaw State - 322-319=641 (+65) 12. Jacksonville State - 325-326=651 (+75) 13. Murray State - 330-327=657 (+81) 14. Akron - 327-332=659 (+83) 15. Toledo - 334-

332=665 (+89) 16. Marshall - 325-341=666 (+90) **MT SCORES** T6. Ashley Haggard - 74-80=154 (+10) T16. Karisa Akin - 80-79=159 (+15) T32. Olivia Love - 81-80=161 (+17) T45. Allie Knight - 87-76=163 (+19) T85. Steph Gough - 91-86=177 (+33) T74. Natalie Chrisopulos - 88-83=171 (+27)

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