Green takes medalist honors at Argent Financial

Blue Raiders finish third

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CHOUDRANT, La. – Senior Hunter Green moved into third place on Middle Tennessee's all-time list of golf tournament winners, capturing the individual championship at the Argent Financial Classic with a blistering 66 in the final round Tuesday. The round of 66 tied for the sixth best in school history. Green, along with fellow senior Brad Simons (70) and sophomore Brett Patterson (70), each had sub-par rounds to lead the Blue Raiders to a 3rd place finish, ten strokes behind 20th ranked LSU and only three back of host Louisiana Tech. Jacksonville State was fourth, ten strokes back of MT. The only other Sun Belt Conference team in the tournament was UALR, who finished 6th. "It's easy to shoot a good team round when you have one guy six under and two others 2-under," said head coach Whit Turnbow. "But every day this week, and the last round at South Florida, we had to count a big number. Although you can compete like that, you can't win like that. It wasn't a bad finish here, or at South Florida, but we can play better. We've got two weeks off before we go to Ole Miss, so we are going to dig around and find a guy who will be consistent and steady at the four or five spot" Green's win, his second this year, and the fifth of his career, moved him into third place among all tournament winners, trailing only Jared Melson who has eight career wins, and Brett Alexander, who has posted six victories. Green's stroke average for this year, 71.0, leads the Sun Belt Conference. "I felt like I could still win it the last day," said Green. "I was only four strokes down, and I like the course. It wasn't playing as hard as it did last year, but I still had to go out there and make a lot of birdies to get back." The tournament was played on the 7,105-yard, par 72 Squire Creek course, which is the home course for Louisiana Tech. Green, who defended the championship he won at Squire Creek last spring, birdied the first four holes on Tuesday, and six of the first eight as he jump-started the Raiders effort to overtake the leaders on the last day. Simons, who continues to have an impressive spring, tied for second with LSU's Smylie Kaufman. Both guys were just one stroke back. Green and Simons were on the Argent Financial All-Tournament team. Patterson tied for 21st while Andrew Cho finished in a tie for 42nd. Paul Sansom completed the scoring as he was 55th. The Blue Raiders will now take a

welcomed break before teeing it up again in the BancorpSouth Intercollegiate in Jackson, MS, April 2nd-3rd. **TEAM SCORES**

1 LSU -4 F -4 292 284 284 860
2 Louisiana Tech +3 F -3 288 294 285 867
3 Middle Tennessee St. +6 F -5 292 295 283 870
4 Jacksonville St. +16 F E 303 289 288 880
5 Southern Mississippi +18 F E 299 295 288 882
6 Arkansas-Little Rock +21 F +4 297 296 292 885
T7 Missouri State +28 F +6 299 299 294 892
T7 UTSA +28 F +7 301 296 295 892
9 Rice +45 F +11 310 300 299 909

MT SCORES

1 Hunter Green (1) 75 70 66 211
T2 Brad Simons (3) 68 74 70 212
T21 Brett Patterson (2) 76 73 70 219
T42 Andrew Cho (5) 73 79 77 229
55 Paul Sansom (4) 83 78 81 242

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