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Blue Raiders Move Into 2nd Place

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TROPHY CLUB, TX - Middle Tennessee fired the second best round of the tournament with a 291 on Tuesday to catapult into second place at the Sun Belt Conference men's golf championship. The Blue Raiders are just five shots behind nationally-ranked Arkansas-Little Rock heading into the final round of play.

"I can't believe where we are after the type golf we have played this year," head coach Johnny Moore said. "We are playing now like I thought we could all year. The weather was great today, we played smart and made a lot of birdies. Now we just have to go out and play our best on Wednesday and see what happens."

Juniors J.R. Wade and Dane Randle led the Blue Raider attack on Tuesday as both shot even par 72. Wade moved into a tie for ninth place overall, while Randle vaulted into a tie for 13th. Junior John Beddies bounced back nicely on Tuesday with a one-over-par 73 to join three other golfers for a tie for 25th. Sophomore Patrick Williams also had a solid day with a 74 to stand in a tie for 15th. Hunter Ingram completed the Blue Raider scoring with a 79.

The Blue Raiders will tee off in the final group on Wednesday at 10:20 AM. The Sun Belt Conference champion earns an automatic bid to the NCAAs.

TEAM SCORES: Arkansas-Little Rock (301-289=590); Middle Tennessee (304-291=595); Denver (302-294=596); Louisiana-Lafayette (308-294=602); Western Kentucky (302-300=602); South Alabama (305-298=603); Arkansas State (307-296=603); North Texas (302-304=606); New Mexico State (310-303=613); Louisiana Tech (314-303=617); New Orleans (316-306=622).

MT SCORES: J.R. Wade (75-72=147/t9); Dane Randle (77-72=149/t13); Patrick Williams (76-74=150/t15); John Beddies (79-73=152/t25); Hunter Ingram (76-79=155/t32).

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