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Appalachian State University women's golf carded a 314 (+26) to stand in seventh place, and junior Yue Xu (Beijing, China/HuiJia School) tied for the lead through 18 holes at the Terrier Intercollegiate at even par at the par-72 5,972 yard Spartanburg Country Club on Monday.

The Beijing, China native carded three birdies in the round and was just one-over-par on the day's par-four holes. All three birdies came on par-fives. Additionally, she carded 12 pars. Rumbidzai Masamvu (Harare, Zimbabwe/Dominican Convent) finished the day eight strokes behind her classmate with an 80 (+8) to stand in 33rd place heading into Tuesday's action. Mimi Burke (Mooresville, N.C./Cannon School) shot an 81 (+9) on the afternoon to tie for 35th place and third for ASU.

In her first official competition as a Mountaineer, Lauren Smith (Salisbury, N.C./UNC Greensboro) matched Burke's 81 on Monday. Smith earned a redshirt last season after transferring from Southern Conference rival UNC Greensboro.

Freshman Elena Thomas (Waxahachie, Texas/Waxahachie) also made her ASU debut on Monday, carding an 82 (+10). The Waxahachie, Texas native is the only non-junior competing for Appalachian at the event.

In addition to the fivesome, head coach Heather Brown sent three additional golfers to compete as individuals at the event.

Samantha Patton (Morganton, N.C./Mars Hill) and Brittany Zachrich (Hickory, N.C./Montreat) each fired 81s (+9) to tie for 35th and Samantha Bonham (Greensboro, N.C./UNC Pembroke) finished the day tied for 51st place with an 87 (+15).

Elon leads the tournament with a 295, four strokes ahead of second-place Newberry. Host Wofford is third at 302 and The Citadel ranks ninth at 330 through 18 holes.

The Apps find themselves just five strokes behind Gardner-Webb for sixth place.

The season-opening tournament concludes on Tuesday.

Nichols Paces Men's Golf in Florence

Junior Josh Nichols (Kernersville, N.C./Salem Baptist Christian) strung together solid rounds of 70 and 71 on Monday at the Spring Hill Suites Invitational to lead Appalachian State University

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men's golf. The Mountaineers carded a 297-293=590 (+14) to stand 13th at the event, while Nichols is tied for sixth place heading into Tuesday's final round.

The Kernersville, N.C. native knocked in nine birdies on the day, including a tournament-best two on par-threes.

Daniel Walsh (Wilkesboro, N.C./West Wilkes) finished the day six strokes behind Nichols at 73-74=147 (+3) for 31st place, while sophomore Casey Komline (Dorset, Vt./Burr and Burton Academy) shaved three strokes off his first-round tally with a 76-73=149 (+5) in 44th place. Newcomer Jason Woodall (Yanceyville, N.C./The Elon School) fired a 78-75=153 (+11) for 67th place and Dustin Hudson (Hildebran, N.C./East Burke) placed 75th with a pair of 78s on the day 156 (+12).

Furman leads the field of 15 teams with a 36-hole tally of 571 (-5), two strokes ahead of Samford. Also from the Southern Conference, College of Charleston stands in third place at 575 (-1), Georgia Southern is seventh at 582 (+6), Elon ranks ninth at 584 (+8) and Western Carolina is one stroke behind the Apps in 14th place.

The final 18 holes will be contested on Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. The 54-hole event is being played on the 7,062-yard, par 72 Country Club of South Carolina course.

Angellella Named NorPac East Rookie of the Week

For the second-straight week Appalachian State field hockey freshman Brooke Angellella was named NorPac East Rookie of the Week on Monday by the Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference.

Angellella, a Manahawkin, N.J. native, scored her second goal of the season against Missouri State, and leads the Mountaineers with four points, and four shots on goal. This is the third-straight week that an ASU freshman has been named East Rookie of the Week. Jessi Stuart earned the honor the week of August 28 and Angellella received the honor last week. The Mountaineers return to action at Delaware on September 18 at 12 p.m.

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