

ASU Women's Golf Finishes Eighth in Ocala

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Senior Yue Xu finished tied for fifth overall, but Appalachian State University women's golf could only move up one position to eighth in the final team

standings on Tuesday at the MSU Ocala Spring Invitational at Juliette Falls Golf Resort. Xu fired a final round score of 76 (+4) to give her a final round total of 72-72-76=220 (+4) for the tournament and gave the China native her best finish since winning the Winthrop Intercollegiate during the fall season.

Firing the best score of the day in the Appalachian lineup was senior Lauren Smith with a 74 (+2). For the three-day tournament, Smith tallied a 74-80-74 (+12) which tied her for 18th place. Classmate Rumbidzai Masamvu was unable to improve on her first two scores, finishing with a 77-79-80=236 (+20).

Senior Mimi Burke and freshman Lily Yatawara closed out the lineup, as Burke closed the invitational with an 80-83-84=247 (+31) and Yatawara posted an 82-88-80=250 (+34).

Sophomore Haley Zagoria, who played as an individual, finished 55th with a 81-78-78=238 (+22). For the tournament, Appalachian posted a 303-314-310=927 (+63), as the eighth-place finish is the worst closing of a tournament since the Great Smokies Intercollegiate in September, where the Apps finished 11th. The eighth-place finish was one position better the only other Southern Conference participant, Western Carolina. Mercer was crowned championships with a 293-291-299=883 for a wire-to-wire victory.

The Mountaineers return to the links on Sunday, March 24 for the Low Country Intercollegiate. The two-day event will be held at Moss Creek Plantation, the site of this season's SoCon Championships.

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