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Appalachian State University women's golfers Lauren Smith (Salisbury, N.C./UNC Greensboro) and Brittany Zachrich (Hickory, N.C./Montreat) teamed up to place 43rd at the 2011 Hooters Women's Collegiate Team Championship at Achasta, By Reynolds on Thursday.

The National Golf Coaches Association event consisted of three rounds with unique scoring formats on each day of play, with top competition among the NCAA's three divisions.

In Tuesday's alternate shot round, the pair of Mountaineers carded an 84 (+12) before responding with a one-under-par 71 on Wednesday in the best ball round.

Thursday's final round included a standard stroke play round. Smith led the team with a solid 75 (+3), including a pair of birdies. Zachrich carded an 81 (+9) on the day, with a pair of Par-4 birdies to her name.

ASU's final round score of 156 (+12) gave the squad a 311 (+28) for the event, just four strokes back of a share of 36th place.

Michigan State's Lindsey Solberg and Caroline Powers won on the final hole and wrapped up a four-round tally of 276 (-12), just one stroke ahead of Vanderbilt and Virginia.

Also competing from the Southern Conference, a team from Wofford placed 29th at 301 (+13) and Furman's representatives placed 34th at 306 (+18).

Smith earned a redshirt in 2010-11 for the Mountaineers after transferring from SoCon rival UNCG, while Zachrich made a late push in the spring season to earn a spot in the 2011 SoCon Tournament.

Appalachian's fall season officially tees off on September 12 at the Wofford Terrier

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