

## Women's Golf Concludes Fall Competition

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Appalachian State University women's golf posted a 328-334-321=983 (+119) at the Lady Paladin Invitational to finish 11th. The Mountaineers finished strong at the season-ending event and placed just two strokes behind 10th place.

Junior Lauren Smith (Salisbury, N.C./UNCG) led Appalachian with a

77-78-79=234 (+18) and tied for 12th place in the 81-golfer field. Her eight birdies at the event tied for the third most in the field.

Rumbidzai Masamvu (Harare, Zimbabwe/Dominican Convent) finished eight strokes behind in a tie for 29th place at 79-82-81=242 (+26) and Yue Xu (Beijing, China/HuiJia Private School) carded an 84-82-82=248 (+32) to tie for 46th.

Mimi Burke ( Mooresville, N.C./Cannon School) finished in 69th place with a 88-92-79=259 (+43) and Elena Thomas (Waxahachie, Texas/Waxahachie) also finished strong in Sunday's final round with a 92-95-84=271 (+55) to finish 78th.

South Florida narrowly earned the team title at 933 (+69), one stroke ahead of ETSU.

Georgia State's Charlotte Lorentzen ran away with the individual medal with a 222 (+6), five strokes ahead of second place.

Competing from the Southern Conference, Samford tied for fifth place at 950 (+86), host Furman finished seventh with a 955 (+91), Elon edged the Apps by two strokes at 981 (+117) in 10th place and Wofford carded a 1006 (+142) to finish 15th.

The 54-hole event concluded ASU's five-tournament fall slate. The Mountaineers return to action in the spring and compete for the SoCon Tournament title on April 15-17 at Hilton Head, S.C.

Appalachian's complete spring schedule will be released in the coming weeks.

## Men's Golf Starts Strong At Hummingbird Intercollegiate

Following a frost delay on Monday morning, Appalachian State University men's golf matched its second-lowest round of the fall with a 292 (+8) to rank seventh through 18 holes at the Hummingbird Intercollegiate.

Junior Josh Nichols (Kernersville, N.C./Salem Baptist Christian) led the Mountaineers with an

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even-par 71 to tie in 10th place. He carded a pair of birdies in the opening round.

Dustin Hudson (Hildebran, N.C./East Burke) and Casey Komline (Dorset, Vt./Burr and Burton Academy) stand tied for 23rd place at 73 (+2). Hudson holed four birdies while Komline put in three of his own in the round.

Newcomer John Michael Cole (Fayetteville, N.C./Cape Fear) finished the day just behind at 75 (+4) in a tie for 44th and Darren Cook (Boone, N.C./Watauga) fired a 78 (+7) to stand in 74th place at the event's midway point.

Competing as an individual, Daniel Walsh (Wilkesboro, N.C./West Wilkes) carded a 76 (+5) for a 57th-place finish on the day.

The Apps find themselves tied with Jacksonville, one stroke behind Francis Marion, Vanderbilt and Wofford for fourth place.

Gardner-Webb leads all teams with a 282 (-2), five strokes ahead of second-place UAB and eight up on Samford.

Also competing from the Southern Conference, Furman stands ninth with a 295 (+11) while Elon and host Western Carolina are tied for 11th at 298 (+14) in the 17-team field.

Gardner-Webb's Kristopher Gray owns the individual lead with a 67 (-4), one stroke ahead of three players tied for second. There are 93 golfers at the fifth-annual event.

Tuesday's final round tees off Tuesday morning at the Country Club of Sapphire Valley.

## Stuart Nabs Third NorPac Rookie of the Week Honor

Appalachian State University field hockey's Jessi Stuart was named NorPac East Rookie of the Week for the third time this season on Monday by the Northern Pacific Field Hockey Conference.

The Middletown, Pa. native, scored two goals against Davidson last Wednesday. Her pair of scores moved her into the team lead in goals and points.

The Mountaineers' freshmen have earned NorPac East Rookie of the Week honors eight out of 10 weeks this season. Brooke Angellella grabbed her third honor last week, while Dana Wetmore has earned the honor twice in September.

The Mountaineers will face ninth-ranked Stanford in the first round of the NorPac tournament on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Palo Alto, Calif.

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