

ASU Women Repeat as Low Country Champion

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Appalachian State University women's golf won the Low Country Intercollegiate for the second year in a row with a 313-308=621 (+45). The Mountaineers claimed victory by two strokes over Radford at

Moss Creek, the site of next month's Southern Conference Tournament. Yue Xu (Beijing, China/HuiJia Private School) led the Appalachian charge in a tie for third place with a solid 77-75=152 (+8). The junior was followed closely by classmate Rumbidzai Masamvu (Harare, Zimbabwe/Dominican Convent) in eighth place with a 77-76=153 (+9).

Reigning SoCon Golfer of the Week Lauren Smith (Salisbury, N.C./UNCG) fired an 82-77=159 (+15) to tie for 22nd, while Mimi Burke (Mooreville, N.C./Cannon School) shot an even 80-80=160 (+16) to finish in a tie for 27th. Brittany Zachrich (Hickory, N.C./Montreat) finished 29th with a 79-82=161 (+17).

Radford finished second in the 15-team field with a 623 (+47). From the SoCon, Elon finished fourth at 627 (+51), host Wofford placed sixth with a 641 (+65) and The Citadel carded a 675 (+99) to wrap up 15th place. Individually, Kelly Shon of Princeton and Maria Luz Besio of Newberry finished tied for first in the field of 75 golfers with 36-hole totals of 149 (+5).

ASU won the event last spring with a 314-302=616 (+40) with Xu earning the individual medal. Masamvu took home third in the 2011 event. Monday's win marks ASU's second team title of the spring after the team won the three-team Dayton/Hilton Head Invitational on March 4. Head coach Heather Brown's squad returns home and hosts the Mimosa Hills Intercollegiate next Monday and Tuesday in Morganton, N.C.

Apps Slide On Day Two In Virginia

After a stellar opening round to place third on Sunday, Appalachian State University men's golf slid back a bit on Monday at the C&F Bank Invitational. The Mountaineers carded a 285-306=591 (+23) to tie in ninth place with Eastern Kentucky as the teams battled high winds and an excess of pollen on the course.

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Casey Komline kept his place in the event's top five with a 69-74=143 (+1) to lead the Apps in fifth with the help of seven birdies. Josh Nichols carded a 69-75=144 (+2) with eight birdies to tie in ninth, just ahead of Dustin Hudson's 75-77=152 (+10) in 68th place. Newcomer Jason Woodall tied Hudson with a 72-80=152 (+10) while John Michael Cole stands 102nd with a 75-81=156 (+14).

Missouri improved on its lead to own a five-stroke advantage over Old Dominion with a 576 (+8). Mizzou's Emilio Cuartero and Jace Long are tied with Francis Marion's Sebastian Blacklund for the individual lead at 140 (-2). Also competing in the 29-team event from the Southern Conference, UNCG ranks third with a 583 (+15) and Western Carolina stands 16th with a 601 (+33) heading into the final round.

The 54-hole event concludes on Tuesday at Kingsmill's River Course.

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