ASU Men's Golf Claims 12th Place in Florence

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After three solid rounds to open the fall competition schedule, Appalachian State University men's golf finished in 12th place at the Raines Development Group Intercollegiate on Tuesday in Florence, S.C. The Mountaineers carded a 294-

291-297=882 (+18) over 54 holes at the Country Club of South Carolina. Junior Casey Komline paced App State with a 23rd-place finish at 72-72-73=217 (+1). He was followed closely by Josh Nichols, who carded a 71-74-75=220 (+4) to tie for 36th. In his Appalachian debut, Lee Mitchell improved each round with a 76-74-73=223 (+7) to take 52nd place. John Michael Cole placed 60th with a 78-71-77=226 (+10) and Jay Brown took home 68th place with a 75-77-76=228 (+12).

Gardner-Webb held on to claim the team championship with an 850 (-14), behind co-medalists Daniel Kim and Matthew Yelverton, who finished the event at 209 (-7). The pair was matched by Old Dominion's Jamison Randall, who also tied for the individual medal. Georgia College took home second place at 845 (-10). From the Southern Conference, Wofford finished sixth at 869 (+5), Furman placed 10th with an 878 (+14), just four strokes ahead of the Mountaineers. Elon rounded out the league competitors in 13th with an 883 (+19).

The fall slate rolls on with a trip to Ohio for the Telich Sun Life Financial/CSU Invitational on Oct. 1-2. The event will be held at Cleveland's Canterbury Golf Course, where the Apps tied for sixth place a season ago.

Women's Golf Concludes Opener

Appalachian State University women's golf carved seven strokes off its opening-round score to place ninth at the Terrier Intercollegiate in the first competition of the fall season. The Mountaineers fired a 313-306=619 (+43) against tough competition at the Country Club of Spartanburg. Senior Yue Xu led the way for the Apps with a 75-73=148 (+4), good for a tie in eighth place. She was followed closely by classmate Rumbidzai Masamvu in 21st place at 76-78=154 (+10).

Two more seniors fared well at the event, as Lauren Smith tied for 36th place at 83-75=158 (+14) and Mimi Burke finished one stroke behind in 40th place at 79-80=159 (+15). Sophomore

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Elena Thomas improved on Tuesday to finish in 65th place at 84-83=167 (+23).

UNC Pembroke jumped from third place to claim the team title with a 301-294=595 (+19), two strokes ahead of round one leader Gardner-Webb. GWU's Mary Donovan held on to win the individual medal at 68-75=143 (-1), one stroke up on Wofford's Anne Marie Covar and Mercer's Mary Alice Murphy.

Four other Southern Conference schools took part in the 36-hole tournament, including host Wofford, which claimed fourth place at 604 (+28), sixth-place Elon at 614 (+38), seventh-place Samford with a 616 (+40) and The Citadel, which carded a 651 (+75) to take home 12th place. Head coach Heather Brown's squad returns to the course next week for the Great Smokies Intercollegiate in Waynesville, N.C. The event runs Sept. 16-17.