

Xu Fires 72, ASU Tied for Fifth in Ocala

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Senior Yue Xu fired an opening round 72 (E) to lead Appalachian State University women's golf at the MSU Ocala Spring Invitational, as the Mountaineers sit tied for fifth with Western Kentucky after one

round on Sunday at Juliette Falls Golf Resort.

Appalachian's 303 is 10 shots behind tournament-leader, Mercer, who posted two scores under-par for the day. Defending-champion, Stetson, currently hold the second-place position, four shots behind the Bears.

Xu's 72 was her best round of the spring season and placed her tied for sixth-place for the invitational. Classmate Lauren Smith followed Xu's 72 with a 2-over 74, her best score of the spring. Smith is currently tied for 10th place in the individual standings.

Coming off medalist honors at the Benbow Invitational, senior Rumbidzai Masamvu carded a 77 (+5) in her first round since the individual championship. The 5-over placed the Zimbabwe native in a tie for 32nd.

Rounding out the Appalachian lineup, senior Mimi Burke finished the opening round with an 80 (+8), while freshman Lily Yatawara tallied an 82 (+10). Individually, sophomore Haley Zagoria is currently tied with Yatawara for 59th after turning in an 82 (+10).

The Mountaineers continue the MSU Ocala Spring Invitational on Monday with the final round. The Apps look to improve on a third-place finish from a season ago.

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