

## ASU Men Finish Fifth in Spartanburg

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The Appalachian State University men's golf team was able to keep momentum at the Coca-Cola Wofford Invitational despite multiple rain delays to finish tied for fifth at the par-72, 6,648 yard Country Club of Spartanburg in Spartanburg, S.C.

Behind an overall impressive week, the Mountaineers tied with No. 50 TCU, firing an 11-under 853 for the tournament, winning the head-to-head battle against 10 schools.

The three-round total of 853 was the second lowest tournament total of the 2013-14 season. They shot an 849 at the Donald Ross Intercollegiate in October but finished with a better relation to par at 11-under.

The Mountaineers starting five each had great rounds in the tournament.

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Casey Komline (Dorset, Va./Burr and Burton Academy) finished in the top spot for Appalachian. He started the tournament strong carding a 4-under 68 in the first round and a 1-over 73 in the second round. In the third round he carded a 1-under 71 to finish tied for 16th for the tournament.

John Michael Cole (Fayetteville, N.C./Cape Fear) tied with Komline. After going 1-over in the first round, he managed to go 3-under and 1-under to finish the tournament at 4-under par.

Lee Mitchell (Conover, N.C./Newton-Conover) started the tournament shooting a 3-over 75 in the first round and 1-over in the second round. He tied Komline for the best round in the third round carding a 4-under 68 to finish tied for 28th at even par.

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Eric Eberspeaker (Rock Hill, S.C.) finished four strokes behind Mitchell carding a 4-over 220, finishing tied for 48th place. Rounding out the Mountaineers starting five was Caleb Keck (Reidsville, N.C./Rockingham County) . Keck had a slow start but hit stride in the second round firing a 4-under 68, tying Mitchell and Komline for the best round.

The Mountaineers fared well against a very competitive field. Tournament champions Lamar set the new Wofford Invitational record for the tournament in relation to par of 31-under. The previous record was 23-under set by Charleston Southern in 2012. Lamar's third round score of 12-under 276 also set the record for the lowest scoring round.

Elon took home second place honors with a 27-under 837, while Wofford placed third with a 24-under 840. John Somers of Elon won the individual tournament title by two strokes over No. 17 J.T. Poston and No. 19 Julien Brun. There was five golfers tied for second place.

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The Mountaineers will use this momentum and compete in its last Southern Conference Golf Championships on Sunday in Pinehurst, N.C.