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COLLEGE GOLF

ETSU wins Wofford Invitational

The East Tennessee State men's golf team came from 11 shots behind to win the team title for the second year in a row at the Wofford Invitational on Tuesday at the Country Club of Spartanburg in Spartanburg, S.C.

ETSU shot the top score of the day, posting a 4-under 284 in the final round to overtake Richmond and win by five strokes. Richmond led the event after two rounds at 13-under.

"Everybody played pretty solid as the wind picked up a lot today," said ETSU head coach Fred Warren, who won his 44th team title with the Bucs. "We made up a lot of ground on the last few holes, so I'm very proud of the nice round."

ETSU, which finished at 6-under, and Richmond were the only teams to finish under par. Campbell was third at 6-over, while Charleston Southern and Wofford rounded out the top five.

Freshman Lucas Armstrong led the Bucs with his top finish of the season. He finished tied for second at 4-under after shooting 71-70-71 for a 212. Jacobo Pastor of Charleston Southern won the individual title at 6-under.

ETSU sophomore Patrick Spraggs also finished in the top five, tying for fifth at 2-under (72-69-73—214). Senior Paul O'Kane had the low round of the day for ETSU with a 2-under 70. He finished 13th at even-par. Freshman Spencer Lawson carded his lowest round of the event on Tuesday with a 1-under 71 to tie for 15th, and junior Devin Komline shot an even-par 72 to tie for 28th.

The Bucs will next defend their league crown in the Atlantic Sun Championship starting on April 18 at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Ga.

Howard leads Buffs to AAC title

Milligan College senior Blake Howard won a one-hole playoff at the Tennessee Wesleyan Invitational on Tuesday in Niota, lifting the Buffs' golf team to victory and regular-season Appalachian Athletic Conference title.

The Buffs finished the tournament, which also served as the spring AAC championship, five strokes ahead of Tennessee Wesleyan to wrap up the crown.

Howard fired a two-day total 146 (73-73) and defeated Montreat's Taylor Carpenter in the playoff, eagling the par-five No. 1, for the title. Milligan's Kody Fawcett tied for 10th, four strokes behind Howard at 150, while Daniel Foster shot a pair of 76s to tie for 15th. Ben Treadway and Whit Brown ended in a tie for 18th at 153.

"I am really proud of this team and their will and determination during this tournament," Milligan head coach Tony Wallingford said. "They were warriors today battling the wind and rain to overcome a four-shot deficit for the victory."

Milligan will play next in the AAC/NAIA Direct Qualifier at Bear Trace Tim's Ford Golf Club in Winchester starting April 25.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GOLF

Freshmen lead Lady Bucs' charge

A pair of freshmen helped put the East Tennessee State women's golf team in contention on Tuesday at the Atlantic Sun Conference championship at the Victoria Hills Golf Club in DeLand, Fla.

Larissa Steinfeldt and Sian Evans posted rounds of 73 and 75, respectively, to put ETSU three strokes off the lead after the second round. Individually, Steinfeldt is tied for fourth, three shots behind leader Alex Buelow of Stetson, who sits at 1-over 145. Evans is tied for eighth, while senior Nina Muehl is tied for 11th and junior Mayte Vizarrondo is in 16th. The Lady Bucs stand at 603 to trail Campbell.

"We were led by our freshmen today and I can't say enough about our rally," said ETSU head coach Stefanie Shelton, whose team trailed by as many as 15 strokes heading into the back nine but slashed that deficit significantly. "It is an open tournament for anyone to take tomorrow, and to do that our Bucs need to put forth a strong team effort."

The final round will be played today.