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GS is tied for first after the first round.

Marc Gignac



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Ariana Macioce is tied for fourth.

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NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas – [Ariana Macioce](#) shot a 1-over par 72, and the Georgia Southern women's golf team is tied for first after the first round of the Texas State Invitational Monday at The Bandit Course.

The teams started the second round, but play was suspended due to darkness with between 3-4 holes left. Those will be completed tomorrow, followed by the third round.

The Eagles (+11) are tied with Central Arkansas and UTSA, five strokes ahead of host Texas State (+16) and Stephen F. Austin.

Macioce is tied with seven players for fourth. [Ansley Bowman](#) is tied for 11th after shooting a 73, and [Iben Hvass](#) carded a 74 and is tied for 13th. [Lauren Coe](#) shot a 76, and [Yeji Shin](#) posted a 77.

The story

Macioce started her day on the fourth and promptly birdied the 341-yard, par 4 hole. The sophomore logged four birdies in the round and was 1-under through her first 11 holes. She got into a little trouble on holes 15 and 16, but birdied 18 and played her final five holes 1-under.

Bowman also posted four birdies in the morning round and played her first nine holes 1-over. The sophomore played her final seven holes 1-under to finish with a 73. Hvass stumbled a bit out of the gate before running off seven straight pars. The senior also finished strong, playing her last six holes 1-under.

Quotable from coach [Emily Kuhfeld](#)

"The morning round was a good start for us this spring with a round of 295. The girls did a really good job of being patient and being aggressive and going for pins when they needed to. We've worked a lot on that so I was really happy with their course management."

"In the afternoon, the Texas wind really kicked up a few notches so it's a learning experience for us and learning how to play into the wind, against the wind, with side wind, and they are doing their best to navigate it. I feel like the girls have a good strategy going into tomorrow, and they are excited to be in the hunt again at a really good tournament."

"Obviously, we're very proud of Ari and her contribution today. She's playing really well. So we're looking forward to a really good conclusion of the tournament tomorrow."

Next up

The Eagles will finish off the final holes of the second round tomorrow morning and play the third and final round immediately after.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

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Sophomore

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Senior

Lauren Coe

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