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Women’s Golf Caps Fall with Second-Place Finish at Mercer Invite

Georgia Southern University
MACON, Ga. – The Georgia Southern women’s golf team shot the second-lowest scores of the second and third rounds to post a second-place finish at the Mercer Invitational Tuesday at Brick Yard Golf Club.

The Eagles finished nine strokes behind tournament host Mercer and 11 clear of Delaware and Seminole State, which tied for third. It was the third consecutive second-place finish for Georgia Southern.

All six Eagles who competed in the tournament finished in the top-30. Sarunchana Rattanasin tied for 10th, and Abby Newton tied for 13th. Mia Kness, Alexandra Stevenson and Madison Heideman tied for 16th, and Emma Bell tied for 26th.

The course played difficult all week with the average score being 77.20. Kness put a pair of 73s on the board, and Rattanasin added a third yesterday. Rattanasin and Bell each shot 72 in today's final round, tying for the second-lowest score of the day.

The Eagles led the field in par-3 scoring for the week and ranked second in par-4 scoring. GS led the event in birdies, with Kness posting a team-best 11, and Rattanasin and Newton each tallying nine.

Results

Team – 303-295-293=891 (+27), 2
Sarunchana Rattanasin – 78-73-72=223 (+7), T10
Abby Newton – 75-74-75=224 (+8), T13
Mia Kness – 73-73-80=226 (+10), T16
Alexandra Stevenson – 77-75-74=226 (+10), T16
Madison Heideman* – 77-75-74=226 (+10), T16
Emma Bell – 78-79-72=229 (+13), T26
* Played as individual

Quotables from Coach Mimi Burke

“Many of the players were frustrated with another second-place finish, but having had one win, three second-place finishes, a top-5 and having broken four school records, we are excited to get after it this spring. I am very proud of every player on our team. Things are definitely bright for Eagle Golf Nation with both the men and women's teams competing at high levels. Hail Southern!”

Up Next

The Eagles open the spring at the Lake Oconee Invitational Feb. 18-20 at Reynolds Plantation in Eatonton, Georgia.

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