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Young Southern Arkansas Squad 10th after First Round

Hot Springs, Ark. - West Florida, the pre-championship favorite, leads defending champion Central Arkansas by one stroke (307-308) after Wednesday's first-round play in the 2006 Region's Bank/Gulf South Conference Women's Golf Championship at the Hot Springs Country Club. Southern Arkansas' young first-year team shot a 469 to place 10th.

West Florida had four participants in the top seven, slipping by Central Arkansas after 18 holes. West Georgia and Arkansas Tech led the four teams with first-ever programs, placing third (323) and fourth (329), respectively. Montevallo (345) rounded out the top five.

Harding was sixth (349), Lincoln Memorial (354) seventh, Henderson State (379) eighth, and Christian Brothers was (425) ninth, to place ahead of the Lady Muleriders.

Individually, Central Arkansas' Nicole Forshner led the field as the lone competitor to shoot below par with a two-under 71 on the 5,835-yard Majestic Course. West Georgia's Amanda Horn was second with 74, West Florida's Victoria Jackson was third with 75, and Central Arkansas' Christiana Lecuyer fourth with 76. West Florida's Sarah Nicholson and Clara Fornella tied for fifth at 77.

SAU's Emily Poff was 36th, shooting a 97, Tabatha Neely was 39th with 106, Whitney Rummel 40th with 108, and Ashley Gillaspay 46th with 158.

The final round (18 holes) tees off (Thursday) at 8 a.m.

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