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Back from Mississippi, and all are accounted for. The CACC Trojans just completed our fourth of five fall tournaments. We have our final fall event the first Monday and Tuesday in November left. The golf course in Gulfport, Windance Country Club is a tremendous track with lightning fast and undulated Bermuda grass greens. Southern Mississippi has received the same rainfall amounts as we have and the golf course was extremely wet, to the point that the driving range was closed and the players could not warm up or practice.

On the heels of the Preview Tournament the week before, we had just completed a 36-hole qualifier on a very wet Willow Point C.C. on Friday and after the drive and practice round for the MGCCC Tournament, I'm not so sure that the boys weren't burnt out a bit when it came to the first round. We played poorly shooting 306 in that first round. Needless to say, I had prepared a number of speeches for when I got the team back on the van, but when it came to finally saying something to them, rather than raise the roof on the poor play; I just informed them that have set themselves in a position for a great comeback to compete for the win.

Meridian C.C. really played awesome in that first round and distanced themselves from the field shooting 287, every other team was playing for 2nd unless Meridian fell completely apart – which wasn't expected. CACC came back somewhat in the 2nd round shooting the low round of the day of 292, but we still left way too many strokes on the course. We finished in 4th in this 15th team field. One bright spot of the event is that I was delighted in seeing Barrett Milam's hard work begin to pay off. Barrett shot 69 in the final round and finished in the top-5. Barrett will be exempt from qualifying for next weeks University of Mobile tournament. Our other four players were: Zach Primavera, Chaz Fairbrother, Paul Harris and David Parlane.

The CACC Golf Team is really pretty darn deep with talent this year and that makes things a bit strange when it comes to putting your best five on the road. On any given day, some of our weaker players may quite well in a short qualifier and boot out a truly better player. We're going to see what happens in Mobile, if we come away with less than a win I may change the way I select players. The freshmen have all gotten some great experience so far as we have played everyone on the team in competition, but there's no doubt – I'm expecting more out of this team than 2nd and 4th place finishes.

You may review all scores of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Fall Golf Tournament at: <http://www.golfstat.com/2009-2010/men/mtourfl09/M4049.htm>

Thank you,

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