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**IOWA WOMEN'S GOLF**

**HAWKEYES FINISH THIRD AT SUNFLOWER INVITATIONAL, BENNETT WINS TOURNAMENT**

**LAWRENCE, KS** - - The University of Iowa women's golf team placed third in the 11-team Marilyn Smith Sunflower Invitational played today on the par-72 Alvamar Golf and Country Club. Additionally, senior **Liz Bennett** was crowned the individual medalist. Bennett has placed first in consecutive tournaments (Hawkeye Intercollegiate).

Bennett carded a 54-hole score of 230 (80-77-73), including a tournament 18-hole low of 73 in today's final round. The native of Sway Hampshire, England, entered the final round five strokes behind the co-leaders. The senior won the tournament by one stroke over Denver's Emily Hoepfer (231).

Iowa entered the final round three strokes out of third place. The Hawkeyes fired a third round score of 316, which tied two other school's (Kansas and UTEP) as the top round of the day, and leaped from sixth place to third (963). Host school Kansas (946) won the tournament by 15 strokes over second place UTEP (961).

Sophomore **Karla Murra** (Sioux Falls, SD) tied for 24<sup>th</sup> after firing a 245 (78-82-85). Freshman **Jill Marcum** (Clarinda, IA) tied for 27<sup>th</sup> after stroking a 247 (81-88-81). Sophomore **Amy Riepma** (Clear Lake, IA) placed 32<sup>nd</sup> after carding a 251 (81-88-82). Freshman **Maggie Gelber** (Winnetka, IL) tied for 33<sup>rd</sup> after shooting a 252 (89-83-80).

"I'm really proud of the way our team performed," commented Head Coach **Bobbe Carney**. "I'm also extremely proud of Liz and what she accomplished. Liz described the course as the toughest she has ever played in collegiate golf."

Iowa competes in its final fall tournament Sunday-Tuesday, Oct. 17-19, at the Lady Razorback Invitational in Rogers, AR.

**Final Team Results -- (Par 72)**

1.	Kansas	319-311-316=946
2.	UTEP	331-314-316=961
3.	<b>IOWA</b>	<b>320-327-316=963</b>
4.	Iowa State	322-316-328=966
5.	Kansas State	321-323-323=967
6.	Denver	326-320-325=971
7.	Illinois State	328-324-321=973
8.	Oklahoma City	328-333-325=993
9.	Wichita State	335-345-337=1017
10.	UA-Little Rock	338-353-332=1023
11.	UM-Kansas City	349-362-350=1061

**Final Individual Results (Top Two, Plus Iowa)**

1.	<b>Liz Bennett (UI)</b>	<b>80-77-73=230</b>
2.	Emily Hoepfer (DU)	77-76-78=231
T24.	<b>Karla Murra (UI)</b>	<b>78-82-85=245</b>
T27.	<b>Jill Marcum (UI)</b>	<b>81-85-81=247</b>
32.	<b>Amy Riepma (UI)</b>	<b>81-88-82=251</b>
T33.	<b>Maggie Gelber (UI)</b>	<b>89-83-80=252</b>

