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GOLF: Women finish second in Phoenix

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Pima Community College's women's golf team took second place at the Estrella Mountain Invitational in Phoenix March 24-25.

In play March 11-12 at the Mesa Invitational, the women finished in second place while the men's team finished eighth.

Women steer steady course

The Aztecs' finish in the tournament hosted by Estrella Mountain Community College marks the fifth time the team has taken second place this season.

Coach Rick Price is confident the team will qualify for nationals with their current course.

The Aztecs ended play with a final score of 695.

Freshman Martha Felix led the team with a total of 164 points and the lowest round score of 81. She finished seventh individually in the tournament.

Freshman Paige Valles had the team's only second-round improvement, shaving four points off her first round score, finishing 92-88.

Sophomore Josie Trapnell anchored the team with a score of 169 while sophomore Brittney Makar finished the tournament with a score of 182.

On March 12, the women tied for another second-place finish with Scottsdale Community College at the Mesa Invitational. Both teams finished with a score of 727.

Three Aztecs contributed six-stroke improvements in their second day of play.

Trapnell, Makar and Valles represented 18 of the 19-point improvement in the second round of play.

Trapnell led the team with a two-day total of 174.

Makar finished with 180, followed by Felix with 183. Valles finished with 190.

Men take a swing and a miss

The men's team posted its worst finish of the year with a last-place tie on March 12 at the Mesa Invitational.

They currently sit in sixth place in the conference standings.

Coach Clark Rustand considers this tournament the team's worst performance to date but intends to keep players focused.

"One setback is not a concern for me," he said. "I think overall we're still heading in the right direction.

The Aztecs had a combined total of 600 points for the Mesa tournament.

Freshman Ben Bradford led the Aztecs with a score of 148.




Sophomore Anthony Moncada drives the ball down the fairway at Silverbell Golf Course. (Aztec Press Photo by Jaime Hernandez)



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