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Adams from Saint Mary's moves into top ten at NCAA Women's Golf Championships

Julia Adams had another fine day on the Mid Pines course in North Carolina at the Division-III National Championship, moving up into a tie for ninth place with today's round of 81.

The Belles had their best team score of the tournament today (339-345-337—1021), and though they slid from a seventh place tie into eighth place, their slide was not as precipitous as others in the field. Saint Mary's is now only six strokes out of the fifth place slot currently held by Mount Holyoake College. Twelve strokes are all that separates fourth place from eighth and the Belles.

While Adams (84-81-81—246) continued to lead the Belles, 2003 National Champion Stefanie Simmerman was the team's big mover after carding a 79, the fifth lowest score of the sixty golfers in the field. Simmerman (86-85-79—250) is now tied for fifteenth and gaining confidence.

Meg Mattia, who led the Belles on day one is now tied for thirty-fourth (81-87-91—259), and senior Chrissy Dunham had her best round of the tournament to move into a tie at fiftieth (90-93-86—269). Nicole Bellino had her toughest day on the course slipping back to fifty-fifth place after today's 94.

Methodist College (N.C.) held off a front-nine charge from Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) who had closed yesterday's eleven stroke deficit to four strokes. By the end of the day, though, both teams shot 321 thereby helping Methodist maintain the margin they had opened the day with. Many of the other squads experienced their most difficult day on the course helping to create the logjam between Saint Mary's and the next five teams ahead of them.

Final day play resumes at 8:00 a.m. on Friday morning.

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