Tamgho Paces Tracksters at Christmas Invite

Women win five events, including one from a freshman

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Junior Stephanie Tamgho won both the long and triple jump and Middle Tennessee picked up seven first-place finishes Saturday at the MT Christmas Invitational at Murphy Center. Tamgho posted a pair of victories, winning the long jump with a mark of 19-7.5 and following that with a winning mark of 40-4 in the triple jump. Junior Sierra Douglas was second in the triple jump (38-5) and third in the long jump (18-2.75). Brittany Cox, a freshman from Antioch, Tenn., took first in the shot put with a mark of 46-5 and was second in the weight throw with a mark of 54-9 in her first collegiate event. Another freshman from Chattanooga, Tenn., MeLyn Thompson, placed second in the shot put (45-11). In the running events senior Veronia Patterson was first in the 400-meters in 55.35 and junior Antranette Stringer won the 200-meters in 25.36. William Songock, a freshman who earned All-Sun Belt honors in cross country in the fall, won the mile run for the men in 4:24.99. Senior Pierre Ingram, a Blue Raider football player, won the high jump, clearing 6-5, his best mark since his freshman year. Elsewhere for the women, junior Marjorie Gombert finished fourth in the mile run in 5:13.83, while sophomore Erica Palmer placed third in the 55-meters in 7.22 and Stringer was fifth in 7.35. Douglas finished third in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.49. Senior Tiffany Owens placed second in the 200 in 25.56 and Palmer was fourth in 25.66. For the men, senior JaKeith Hairston placed seventh in the triple jump with a mark of 46-10 and was eighth in the long jump with a mark of 22-7.25. Sophomore Brandon Jones finished eighth in the triple jump (46-3). Senior James Thomas placed second in both the shot put and weight throw with marks of 49-1 and 54-8, respectively. In the running events, freshman Phillip Tanner, also a member of the Blue Raider football team, finished third in the 55-meters in 6.43 and sophomore Samuel Adade was sixth in

6.52. Adade also came in third in the 200 in 21.95 and freshman Duronal Monal was sixth in 22.49. Senior Tony Carufe placed third in the 3000-meters in 9:09.57. "We have a very up-and-down day across the board," head coach Dean Hayes said. "We were either a 10 or a minus-10 with no in-between. We had some really good performances. Brittany [Cox] did well and Phillip Tanner and Pierre [Ingram] also were very good, but we also had some false starts and others who didn't perform. We've got a long way to go before we compete again next month." Both teams take a break for the holidays and return to the track January 12-13 at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington, Ky. Middle Tennessee hosts the Blue Raider Invitational in January 20 at Murphy Center.

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