Blue Raiders win 13 events at MT Christmas Invitational

Strong showing in first indoor meet of season

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Senior Carl Morgan and Sophomore's Festus Chemaoi and Sarah Nambawa each captured a pair of events as the Middle Tennessee track teams won 13 events overall at the MT Christmas Invitational in Murphy Center on Saturday evening. Morgan won the men's long jump (24-11.00) before securing first-place in the triple jump with a mark of 51-02.25. Morgan also finished fifth in the men's 200 meters. Chemaoi took home first-place finishes in both the men's 800 meters (1:56.08) and one-mile run (4:14.40). Nambawa continued her strong showing from last season with first-place finishes in the women's long jump (19-09.25) and the triple jump. Her mark of 43-10.25 in the latter event beat out second-place Melanie Akwule of Georgia Tech by almost six feet. The Blue Raider men finished in the top six positions out of 16 competitors in the 200-meter run. Senior Greg Franklin won the event in 21.58 followed closely by Stanley Gbagbeke (21.83), Roscoe Payne (21.89), Adrian Bentley (21.92), Morgan (22.33) and Robert Carter (22.44). Franklin also recorded a third-place finish in the 400 meters. In addition to the 200 meters, Gbagbeke also placed second in the men's long jump (24-08.25) and fourth in the 55 meter run (6.43). Senior Samuel Adade (55 meter run, 6.41) and junior DeRay Sloss (55 meter hurdles, 7.36) also won in their respective events. Sophomore David Emery picked up

second in the one-mile run (4:15.14) and third in the 800 meters (1:57.58). Payne finished second in the 55 meter hurdles (7.47) Elsewhere for the women, junior Brittany Cox won the weight throw with a toss of 58-05.00. She placed second in the shot put (44-05.50), trailing only fellow Blue Raider junior Melyn Thompson who won the event with a mark of 45-02.00. Senior Tenesha Hill won the 55-meter run in 7.05 and junior Zamzam Sangau also picked up a first-place finish in the 800 meters in 2:15.55, close to nine seconds faster than her nearest competitor. Senior Ashley Comstock (5:14.89)and freshman Nicole Neeb (5-02.00) recorded second-place finishes in the one-mile run and high jump respectively. Senior TraMayne Gillyard placed third in the 400 meters (58.84), sophomore Kortney Thurman finished third in the long jump (18-07.50) and sophomore Marla Bailey picked up third-place in the 3000 meters (10:46.68) to round things out for the women. The Blue Raiders return to action at the Ed Temple Classic in Nashville, Tennessee on January 11.

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