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## Gbagbeke earns a spot in long jump finals

### Inclement weather delays NCAA Outdoor Championships

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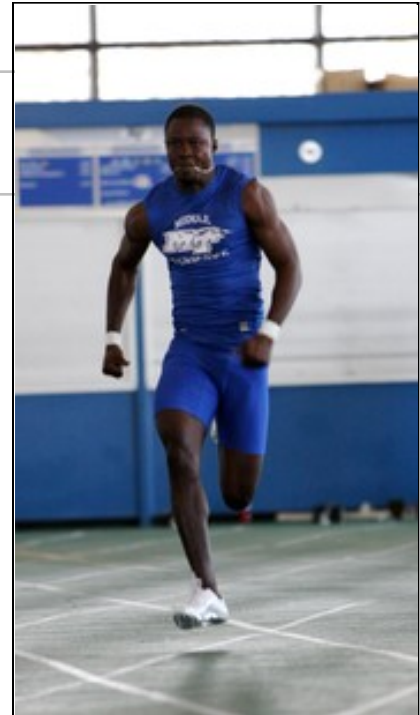
**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** - Stanley Gbagbeke qualified for the long jump finals, Wednesday at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark.


Gbagbeke finished 10th in the preliminary round of the long jump competition with a leap of 25-6.75 (7.79m). His mark sets a lifetime best for the Oginibo, Nigeria, native and qualifies him for tomorrow's final. An eighth-place finish or better in Thursday's finals will make Gbagbeke the 10th Blue Raider in school history to earned All American honors in the long jump event and first since 2007 when Juan Walker placed sixth in the event at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

Inclement weather caused for late afternoon and evening delays. Events were resumed at 10:15 PM. The delays made Middle Tennessee's Sarah Nambawa's result in the long jump unavailable until early Thursday morning.

Brittany Cox was the final Middle Tennessee athlete to compete on Wednesday. The Antioch, Tenn., native placed 23rd in the preliminaries of the shot put competition tossing 49-9.75 (15.18m). She was unable to qualify for tomorrow's shot put finals.

Full results for Gbagbeke and all other Middle Tennessee athletes will available on [goblueraiders.com](http://goblueraiders.com) and [ncaa.com](http://ncaa.com).



Stanley Gbagbeke finished tenth in the preliminary round of the long jump competition, Wednesday qualifying with a leap of 25-6.75 (7.79m) for Thursday's finals. (Bradley Lambert) 

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