Cox and Sangau continue to rewrite record books at Kentucky Invitational

Seniors highlight Blue Raider in Lexington

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LEXINGTON, Ky. - The Middle Tennessee track and field teams traveled to Lexington, Ky., this weekend to take on some of the top teams in the region for the Kentucky Invitational.

For the third week a row, Brittany Cox has rewritten the Middle Tennessee record book, as she broke her own school standards in both the shot put and weight throw. Her toss of 50-2 (15.29m) in the shot put tops her previous best of 49-5.5 (13.85m) and gives the Antioch, Tenn., native the first NCAA Provisional Mark of her career and places her seventh in Saturday's competition. In the weight throw, she threw a 61-0.25 (18.6m), topping her MT record-setting hurl of 60-10.75 from last Sunday's Ed Temple Classic. She placed fifth at the



Kentucky Invitational and just missed earning an NCAA Indoor Provisional mark by less than six inches. Teammate MeLyn Thompson finished 12th overall in the shot put with a toss of 46-2.5 (14.08m).

Distance runner Zamzam Sangau also rewrote her own Blue Raider record in the 800 meters, finishing with a time of 2:07.23 to place second and give her the first NCAA Provisional in her career in the event. Alissa Ruggle and Jackie Serem finished 20th and 25th, respectively. Marla Bailey set a career best in the mile with a time of 5:14.90.

In the jumps, Nyeisha Wright placed third in the triple jump with a leap of 39-9.75 (12.13m) to set a lifetime best. Kiara Henry's mark of 18-7 (5.66m) in the long jump was the longest this season and

placed her eighth, while Kortney Thurman finished 20th in the event with a mark of 17-8 (5.38m).

On the men's side, Festus Chemaoi placed 10th in the 3,000 meters in 8:28.53. David Emery finished 16th in 8:38.57 for a lifetime best.

DeRay Sloss placed 13th in 8.42 in the 60 meter hurdles.

In the sprints, Stanley Gbagbeke placed 16th in 6.94 in the 60 meter dash. Justin Chambers finished at 22.59 in the 200 meters and Robert Carter came in 28th in the 400 meters in 50.20.

Middle Tennessee will return to action next weekend as it plays host to the Blue Raider Invitational at Murphy Center. Stay tuned to goblueraiders.com for coverage and results.

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