Cox set for NCAA Indoor Championships

Senior to compete in shot put and weight throw

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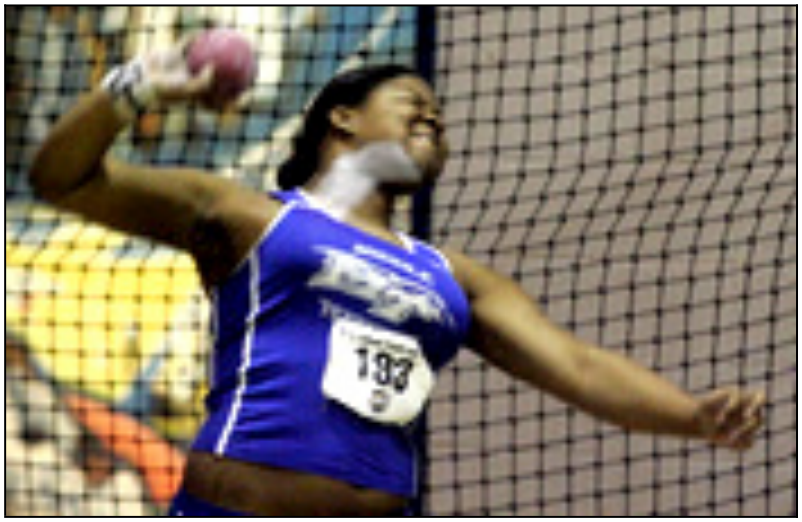

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Middle Tennessee senior Brittany Cox will travel to Fayetteville, Ark., this weekend to compete at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in the shot put and weight throw events in hopes of being the first Blue Raider thrower to earn an All-American title at the Division I level.

If Cox places sixth or better in either the shot put or the weight throw, she will become the first Middle Tennessee thrower to be named All-American since 1965 when school legend Brian Oldfield garnered the shot put title at the Division II level.

Entering the championship, Cox is seeded 20th in the shot put as the 2010 Sun Belt Indoor Champion and last competitor to qualify for the event. Prior to sustaining what could have been a season ending ankle injury one month ago, Cox was ranked as high as eighth in the NCAA on the descending order list in the event with as mark of 53-5.5 (16.29m) thrown at the Middle Tennessee Invitational. This toss set a new Sun Belt and Middle Tennessee record in the event.

This season, Cox has competed with the top female throwers in the country at both the Kentucky Invitational and the Rod McCravy Memorial at Kentucky. The Antioch, Tenn., native placed second in the shot at the Rod McCravy Memorial, defeating four NCAA Indoor qualifiers including top seeded Ashley Muffet of Kentucky. Cox will compete in the first flight at the NCAA Indoor Championships beginning at noon on Friday. If she finishes in the top nine after both flights, she will compete in the final round to earn All-American and national championships honors.

On Saturday, Cox will enter the weight throw competition as the eighth ranked athlete coming in with a seed mark of 67-6 (20.57m) and the title of reigning Sun Belt Champion. This mark was also thrown at the Middle Tennessee Invitational for Sun Belt and Middle Tennessee records and placed her fifth in the NCAA at the time.

When throwing against the top national athletes at the Kentucky Invitational in January, Cox placed fifth behind the top four athletes in the college ranks finishing just a foot behind the medal winners. She will take part in the second flight of the weight throw before determining the top nine athletes to move into final round.

Middle Tennessee's Sarah Nambawa is the only other athlete to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championships. She will not compete because of injury. Nambawa is a three time All-American in the triple jump.

Full results and coverage of Cox at the 2010 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com following each day's event.

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