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## Cox sets school record at Rhodes Open Meet

### Track teams open outdoor competition

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**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** - Brittany Cox set a new Middle Tennessee record in the hammer throw with a toss of 178-11 (54.54m) placing second in the event as the Blue Raider track and field teams opened outdoor competition at the 2010 Rhodes Open Meet on Saturday.

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Cox's mark shattered her own MT standard of 170-5 (53.61m) thrown a year ago at the 2009 Georgia Tech Invitational. The Antioch, Tenn., native earned an NCAA Regional qualifying mark with the throw. She also won the shot put competition with a throw of 51-10 (15.8m). Teammate MeLyn Thompson came in fourth in 43-10.75 (13.18m).

Overall, the men's and women's team won a combined six total events at the Rhodes Open Meet.

Cherice Robertson was the only athlete to take first in two events. Robertson, the 2010 Sun Belt Indoor Top Meet Scorer, won gold in the 100 meter hurdles in 14.22, and then followed the performance by winning the high jump leaping 5-7.75 (1.72m). Teammate Ann Dudley placed seventh in the high jump with a mark of 4-11.75 (1.52m) and 13th in the 100 hurdles running in 15.94.

Zamzam Sangau took first in the 800 meters in a time of 2:12.82.

Ashley Comstock returned to collegiate competition giving a strong performance, winning the 5,000 meters in 17:38.74. Jackie Serem, Marla Bailey and Stephanie came in third, fourth and fifth with times of 18:07.58, 18:10.09 and 18:11.38, respectively.

Kiara Henry took first in the long jump with a mark of 19-1.25 (5.82m) as Nyeisha Wright and Kortney Thurman took second and third with marks of 18-10.75 (5.76m) and 18-7.25 (5.67m), respectively. Thurman also placed second in the triple jump recording a leap of 38-1.5 (11.62m).

Other notable women's performances included, Thompson who placed sixth in the discus, Henry and Wright taking sixth and seventh in the 200 meters, and Amber Jackson coming in fourth in the 400 meters.

"The women ran some good races and I was proud of Brittany getting her lifetime best and school record in the hammer," said head coach Dean Hayes. "Ashley Comstock also really ran well setting a pr in her first meet back."

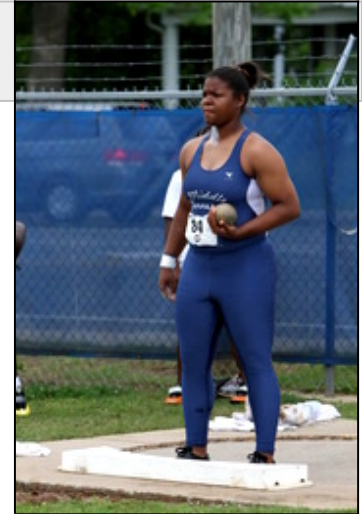
On the men's side, Roscoe Payne took first place in the 110 meter hurdles with DeRay Sloss placing third. Payne won in a time of 14.59 with Sloss finishing in 14.88. Payne also placed fourth in the 400 meter hurdles in 54.32.

Greg Franklin took second in the 100 meter dash in 10.74 while Robert Carter placed ninth. This is Franklin's first meet for the Raiders since the 2009 NCAA Mideast Regional Championships.

In the men's 5,000 meters, Chris Mason placed sixth overall in 15:15.23 while David Boiywo and David Emery came in 12th and 13th in 15:31.56 and 15:46.22, respectively.

"Overall, I was very happy with our the meet. The weather was very nice and allowed for some good performances early in the season. We are still to see where we are in many events, but we still have a lot of work to do. We should be able to get everything together by championships season."

The Blue Raiders will return to action at the Yellow Jacket Invitational in Atlanta, Ga., hosted by Georgia Tech. Full results and coverage will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com.



Brittany Cox won the shot put competition while setting a new Middle Tennessee record in the hammer throw at the 2010 Rhodes Open Meet. (Athletic Communications) 