

Track to compete at Tiger Track Classic

Nine athletes currently in top-48 in 12 events

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

The Middle Tennessee track and field teams will travel to Auburn, Ala., to compete at the Tiger Track Classic on Friday night and Saturday.

"We like competing in Auburn," said head coach Dean Hayes. "They have a nice facility and always do a good job putting on meets. If the weather is nice, we expect to have some good performances."

Middle Tennessee is looking for strong finishes at this meet. With the 2010 outdoor season getting into full-swing, athletes will not want to waste anytime getting the times and marks needed to qualify them for the NCAA East Regional in Greensboro, N.C., on May 27-28. The top-48 athletes in the region in each event will be qualified to compete at the regional championships.

Currently, six female athletes are qualified in eight events.

Brittany Cox enters the weekend second in the east region in the shot put with a

mark of 51-10 (15.8m) and 20th in the hammer with a throw of 178-11 (54.54m). Both were earned at the Rhodes Open Meet. She will attempt to improve these marks this weekend and throw the needed distance in the discus. She currently sits 53rd in the event.

Kortney Thurman holds the sixth regional slot in the long jump at 19-8.75 (6.01m). This was a



personal best from last weekend at the Yellow Jacket Invitational. Teammates Kiara Henry and Nyeisha Wright are also qualified as of right now. Henry is placed 26th with a jump of 19-1.25 (5.82m) while Wright sits 36th in the region with a mark of 18-10.75. Thurman is also 38th in the triple jump with a mark of 39-3.25 (11.97m).

Cherice Robertson is placed ninth in the high jump with a leap of 5-8.75 (1.75m) set at the Yellow Jacket Invitational for a career best.

Zamzam Sangau is the only female track athlete in the top-48 at this time. She places 43rd in the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.82.

On the men's side, three athletes are ranked in the top-48 in four events. Roscoe Payne holds the highest place of all Blue Raiders in his event placing 20th in the 400 intermediate hurdles with a time of 52.89. He also holds the 45th spot in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.59.

Sprinter Greg Franklin is 35th in the 200 meters in a time of 21.61.

David Emery is 44th in the 1,500 meters in 3:55.30.

A handful of the team's top men have yet to qualify with Stanley Gbagbeke and Festus Chemaoui each still needing the marks to send them to Greensboro.

Full results and coverage for this weekend's action will be available post-meet on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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