

Track takes 11 first place finishes

Bailey sets school record in steeplechase

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee track and field teams took 11 first place finishes at this weekend's Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville, Tenn.

Nyeisha Wright won the women's 100 meter dash in 11.74 with Kiara Henry taking second in 11.77. Both were personal bests. Wright also took first in the long jump, leaping 19-11.75 (6.09m). Henry set a personal best in the 200 meters, clocking 24.37, placing her fourth overall.

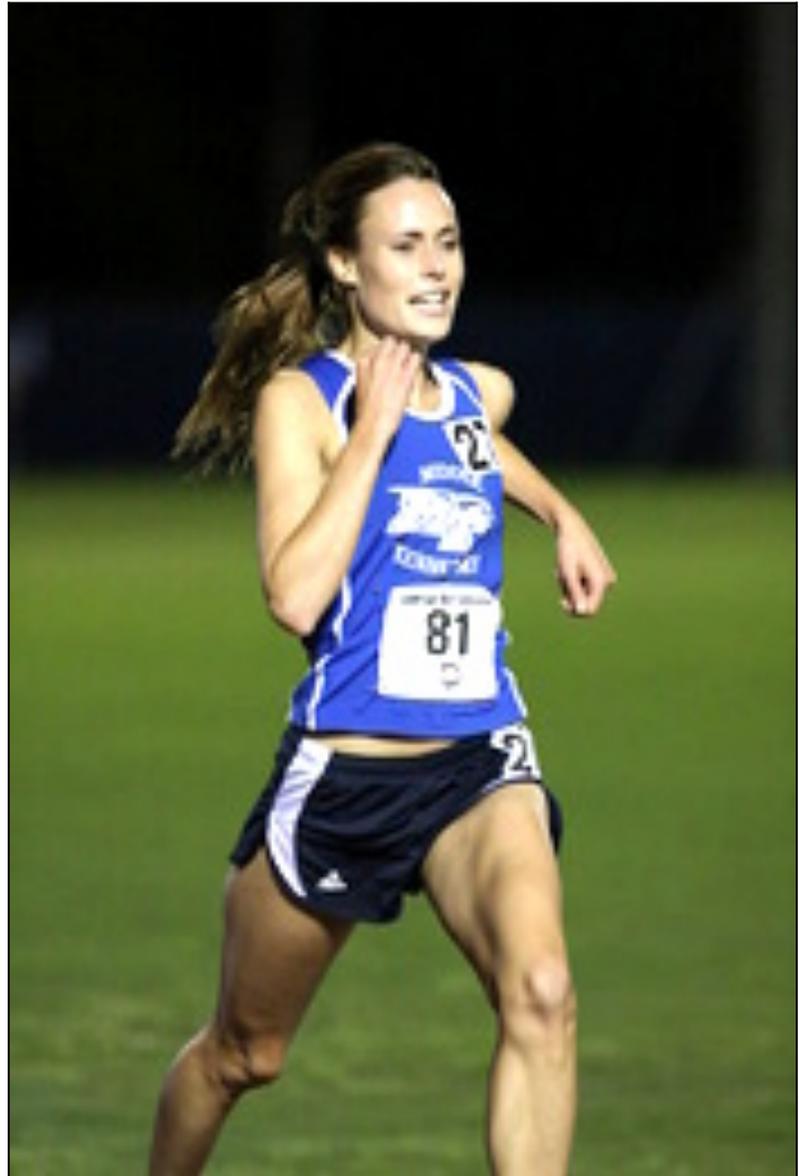
Amber Jackson took first in 400 meters finishing in 55.66. This was her fastest time of the season.

Zamzam Sangau ran the 800 meters in 2:06.99 taking victory. She just missed setting a school record by a few tenths of a second. The Uganda native also finished fourth in the 1,500 meters in 4:27.10.

Marla Bailey set a school record in the 3,000 meter steeplechase crossing the line in 11:05.20. This tops Sara Lunning's time of 11:34.44, a Middle Tennessee standard recorded in 2007.

In field events, Cherice Robertson won the high jump, leaping 5-5.75 (1.75m). Teammate Ann Dudley took second in the event, jumping 5-3.75 (1.62m).

Sarah Nambawa won the triple jump with a leap of 41-11.25 (12.78m). Kortney Thurman placed third with a mark of 38-9 (11.81m).



Brittany Cox set a lifetime best in the discus throw, tossing 163-6 (49.85m). This currently places her 19th in the East division. Cox also took first in the hammer throw and shot put with respective throws of 172-6 (52.59m) and 53-5.5 (16.29m). The senior just missed setting a school record in the shot.

The women's 4x100 meter relay team also won, finishing in 45.94.

"We had a lot of really strong performances for the women's team," said head coach Dean Hayes. "Our team is shaping up very well for the conference meet in a few weeks."

On the men's side, William Songock took first in the 5,000 meters in a lifetime best of 14:18.55.

Sprinter Greg Franklin took third in the 100 and 200 meters. Franklin's times were 10.58 and 21.21, respectively. His time of 21.21 places him 29th in the NCAA East Region.

DeRay Sloss finished second in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles in a time of 53.95.

Stanley Gbagbeke's mark of 24-1 (7.34m) in the long jump placed him fourth at the meet and 27th in the East Region.

In the distance races, Festus Chemaoui took fourth in the 800 meters in 1:51.45, while teammate David Emery also placed fourth in the 1,500 meters in a time of 4:02.10.

"The men's team is getting healthy which is important. William (Songock) is getting back into shape which will be a big help in the conference meet. Today was a good day all around for us."

The Middle Tennessee teams will split next weekend, as some will travel to Philadelphia, Pa., to compete in the Penn Relays, while others will go to Bowling Green, Ky., for the WKU Invitational. Full results and coverage will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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