Track concludes regular season at Georgia Tech Invitational

Last meet before 2010 NCAA Championships East Region Preliminaries

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ATLANTA, Ga. - Middle Tennessee's track and field teams competed in the 2010 Georgia Tech Invitational on Saturday. The meet was the athletes' last opportunity to earn top-48 qualifying marks in order to compete at the 2010 NCAA Championships East Region Preliminary Round in Greensboro, N.C., in two weeks.

Hurdler Cherice Robertson potentially secured herself a top-48 spot in east region in the 100 meter hurdles. The Memphis, Tenn., native was the fourth fastest collegiate entrant in the event, with preliminary time of 13.68. This time places her 38th in the region and should qualify her for the championships preliminary round. She was 44th in the region entering the weekend.

Kiara Henry was the third best collegiate finisher in the long jump with a leap of 19-10.25 (6.12m). Henry holds the eighth longest mark of 20-6.5 (6.26m) regionally in the event. The Atmore, Ala., native record this jump last weekend at the Sun Belt Championships. Teammates Nyeisha Wright placed seventh and Sarah Nambawa took 11th with respective jumps of 19-10.25 (6.05m) and 19-5.5 (5.93m). Both Wright and Nambawa already hold top-48 marks within the region.

Brittany Cox took third in the shot put marking 50-4 (15.34m) and sixth in the hammer throw with a toss of 175-0 (53.33m).

In the 1,500 meters, Zamzam Sangau placed 14th with in a time of 4:33.68. Sangau was also the third fastest finisher in the 400 meters with a time of 55.02. Freshman Amber Jackson placed seventh in the 400 in a time of 55.28.

For the men's team, Stanley Gbagbeke was the top collegiate finisher in the long jump with a leap of 24-9.25 (7.55m).

Josh Butler leapt 49-11.75 (15.23m) in the triple jump and placed second at the meet. Butler currently sits 13th with a mark of 51-3.5 (15.63m) earned last weekend at the Sun Belt Championships.

Festus Chemaoi was the third fastest collegiate finisher in the 800 meters with a time of 1:50.93.

Roscoe Payne, the male Blue Raider athlete to hold qualifying times in two events, was the third fastest collegiate finisher in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 51.63.

In the 200 meters, Curtis King placed sixth in a time of 21.37.

King joined Greg Franklin, Robert Carter and Stanley Gbagbeke to run the 4x100 meter relay for a season best time of 40.44.

All qualifying athletes will compete in two weeks at the 2010 NCAA East Region Preliminary Round, May 27-28. Full results and coverage will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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