

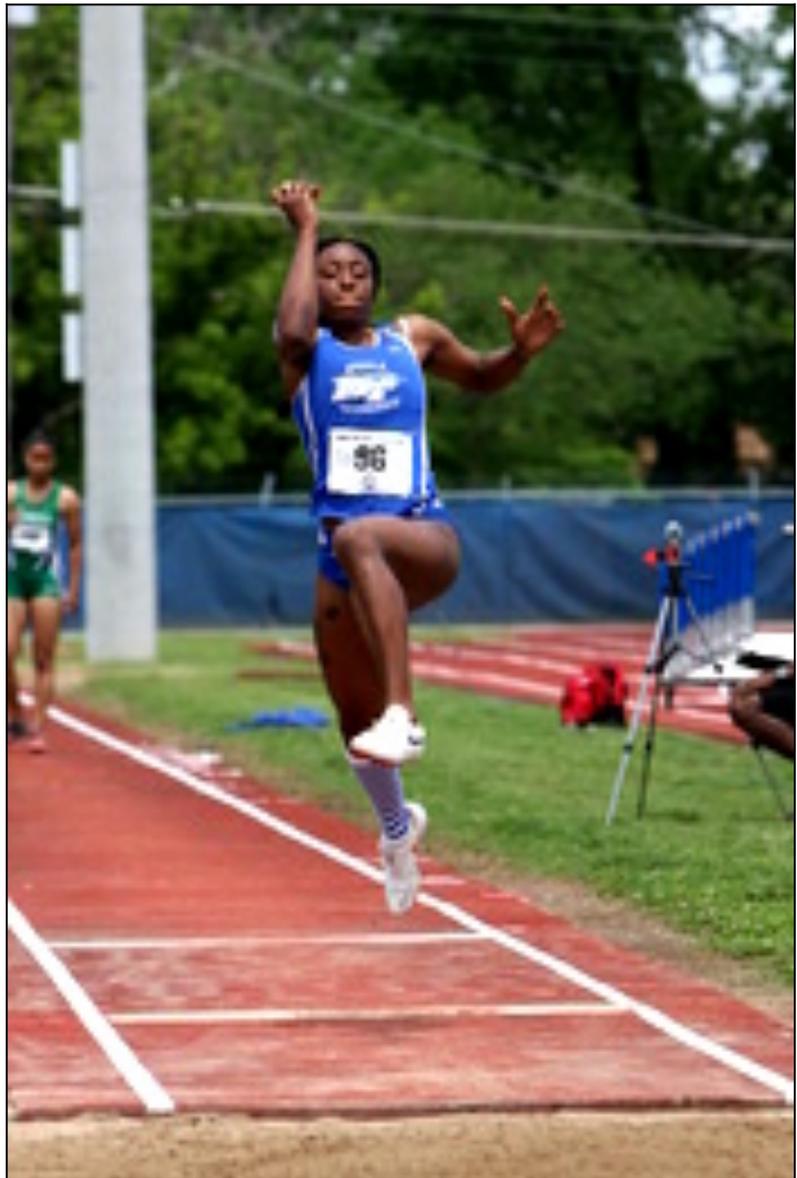
Three athletes advance to NCAA Championship Finals

Cox and Sangau set school records

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GREENSBORO, N.C. - Middle Tennessee's Nyeisha Wright finished fourth overall in the long jump competition at the 2010 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship East Preliminaries in Greensboro, N.C. Brittany Cox and Stanley Gbagbeke also qualified in their respective events. The NCAA Outdoor Finals will be held June 9-12 at historic Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., on the Oregon campus.

Wright's fourth place mark of 20-9.25 (6.33m) came on her third attempt of the day's competition. It is a lifetime-best for the Colorado Springs, Colo., native and is the third longest in Middle Tennessee history. Kortney Thurman qualified for the final round of today's competition with a jump of 19-10.25 (6.05m), but ended the day 15th overall. Kiara Henry placed 32nd with a mark of 19-3.25 (5.87m).



Brittany Cox advanced to the finals in Eugene, garnering qualifying in the shot put. The senior's toss of 54-3.75 (16.55m) in the event breaks her own Middle Tennessee and Sun Belt record. She is scheduled to compete in Friday's hammer throw and Saturday's discus throw at the Regional Preliminaries.

Stanley Gbagbeke placed second in the men's long jump leaping a season best 25-11.5 (7.91m). He moves on to compete the final rounds of the championships in two weeks.

In the high jump, Cherice Robertson placed 39th with a mark of 5-4.5 (1.64m). She will run in Friday's 100 meter hurdle preliminary round.

In the running events, Festus Chemaoui placed 12th in the 1,500 meters in a time of 3:48.66 and will run in the Saturday's semifinal to determine if he will move on to Eugene in two weeks. Roscoe Payne's 17th place finish in the 400 meter hurdles also qualified him for Saturday's semifinals.

Zamzam Sangau finished third in the 800 meters in a time of 2:05.56. Her time was a school record. She will run Friday in the 800 meter semi-finals.

"It was a very good day for us," said head coach Dean Hayes. "Three of our field athletes are qualified for the finals in two weeks."

Full results of Friday and Saturday's competition will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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