Track takes six victories at Ed Temple Classic

Ann Dudley smashes school high jump record

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's Ann Dudley highlighted the teams' Saturday competition at the 2011 Ed Temple Classic hosted by TSU, winning the women's high jump with a school record leap of 5-11.25 (1.81m).

The sophomore's mark topped the school standard of 5-8 (1.72m) held by Veronica Tipton, Mia Florence, Cherice Robertson, and Dudley herself. She just missed earning and NCAA Automatic Qualifier, but could still qualify for March's NCAA Indoor Championships provisionally. Dudley also finished third in the 55 meter hurdles in 8.34.

Robertson took second in the high jump and won the 55 meter hurdles in 8.27.

Other highlights from the women's jumps included Nyeisha Wright taking victory in the long jump with a leap of 19-6.25 (5.95m) and transfer France Makabu finishing as the top collegiate finisher in the triple jump with a mark 41-0.25 (12.5m). Middle Tennessee alumni Sarah Nambawa won the triple as an unattached entrant with a jump of 44-3.25 (13.49m).

In the women's sprints, Kiara Henry won a double, taking victory in the 55 meter dash as well as the 200 meters with respective times of 7.13 and 25.34. Amber Jackson took victory in the 400 meters in 56.41.

Deanna Brasz performed well in the 3,000 meter run, winning the event in a time of 10:21.13.

On the men's side, Noah Akwu took gold in the 400 meters in a time of 48.63. Teammate Nathaniel Moore placed fifth in 51.22.

Festus Chemaoi was the top collegiate finisher in the 800 meters, clocking a time of 2:00.63.

In the men's jumps, Codairo Golden was the second collegiate finisher in the triple with a final leap of 46-10.75 (14.29m) and the fourth collegiately in the long, marking 22-4.25 (6.69m).

"Overall, it was a very encouraging first meet," said head coach Dean Hayes. "We had some very good performances and it what you want to see early in the season."

The teams will resume competition on Friday as the teams travel to Lexington, Ky., for the Kentucky Invitational.

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