David to run at NCAA Cross Country Championships

Men’s race scheduled for 11:08 a.m.

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- Middle Tennessee senior Justus David will run at the NCAA Cross Country Championships on Monday morning in Terre Haute, Ind.

The men’s 10k race is scheduled to begin at 11:08 a.m. CST at the Lavern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course. The 6k women’s race will follow at 11:58 a.m.

David will be the first Blue Raider to run at the national meet since Festus Chemaoi competed in the 2009 NCAA Championships. Former Middle Tennessee female Zamzam Sangau also ran at the 2009 meet.

“Justus is simply the real deal,” said cross country head coach Dean Hayes. “He has had an amazing season, winning several meets including the Sun Belt Championships a few weeks ago. He did what he had to do at the NCAA Regionals last weekend to make it to the Championships, and I believe he will do very well on Monday.”

The Kitui, Kenya, native has put together a historic season in 2011. He has placed in the top three in each of his six races this season. The highlight of the year came when he took the individual title at the Sun Belt Championships on Oct. 29. In all, he has collected three individual championships, with victories also coming at the PowerAde Invitational and the Front Runner Invitational.

David's third-place finish at last weekend's NCAA South Regional meet was the best finish at the regional meet in the history of the program. Chemaoi's 13th-place finish at the 2009 meet had been the previous best.

Monday's race will be broadcast live on NCAA.com. In addition, highlights of the meet will be shown during the CBS NCAA Fall Seasonal Show which will air on Christmas Day at 12 p.m. CST on CBS.

Complete NCAA Cross Country Championship information can be found here.

Results of the meet will be posted on the teams' Facebook and Twitter pages as soon as they become available. A full recap and results will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com on Monday evening.

Follow the Blue Raider men's and women's cross country teams on Twitter @MTTrackField and on Facebook at the MT Track & Field page. Also, stay up-to-date on the teams on the new Track & Field Notebook, which can be found here as well as linked on the Track & Field page on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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