

Jumpers, sprinters guide Track & Field at Kentucky Invitational

Dudley captures women's high jump title

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LEXINGTON, Ky. -- Middle Tennessee received solid performances from its jumpers and sprinters to lead the team to a successful day at the Kentucky Invitational on Saturday.

Junior Ann Dudley kick started the day with a win in the high jump competition, posting a mark of 5 feet, 11.50 inches (1.82 meters) to claim the event title. She also placed ninth in the triple jump and 11th in the 60 meters.

In addition to Dudley's ninth-place finish in the event, France Makabu placed fifth in the women's triple jump, leaping a 39-05.00 (12.01m).

Meanwhile Middle Tennessee dominated the men's triple jump. Cordairo Golden

recorded a jump of 50-00.75 (15.26m) to place second. He was followed by Kameron Rory who finished fifth while Michael Stokes garnered a sixth-place finish.

"I am very pleased with the performance of our teams today," said Middle Tennessee head coach Dean Hayes. "Ann Dudley and Cordairo Golden had great performances to lead the way in the jumps events and a number of our sprinters had great days. Overall, it was a nice day all around."

The Blue Raiders collected strong efforts from numerous sprinters. Roscoe Payne ran an even 8.00 seconds to place second in the men's 60-meter hurdles while Rosina Amenebede finished fourth in the women's event with a time of 8.64 seconds.

Kiara Henry led the women's squad with a sixth-place finish in the 200 meters, clocking a time of



24.86. On the men's side, a trio of Blue Raiders collected top-10 finishes in the 200 meters. Demetrius Shelton ran a 22.37 to finish fifth while Rycine Ellison placed seventh, clocking a time of 22.57. James Messick rounded out the top 10, finishing in 22.77 seconds.

Amber Jackson led a quartet of Blue Raider women in the 800 meters, notching a sixth-place finish while clocking a 2:12.43. Rachel Islam followed in 11th place while Lucy Kapkiai and Autumn Gipson captured respective 14th and 23rd-place finishes.

The Blue Raiders polished off the successful day with a strong performance in the men's 4x400-meter relays to close out the competition. The Middle Tennessee "A" team – comprised of Payne, Shelton, Asa Bowman and Nathaniel Moore – finished second, clocking a 3:15.00. Ellison, Messick, Lyle Haywood and Demarco Scales guided the Blue Raider "B" squad to a sixth-place finish.

Middle Tennessee will return to action next weekend when it hosts the Blue Raider Invitational on Saturday at the Murphy Center.

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