

Track & Field visits Atlanta for Yellow Jacket Invitational

Blue Raiders look to build momentum

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ATLANTA -- Following two successful meets to open the 2012 outdoor season, the Blue Raider track and field teams will journey out of state for the first time this year when they head to Atlanta this weekend to compete in the Yellow Jacket Invitational.

The competition is set to begin Friday evening with the men's and women's hammer throw and the 5,000-meter run. Various field events will kick start the day on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. CT with the meet scheduled to come to a close with the 4x400-meter relays at 3:30 p.m. The full meet schedule can be viewed [here](#)

No. 9 Georgia and No. 10 Virginia Tech headline the men's teams scheduled to compete this weekend while the 16th-ranked Bulldogs' women's squad will highlight the women's field. Other schools set to compete in the 12-team meet include Air Force, Michigan, Vanderbilt and Virginia Tech.

"This has always been a great meet for us to compete in," said Middle Tennessee head coach Dean Hayes. "The field of teams competing is good but not overwhelming and the facility is top-notch. We will continue to experiment with people participating in a number of different events and get some experience for some of our athletes."

Kirara Henry and France Makabu led the Middle Tennessee women at last year's meet. Henry was the top collegiate finisher in the long jump while Makabu recorded a second-place finish in the triple jump. The men were led by Steven Palmer who captured a runner-up finish in the 400 meters.



The Blue Raider men and women have gotten off to outstanding starts to the 2012 outdoor campaign. Through the first two meets, the women's squad has captured a total of nine event titles while the men have come away with eight victories.

Cordairo Golden and Roscoe Payne have guided the men thus far this season. Golden has claimed victory in the triple and long jump competitions in both of the teams' meets while Payne has three wins and a second-place finish while competing in the 110-meter hurdle and 400-meter hurdle events. On Wednesday, the senior sprinter was named Sun Belt Track Athlete of the Week for the second-consecutive week for his performance at last weekend's Vanderbilt Black and Gold Meet.

Rosina Amenebede had perhaps the best meet of her career last weekend in Nashville. She won both the 100-meter hurdles and 100-meter dash while joining with Henry, Sheniece Daphness and Nyeisha Wright to notch victory in the women's 4x100-meter relay competition.

The Blue Raider women have dominated the jumps events in the first two meets of the outdoor campaign. Wright has won both long jump competitions while Ann Dudley has posted victory in the high jump competition at the Rhodes Open Meet and Vanderbilt Black and Gold Meet.

Live stats will be available for each game of the series and can be accessed [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 Saturday evening.

Follow the Blue Raider track and field 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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