

Jumpers power track & field at Yellow Jacket Invitational

Makabu leads Blue Raider women

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Tennessee sophomore France Makabu finished as the top collegiate finisher in the women's triple jump competition to pace the Blue Raider track and field teams at the Georgia Tech Yellow Jacket Invitational on Saturday.

The Paris, France, native leapt 41 feet, 10 inches (12.75 meters) to place third overall in the event but first among collegiates. She also was a member of the Blue Raider 4x400-meter relay team which came away with a third-place finish. Makabu joined Autumn Gipson, Rachel Islam and Lucy Kapkiai to record a time of 3 minutes, 49.78 seconds in the competition.

In the women's long jump, Nyeisha Wright and Euphemia Edem came away with respective third and fourth-place finishes. Wright leapt 18-10.50 (5.75m) while Edem posted a jump of 18-9.25 (5.72m).

Despite not winning the event, Ann Dudley had another nice effort in the high jump, clearing the bar at 5-7.75 (1.72m) to



finish fourth.

Cordairo Golden led the men's jumpers with third-place finishes in both the long and triple jumps. The Memphis, Tenn., product notched a measurement of 23-1.75 (7.05m) in the long jump while jumping 49-4.50



(15.05m) in the triple jump. Cameron Zeman meanwhile successfully cleared the bar in the high jump at 6-6.00 (1.98m) to finish fifth.

Amber Jackson led the Middle Tennessee women in the running events. The junior finished as the top-collegiate finisher in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10.06.

The Middle Tennessee women once again posted a solid run in the 4x100-meter relay. Rosina Amenebede, Sheniece Daphness, Nyeisha Wright and Kiara Henry joined together to record a time of 46.13 seconds, good enough for a runner-up finish.

On the men's side, Robinson Simatei and Vincent Bett notched top-five finishes in the 3,000-meter steeplechase competition. Simatei placed second while running 9:36.53 and Bett logged a time of 9:48.73 to finish fifth.

In the 400 meters, Steven Palmer placed third with a time of 47.26 seconds. Junior Cadet meanwhile led the men in the hurdles, crossing the finish line in 14.73 seconds to place fifth in the 110-meter hurdles.

"I was once again proud of the effort that we put forth today," said Middle Tennessee head coach Dean Hayes. "We got great results from a number of people throughout the day. I am certainly pleased with where we are at this point in the season."

The Blue Raider track and field teams will head to Auburn, Ala., next weekend to compete in the Tiger Invitational.

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