Track & Field voyages to Sea Ray Invitational

Blue Raiders also compete at Boston Moon Classic

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -- The Middle Tennessee track and field teams will continue their 2012 outdoor seasons this weekend when they travel east to Knoxville to take part in the Sea Ray Invitational.

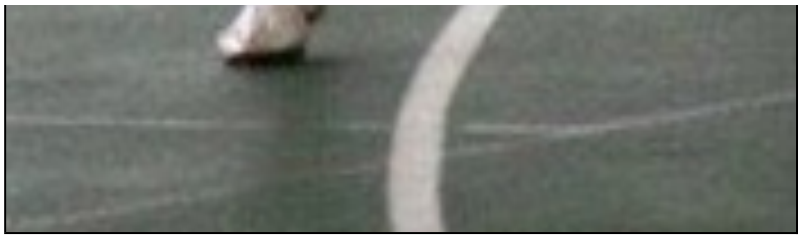
The Blue Raiders will also be represented at the Boston Moon Classic in Nashville as select athletes will compete in Saturday's meet hosted by Tennessee State.

The Sea Ray Invitational got under way Wednesday with multi events and the Blue Raiders will begin competing on Friday. Meanwhile the Boston Moon Classic is set to begin Saturday at 10 a.m. CT with field events kicking off the competition. The full meet schedules can be viewed below.

Sea Ray Invitational Schedule

Boston Moon Classic Schedule

Charlotte, Connecticut, Michigan, Pittsburgh, Xavier and host Tennessee will be among those to join Middle Tennessee this weekend in Knoxville while athletes from schools including Belmont, Lipscomb and host Tennessee



State will await the Blue Raiders in Nashville.

"We will be facing some good competition at both meets," said Middle Tennessee head coach Dean Hayes. "Our primary goal in Knoxville this weekend is to improve our relay events and to continue to get sharper all around as a team. The Boston Moon Classic will provide us with the opportunity to get some people experience as we head into the final few meets of the season."

Middle Tennessee had a very good day at the Boston Moon Classic last season. Numerous Blue Raiders took home event titles and set personal-best marks including Ann Dudley who won the high jump and Amber Jackson who claimed the 400-meter title. The men were led by Noah Akwu and Steven Palmer who recorded respective runner-up finishes in the 100 and 400 meters. The Blue Raiders did not compete in last year's Sea Ray Invitational.

Nyeisha Wright continued her strong 2012 outdoor campaign last weekend as she took victory in the long jump competition, picking up her third title in the event this season. Sophomore Kameron Rory helped propel the Blue Raider men as he set a personal-best while placing fourth in the men's long jump. The Birmingham, Ala., native has racked up three top-five finishes in the event so far this year.

While Middle Tennessee was competing at the Tiger Track Classic last weekend, a couple of Blue Raiders posted record-breaking performances at the Stanford Invitational last Saturday. In the women's 5,000 meters, Lucy Kapkiai clocked a time of 16 minutes, besting the previous school record of 17:21.42 set by Zamzam Sangau in 2009. Justus David crossed the finish line in 28:55.69 in the men's 10,000-meter competition, which broke Chris Mason's previous record of 30:31.85. The time also currently stands as the 10th best in the country this season.

Live statistics of the Sea Ray Invitational can be followed here while the Boston Moon Classic can be kept up with here.

Results of the meets will be posted on the teams' Facebook and Twitter pages as soon as they become available this weekend. A full recap and results will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com on Friday and 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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