Jumpers shepherd track & field at Vanderbilt Invitational

More solid results on Day 2 for MT

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Middle Tennessee junior Ann Dudley won the women's high jump competition, highlighting another great day for the Blue Raider track and field teams on Saturday at the Vanderbilt Invitational.

The Jacksonville, Fla., product leaped 5 feet, 8.75 inches (1.75 meters) to pick up her second title in the event this spring to go along with four total top-five finishes.

In the women's triple jump competition, France Makabu placed as the top collegiate finisher and second overall with a jump of 38-10.25 (11.84m). The result is her second-consecutive top collegiate finish and fourth top-five finish in the competition this season. Makabu was followed by teammates Euphemia Edem and Nyeisha Wright who finished fifth and sixth with respective leaps of 37-7.25 (11.46m) and 37-5.00 (11.40m).

In the men's event, Kameron Rory recorded a leap of 44-8.00 (13.61m) to finish sixth while Solomon Atosona rounded out the top 10, jumping 42-11.00 (13.08m).

Middle Tennessee also had a terrific day on Saturday in the sprints events. Roscoe Payne paved the way with a victory in the men's 110-meter hurdles while finishing with a time of 14.14 seconds.

Meanwhile in the women's 100-meter hurdles, Rosina Amenebede bagged a runner-up finish, clocking a 13.83. Dudley trailed not far behind, crossing the finish line in 14.37 seconds to finish fifth.

Rachel Islam and Christal Wilson paced the Blue Raider women with a pair of top-10 finishes in the 400-meter hurdle competition. Islam placed fifth while running a 1:03.74 and Wilson logged a 1:04.34 to finish sixth. Junior Cadet placed seventh in the men's competition, completing the race in 54.95 seconds.

Senior Nyeisha Wright ran a season-best time of 12.22 seconds in the women's 100 meters to capture a sixth-place finish in the event.

In the men's 400 meters, Middle Tennessee placed five runners in the top 15. Freshmen Asa Bowman and Geoffrey Akena paced the squad as they finished ninth and 10th with respective times of 49.15 and 49.69 seconds. Nathaniel Moore and James Messick followed behind in 11th and 12th place while Demetrius Shelton notched a 14th-place finish.

Middle Tennessee continued its impressive outdoor campaign in the relay competitions. The women claimed the event title in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 46.24 seconds while the men clocked a 41.06 to record a runner-up finish.

Middle Tennessee will return to the track for a busy week of competition next week. A number of Blue Raiders will head to the prestigious Penn Relays which begin Thursday while others will compete in the Memphis Invitational on Saturday.

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