

Track & Field to compete at Penn Relays

Blue Raiders also head to Troy

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa. -- The Middle Tennessee track and field teams will once again return to the track when they take part in the prestigious Penn Relays this weekend at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Relays, considered to be the premiere annual track & field event in the country, began in 1895 at the University of Pennsylvania. The event has grown through the years and now attracts more than 22,000 competitors and 110,000 spectators over three days.

Middle Tennessee has traditionally competed well at the competition. Last season, Kortney Thurman claimed the women's long jump championship, leaping 20 feet, 3 inches (6.17 meters) to capture the victory.



The Blue Raiders will begin competing on Thursday as Justus David will compete in the men's collegiate 5,000 meters and Lucy Kapkiai will take part in the Olympic development women's 5,000-meter competition. Meanwhile Kiara Henry, Euphemia Edem and Nyeisha Wright will participate in the women's collegiate long jump while a number of Blue Raiders will run in various relay events.

Complete information on the 2012 Penn Relays can be found [here](#). A schedule of events with participating Blue Raiders meanwhile can be viewed [here](#).

Middle Tennessee will also have athletes competing in Troy, Ala., this weekend at the Coach "O" Invitational.

The competition is set to begin Saturday at 10 a.m. CT with a number of field events while the track competitions are scheduled to start at 11:20 a.m. The men's and women's 4x400-meter relay races will close out the meet shortly before 5 p.m.

Complete Coach "O" Invitational information can be found [here](#). "It is always exciting to compete at the Penn Relays," said Middle Tennessee head coach Dean Hayes. "It is a great experience for our athletes as they get the opportunity to compete in front of 60,000 people at such a historic facility. "The Coach 'O' Invitational allows us to have other competitors take part in a meet which features good competition but is not too large of an event. The goal is to continue to develop and get better in preparation for the upcoming Sun Belt Championships."

Results of the meets will be posted on the teams' Facebook and Twitter pages at the end of each day of competition with a full recap and results also available on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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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