Dudley, Women's DMR grab titles on Day 1 of SBC Championships

Women's squad in second, men seventh

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JONESBORO, Ark. - Middle Tennessee's Ann Dudley set a new meet record in the women's high jump, and the women's 4000 meter distance medley relay team grabbed a title on Day 1 of the Sun Belt Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Dudley won her third consecutive SBC women's high jump title, hitting a mark of five feet, 11.5 inches, out-jumping her nearest opponent by .05 meters.

In the final event of the first day, MT's DMR squad of Stephanie Smith, Amber Jackson, Rachel Islam and Autumn Gipson cruised through the course in 12:06.10, setting a facility record and outdistancing the competition by over three seconds.

Cordairo Golden, who is a front runner for the men's triple jump title, took second in the men's long jump (7.22 meters) and 10th in the high jump (1.95 meters).

The Blue Raiders competed well in both 3000 meter races, as Lucy Kapkiai took third in the women's with a time of 9:56.83, and Julia Kitevski (10:29.33) was 11th. On the men's side, Shadrack Matelong was fifth, crossing the finish in 8:32.45, while Silas Taiget (8:36.78) took eighth.

Several MT runners qualified for Day 2 after preliminary races on Day 1. Asa Bowman (1:57.58) and Eluid Rutto (1:56.82) qualified in the men's 800, while Autumn Gipson (2:17.02) and Rachel Islam (2:15.87) qualified on the women's side.

Only one Blue Raider reached the finals in the 400 meter dash, as Emmanuel Tugumisirize tied for fifth in qualifying with a time of 48.668q.

Noah Akwu (6.555) was seventh in the men's 55 meter prelims, and all four MT competitors qualified

in the women's 55 meter hurdle prelims. Rosina Amenebede (7.92), India Hammond (8.02), Christal Wilson (8.04) and Dudley (8.05) were second, fourth, seventh and eighth, respectively.

In the 200 meter dashes, final qualifiers were Awku (21.56) in third on the men's side, and Christal Wilson (24.87) in eighth on the women's side.

Day 1 Team Standings

Women
1 Arkansas State(40)
2 Middle Tennessee (36.5)
3 North Texas (34)
4 Western Kentucky (26)
5 South Alabama (19.5)
6 FIU (19)
7 Georgia State (10)
8 Louisiana (8)
9 Florida Atlantic (1)
9 Troy (1)

Men
1 Western Kentucky (46)
2 North Texas (40)
3 Louisiana (39)
4 Arkansas State (27)
5 South Alabama (23)
6 UL-Monroe (22)
7 Middle Tennessee (17)
8 FlU (11)
9 UALR (9)

Day 1 Results (MT only)

Men's Long Jump Finals
2. Cordairo Golden (7.22m / 23-8.25)
7. Kameron Rory (6.94m / 22-9.25)
18. Junior Cadet (5.95M / 19-6.25)
-- Nigel Jones (FOUL)

Women's High Jump Finals
1. Ann Dudley (1.82m / 5-11.5) $%
T4. Pershawna Williams (1.67m / 5-5.75)

Women's Long Jump Finals
5. Rosina Amenebede (5.96m / 19-6.75)
7. India Hammond (5.78m / 18-11.75)
10. Amber Dandy (5.69m) / 18-8.00)
15. Ann Dudley (5.43m / 17-9.75)
20. France Makabu (5.30m / 17-4.75)

25. Pershawna Williams (4.95m / 16-3.00)

Men's 800 Meter Prelims (Heat Winners + next fastest times)
3. Asa Bowman (1:57.58Q)
7. Eluid Rutto (1:56.82q)
10. Daniel Ketter (1:58.27)
15. Lyle Haywood (1:58.91)
19. DeMarco Scales (2:01.47)
21. Robinson Simatei (2:01.76)

Women's 800 Meter Prelims (Heat Winners + next fastest times)
3. Autumn Gipson (2:17.02Q)
5. Rachel Islam (2:15.87q)
10. Amber Jackson (2:17.75)
14. Tressanique Hampton (2:19.25)

Men's 400 Meter Dash Prelims (Top eight advance)
T5. Emmanuel Tugumisirize (48.668q)
9. Geoffrey Akena (49.61)
10. Andre Hamilton (49.61)
12. James Messick (50.13)
17. Demetrius Shelton (50.48)
21. Steven Palmer (51.20)

Women's 400 Meter Dash Prelims (Top eight advance)
22. Ginasia Hamilton (1:00.18)
27. Adreonna Williams (1:04.72)
29. Jasmine Nesbitt (1:06.74)

Men's 55 Meter Dash Prelims (Top eight advance)
7. Noah Akwu (6.555q)
11. Drayton Calhoun (6.61)
13. Kendall Bacchus (6.66)
14. Daniel Mitchell (6.67)
19. Rycine Ellison (6.76)

Women's 55 Meter Dash Prelims (Top eight advance)
11. Jasmine Abrams (7.21)
16. Rosina Amenebede (7.24)
27. Amber Dandy (7.49)

Men's 55 Meter Hurdle Finals (Heat Winner + next five fastest times)
11. Bryson Lillard (8.01)

Women's 55 Meter Hurdles (Heat Winner + next five fastest times)
2. Rosina Amenebede (7.92q)
4. India Hammond (8.020q)
7. Christal Wilson (8.040q)

8. Ann Dudley (8.05q)

Men's 3000 Meter Finals
5. Shadrack Matelong (8:32.45)
8. Silas Taiget (8:36.78)

Women's 3000 Meter Finals
3. Lucy Kapkiai (9:56.83)
11. Julia Kitevski (10:29.33)

Men's High Jump Finals
T10. Cordairo Golden (1.95m / 6-4.75)

Men's 200 Meter Dash Prelims (Top eight advance)
3. Noah Akwu (21.56q)
13. Demetrius Shelton (22.15)
15. Emmanuel Tugumisirize (22.23)
21. Kendall Bacchus (22.70)
22. Rycine Ellison (22.77)
27. Drayton Calhoun (23.76)

Women's 200 Meter Dash Prelims (Top eight advance)
8. Christal Wilson (24.87q)
16. Jasmine Abrams (25.25)
24. Ginasia Hamilton (26.08)

Men's 4000 Meters Distance Medley Relay Finals
7. Middle Tennessee "A" (10:19.64)
Haywood, Ketter, Akena, Dixon

Women's 4000 Meters Distance Medley Relay Finals
1. Middle Tennessee "A" (12:06.05)
Smith, Jackson, Islam, Gipson

Q - Qualified by winning heat
q - Qualified by fastest times

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