Track and Field wins two events at Last Chance Invitational

Akwu, Golden win 200 meters and triple jump, respectively

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BLACKSBURG, Va. - Middle Tennessee sent six athletes to compete at the Last Chance Invitational, hosted by Virginia Tech on Saturday, and came home with two first-place finishes, though no performances were listed in the top 16 of the NCAA.

After Last Chance meets in Iowa and Washington are completed, MT will know who has qualified for the NCAA Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., on March 8-9, as only those athletes with the top 16 performances in their events (nationally) will qualify.

Rosina Amenebede competed in the women's 60 meter hurdles, and after qualifying second (8.50) in the prelims, ran a time of 8.70 in the finals for fifth place.

In the men's 200 meter dash, Noah Akwu turned in a first-place performance of 21.41 seconds, but was nearly .5 seconds behind the current 16th best time in the nation. Akwu had a time of 20.91 earlier this season that leaves him with a chance of representing the Blue Raiders at the NCAA's.

Cordairo Golden won the men's triple jump, hitting a season best mark of 51 feet, 6.25 inches, but was still .14 meters behind No. 16.

France Makabu (12.28m) was 10th in the women's triple jump, while Kameron Rory and Nigel Jones were fifth and sixth, respectively, in the men's long jump.

MT athletes will compete in the NCAA Championships next weekend before the outdoor season begins on March 16 at the Rhodes Invitational in Memphis, Tenn.

Complete Results (MT Only)

Women's 60 Meter Hurdle Prelims (Top eight qualify)

2. Rosina Amenebede (8.50Q)

Women's 60 Meter Hurdle Finals
5. Rosina Amenebede (8.70)

Women's Triple Jump Finals
10. France Makabu (12.28m / 40-3.50)

Men's 200 Meter Finals
1. Noah Akwu (21.41)

Men's Long Jump
6. Kameron Rory (7.10m / 23-3.50)
7. Nigel Jones (7.09m / 23-3.25)

Men's Triple Jump
1. Cordairo Golden (15.70m / 51-6.25)

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