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UMKC Track and Field Set for K.T. Woodman Classic

WICHITA, Kan. – The UMKC track and field team will continue the outdoor season at the K.T. Woodman Classic, hosted by Wichita State, this weekend.

The Distance Carnival will open running events for the Roos on Friday evening. On Saturday, UMKC will start in the field with the women's hammer throw at 11 a.m. CT and continue on the track with the 100-meter dash preliminaries at 12:30 p.m. CT.

A total of 23 men are projected to compete in 17 individual events for UMKC, including **Zane Lockhart** (Plattsmouth, Neb.) who will battle in a team-high four events. **Christopher Bryan** (St. Catherine, Jamaica), the Western Athletic Conference Men's Field Athlete of the Week, will look to continue his success in three events, while teammate **Jacob Hockman** (Centralia, Mo.) will show his strength in three throwing events for UMKC.

On the women's side, 31 student-athletes will participate in 16 individual events and the 4x100-meter relay, with **Jada Steele** (Detroit, Mich.) competing in five events for the second consecutive meet to lead the way. Junior **Blessing Oparaji** (St. Louis, Mo.) and freshman **Jayla Riggins** (St. Louis, Mo.) will compete alongside each other in three of their four events, including the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and long jump.

UMKC returns four Western Athletic Conference individual champions, eight first team all-conference performers and 13 second team All-WAC honorees from last season.

The Roos will travel to Lawrence, Kan., next week for the Kansas Relays. The four-day meet is scheduled to begin on Wednesday with five events of the decathlon and four heptathlon events.

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