Track Wins Six Events at Vandy Invitational

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee track and field teams won six events and had three second-place finishes during Friday and Saturday's Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville, Tenn. Senior Godfrey Herring won the men's 400m in 45.93, while teammates Rob Jordan (47.54) and Omar Ali (48.00) placed fourth and fifth, respectively. The 4x400m relay team also won in 3:12.58, and Levi Sybert won Friday night's 3000m in 8:49.24. Sophomore Chris Koger continued his dominance this season with another victory in the high jump, clearing 6-8. Also for the Blue Raiders, Anthony McGary placed second in the 1500m in 3:59.89, while Victor Okorie came in second in the 400m hurdles in 53.34 and Lindsey Sims was second in the javelin with a mark of 168-6. For the Lady Raiders, senior Coleen Parker won her first event in the Blue and White, taking the 400m in 56.54, while freshman Dara McLean won the javelin with a mark of 121-5 and Kelley Smith came in third in the javelin (116-5). Middle Tennessee finished 2-7 in the long jump, with Stephany Reid jumping a team season-best of 19-4 to finish third. Letitia Eady was fourth with a mark of 19-2.75, and Kiki Deckard came in fifth with a jump of 18-8. Kim Freeman placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 41-5.25, while Reid was fourth (41-4.25) and Jameka Collins came in fifth (40-4.75). Eady's mark was her best of the season thus far. Freeman finished fourth in the 100m in 12.26, her first time running the event this season, while Lanora Gray was fourth in the 200m in 25.18. Amanda Forrester came in sixth in the high jump, clearing 5-4.5, her second highest mark of the season. A dozen Middle Tennessee athletes will compete in next week's Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa., while the rest of the squads will travel to Des Moines, Iowa, for the Drake Relays.

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