

Host of Tracksters Impressive at Blue Raider Classic

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's track squads hosted the Blue Raider Classic Saturday at the Murphy Center, with a host of Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders finishing at or near the top.

Freshman Sean Waller had the most impressive day for the Blue Raiders, winning the 400m in 47.69 and jumping a personal-best 24-6 in the long jump to finish as the top collegian in the event. Former Blue Raider Roland McGhee won the long jump. Waller also ran the anchor leg on the winning mile relay for the Blue Raiders.

The men finishing one through four in the 400m, as sophomore Wesley Dupar-Scott was second (47.98), senior DJ Spann third and

senior Omar Ali placed fourth. Freshman Linnie Yarbrough won the 55m hurdles for the second time this season, and senior Mardy Scales took first in the 55m dash in 6.26, an NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

The Blue Raiders had four runners place in the top eight in the 200m, with Scales finishing second (21.16), Brad Orr taking fourth (21.77), Ali coming in sixth (21.84) and Tim Hicks taking eighth (22.24). In the mile run, Levi Sybert finished second, while Geoffrey Lagat and Anthony McGary took fourth and fifth, respectively. McGary also placed fourth in the 800m.

In the field events, JJ Sturm finished fifth and was the second best collegian in the long jump with a mark of 22-5.5. Freshman Pierre Ingram won the high jump, clearing 6-6 for the second time this season, while Randy McKeever came in fifth in the event. Willie Parker had a season-best 43-0.25 to



finish fourth in the shot put, while Jesse Newsome was fifth in the event.

The mile relay team of Dupar-Scott, Spann, Hicks and Waller ran 3:14.06, a team season-best, to win the final event of the meet.

For the Lady Raiders, Kim Freeman was first in the long jump and third in the triple jump, while Letitia Eady took second in the triple and third in the long jump.

Freeman jumped 18-9.5 in the long and 39-10 in the triple, while Eady had marks of 17-11.25 in the long and 40-3 in the triple. KeKe Deckard took second in the long jump (18-0.5) and fifth in the triple jump (37-1.5), while Rolanda Howard was fourth in the long (17-9.5) and in the triple (37-3).

Sophomore Jennifer Howard finished second in the pole vault, clearing 10-0, and was over the bar at 10-6 before knocking it off. Amanda Forrester and LaToya Brown each jumped 5-2 in the high jump, and Meaghan Byrd won the shot put with a season-best 42-4.75 and improved on her own school-record in the weigh throw with a mark of 40-8.25. Dara McLean had a mark of 37-1 in the weight throw.

Sophomore Kishara George won the 400m in 56.42, as the Lady Raiders finished one through four in the event. Lanora Gray was second (58.21), followed by Nicolette Jarrett (58.76) and Kerry Barrow. Jerkita McClorin led four Lady Raiders in the 55m hurdles, finishing in 8.23. Candice Robertson was third in 8.37, followed by Rolanda Howard in fifth (8.55) and Brown in sixth (8.58).

Barrow led three runners in the 200m, placing third in 25.16, while Gray took fifth (25.53) and Freeman was eighth (25.93).

Middle Tennessee travels to Bloomington, Ind., next week for the Indiana Invitational on Friday and Saturday. The squads will host the Middle Tennessee Classic on February 15, with Western Kentucky, Tennessee State, Wallace State CC and Southern Miss participating.

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