Scales Wins Twice as Blue Raiders Claim VU Title

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Junior Mardy Scales won twice in his first outdoor meet of the season to help Middle Tennessee's men win the Vanderbilt Invitational team title Saturday at the Vanderbilt Track. Sophomore Rosemary Okafor won once and was the top collegian in another event as the Lady Raiders finished fourth.

Scales ran 10.27 in the 100m and 20.77 in the 200m, both team bests this season, to win both events. The Blue Raiders also won the 400m, as freshman Sean Waller posted his best time of the season and another personal-best of 46.72, while the 4x400m relay won in 3:13.42 and the 4x100m relay finished second and was the top collegiate team in 40.11.

For the Lady Raiders, Okafor won the 200m in 23.50 and placed second and was the top collegian in the 400m in 52.61. Okafor's time in the 200m is her best this season and the 400m mark bests her own school record set at the Alabama Relays a month ago.

Both squads got a host of top-eight finishes to help fuel their way to the top of the team competition.

For the Blue Raiders, Victor Okorie finished sixth in the 100m (10.70) and also placed third in the 400m hurdles (50.67), just behind teammate DJ Spann, who finished second and was the top collegian in the intermediate event in 50.58. Linnie Yarbrough was sixth (54.11) and Jasper Demps came in eighth, as well, in the 400m hurdles.

Fred Williams and Omar Ali placed third (48.20) and sixth (48.87), respectively, in the 400m behind Waller, while Garland Martin (14.17), Yarbrough (14.18) and Demps (14.23) finished 4-5-6, respectively, in the 110m hurdles.

Rob Jordan finished third in the triple jump with a mark of 49-2.5, as Blue Raider graduate assistant coach Andrew Owusu won the event with a mark of 53-4.25.

For the Lady Raiders, Kerry Barrow was fifth (24.45) in the 200m and seventh (12.07) in the 100m, while Kishara George ran 56.10 to finish sixth in the 400m.

Jerkita McClorin and LaToya Brown were fourth (14.34) and sixth (14.78), respectively, in the 100m hurdles, while Candice Robertson placed fifth (1:04.86) in the 400m hurdles.

The 4x100m relay won for the Lady Raiders, while the 4x400m relay placed second.

Brown also tied for sixth in the high jump (5-2.25) on Saturday, while Jennifer Howard was also sixth in the pole vault, clearing 9-10.5. Kim Freeman came in fifth in the triple jump (40-4) and McClorin finished sixth (107-4) in the javelin.

On Friday night, Freeman won the long jump and Jordan was the top collegian in the same event.

Freeman won with a mark of 18-2.5, while Rolanda Howard finished fifth (17-8) and Brown was seventh (17-4.75). Meaghan Byrd placed fifth in the shot put with a mark of 40-2, while Kelly Enoch came in eighth (38-4.75).

For the men, Jordan was the top collegian behind former Blue Raider All-American Roland McGhee. Jordan jumped a season-best 24-11, while freshman JJ Sturm cleared the seven-meter mark with a jump of 23-4 to finish fifth.

Senior Levi Sybert ran a season-best 9:12.58 in the 3000m steeplechase to place second, while Zack Wood came in seventh in the event in 9:46.53. Josh Carroll placed eighth in the 3000m run with a time of 8:53.15.

The Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders will be in a host of places next weekend, with small contingents at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa., and the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, and the majority of the squads at the Murray State Invitational in Murray, Ky., on Saturday.

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