

Reid Wins Twice to Lead Blue Raiders at Indiana

Senior also part of winning relay; James Thomas breaks school record in weight throw

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Orlando Reid won both the 200- and 400-meters and was part of the winning 4x400-meter relay, leading Middle Tennessee's track teams in the two-day competition at the Indiana Relays in Bloomington, Ind. Reid, a senior, won Saturday's 200-meters in an NCAA provisional time of 21.38 while fellow senior Juan Walker placed fifth in 22.03. Reid was also victorious in the 400-meter invitational only race on Friday with a winning time of 47.77. The Blue Raiders then capped off the meet Saturday with a winning time of 3:14.41 in the 4x400-meters, with Walker, senior Jermaine Barton, Reid and junior Carlos Morgan teaming for the victory. Another Blue Raider senior also had a great weekend, as James Thomas broke his own school record by more than a foot-and-a-half. Thomas placed fourth in the weight throw with a school-record 58-8.75, eclipsing his previous mark of 57-1.5 set last season. Thomas also finished eighth in the shot put with a mark of 50-8.75. Elsewhere for the men, Morgan finished fourth in the long jump with a mark of 23-6.75 after



jumping 23-11.75 in Friday's prelims. Senior JaKeith Hairston was seventh in the long jump with a mark of 22-4.5. Walker finished third in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 7.84 after claiming the fastest times in both the prelims and semifinals. For the Blue Raider women, sophomore TraMayne Gillyard placed seventh in the open 400-meters with a time of 57.67, while the freshmen throwers for the Blue Raiders had another good weekend. MeLyn Thompson placed second in the shot put with a mark of 45-4.5 and Brittany Cox was fifth in the same event with a mark of 45-0.25. Cox posted a mark of 55-7 in the weight throw prelims on Friday but did not participate in the finals. Also in the field events, junior Stephanie Tamgho finished fifth in the long jump with a mark of 18-6 after jumping 18-11.5 in Friday's prelims. Tamgho was also third in the triple jump with a mark of 39-0.25 and freshman Sarah Nambawa placed sixth in the event with a mark of 38-0.75. On Friday at Goldstein Fieldhouse, senior Pierre Ingram finished sixth with a season-best mark of 6-7.25. In the women's 400-meter invitational, seniors Veronia Patterson and Shanna-Kay Campbell placed fifth and seventh, respectively with times of 56.55 and 57.35. "Orlando and Juan both had good days and James had a terrific weekend," head coach Dean Hayes said. "The guys did a really good job in most of the events and we're building well toward the conference championships. "The women also had some good performances, with MeLyn and Brittany doing well again and we had some good times in the sprints. Right now several of the women are hurt, so we've got to get them back healthy in the next two weeks." The Blue Raiders host the Middle Tennessee Valentine Invitational on February 10 at Murphy Center before taking part in the Sun Belt Championships, February 24-25, in Jonesboro, Ark.

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