Women Finish Third, Men Fourth at SBC Indoors

Seniors Reid, Thomas both claim victories on final day

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Senior Orlando Reid won two events and James Thomas another, but the Middle Tennessee men finished fourth and the women third on the final day of competition Sunday at the Sun Belt Indoor Track and Field Championships in Jonesboro, Ark. The Blue Raiders headed into the meet with many athletes ailing and came out in even worse shape, especially on the men's side, after senior Juan Walker, who qualified for two running event finals, was hurt during Sunday morning's triple jump. Walker did not participate in the remainder of the events and freshman Duronal Monal also did not run in event finals. Junior Carlos Morgan was injured during Saturday's long jump and his brother, Carl Morgan, competed in only one event this indoor season because of injury. Reid had the best day of any Blue Raider, taking first in the 55-meter dash in 6.36 and then first in the 200-meters in another NCAA provisional time, 21.32. Reid led a 1-2-3 finish in the 200, with sophomore Samuel Adade and senior Jermaine Barton finishing in 21.72 and 21.73, respectively. Thomas won Sunday's weight throw with a mark of 55-9.25, an event he also won last year when he garnered Most Outstanding Field Performer honors. Reid and Thomas claimed the

only victories for either the men's or women's teams on Sunday. For the Blue Raider women, freshman Brittany Cox enjoyed another good day, finishing second in the weight throw with a mark of 56-10.25. In other field events, freshman Sarah Nambawa placed third in the triple jump with a mark of 39-7.25 and junior Stephanie Tamgho was fourth with a mark of 39-1.25. In the running events, freshman Sangau Zamzam had two good performances, finishing fourth in the mile run in 5:13.16 and sixth in the 5000-meters in 19:01.20. Senior Veronia Patterson placed fifth in the 400-meters in 56.32, while sophomore Iceca Epps was third in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.14 and junior Sierra Douglas finishing seventh in 8.38. Nambawa came back later in the day to place second in the 800-meters in 2:17.86, and junior Marjorie Gombert was fourth in 2:18.30. Senior Shanna-Kay Campbell finished third in the 200-meters in 24.80. The women's 4x400-meter relay of sophomore TraMayne Gillyard, junior Antranette Stringer, Nambawa and Patterson came in fourth in 3:53.07. On the men's side, senior JaKeith Hairston finished fourth in the long jump with a mark of 47-1.5, with Walker not recording a mark after his injury. Adade and Barton placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 400-meters in 48.78 and 48.93, while sophomore Pete Senatus was eighth in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.00. Freshman Julius Kirui finished sixth for the second straight day, this time in the 5000-meters in 15:30.66. "Zamzam ran really well, as did Orlando, and James had a good throw to win the weight," head coach Dean Hayes said. "Brittany had another good day in the weight as well. Those who competed did well, but we had more points sitting out than we scored." A select group of Middle Tennessee tracksters will travel to Ames, Iowa, for next week's NCAA Last Chance Meet. The outdoor season begins March 24-25 at the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa, Ala. **Sun Belt Championships**

Final Team Results

WOMEN

1. Western Kentucky 126
2. Florida International 98.75
3. Middle Tennessee 87
4. North Texas 79.50
5. South Alabama 62.25
6. Arkansas State 57.25
7. Troy 54
8. Florida Atlantic 42
9. Arkansas-Little Rock 27
10. Louisiana-Monroe 22.25
11. Louisiana-Lafayette 7

MEN

1. Arkansas State 129
2. South Alabama 129
3. Western Kentucky 85
4. Middle Tennessee 84.50
5. North Texas 53.50
6. Florida International 53.50
7. Louisiana-Monroe 49
8. Arkansas-Little Rock 30
9. Louisiana-Lafayette 27

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