

# Track Wins Nine Events in Opener

December 7, 2003 · MT Media Relations

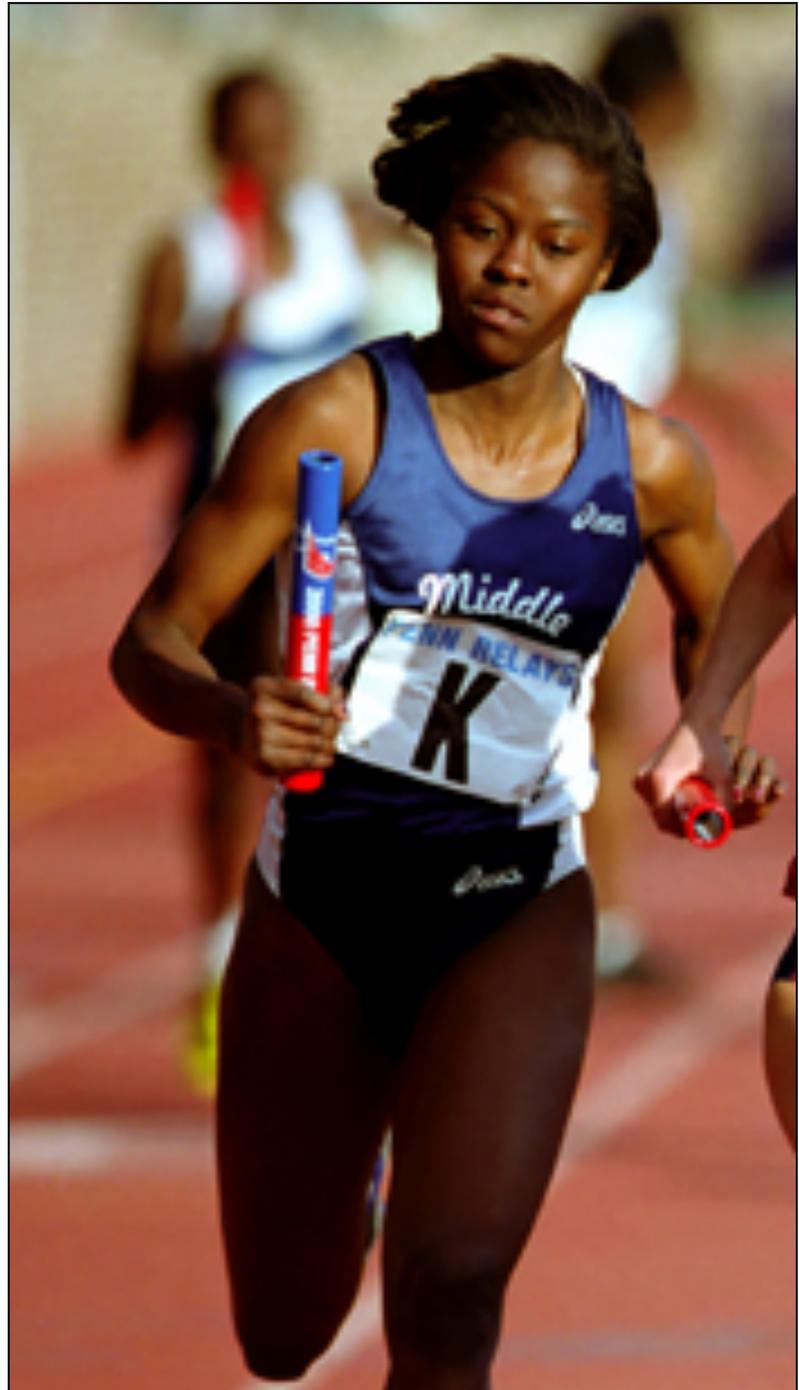
**MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -** The Middle Tennessee track and field squads won nine events Sunday during the team's first indoor meet of the season at the MT Christmas Invitational at Murphy Center, breaking a pair of school records and getting a pair of victories from two-time Indoor All-American Mardy Scales as well as junior Kishara George.

Scales, who won the outdoor 100 at the NCAA Track & Field Championships this past June, won in convincing fashion in both the 55 and 200, running 6.26 to win by .06 in the 55 and then coming back to take the 200 (21.32) by almost a second over the nearest competitor.

The Blue Raiders swept the long and triple jump on Sunday, as sophomore JJ Sturm set his personal-best in the long jump with a mark of 23-9 and sophomore Greg Jones took the triple jump with a PR of 49-6.25.

Also for the Blue Raiders, freshman David Hughes held off a host of Western Kentucky runners to win the 3000, as Hughes finished in 8:51.40, ahead of four WKU competitors. Sophomore Linnie Yarbrough continued his strong showing during his brief career in the 55 hurdles, winning in an NCAA provisional time of 7.39.

Also for the men, freshman Bryan Anderson cleared 6-4 in the high jump to finish second, while Zack



Wood was third in the mile run in a time of 4:44.38. Senior Tim Hicks placed third in both the 200 (22.17) and 400 (49.61), and Sturm was fifth in the 55 in 6.52. Sophomore Willie Parker finished third in both the weight throw (41-10) and shot put (46-1), while freshman James Thomas was second in the weight throw (50-8.5), breaking the school record by almost five feet, and fourth in the shot put (42-10.5).

For the Lady Raiders, George won both the 200 (24.89) and the 400 (55.32), as Middle Tennessee swept the top three spots in both events. Freshman Contrena Brown was second (56.88) and Lanora Gray third (59.31) in the 400, while freshmen Nicole Marcus (24.93) and Tiffany Owens (25.02) were second and third, respectively, in the 200. Owens and Marcus took the top two spots, respectively, in the 55, as well, running 7.13 and 7.15.

In the 55 hurdles, freshman Jessica Anderson placed third (8.44) and sophomore Candice Robertson was fourth (8.61). The Lady Raiders placed third in the mile relay, as Owens, Kerry Barrow, Gray and Brown finished in 3:55.11.

In the field events, senior Letitia Eady finished second in the triple jump (38-9.75) and fourth in the long jump (17-8), while freshman Laetitia Florimond was second in the shot put (45-1) and senior Katie Mirgliotta came in third (45-3) in the weight throw, breaking the school record by an inch.

"We did a very good job overall today," Middle Tennessee head coach Dean Hayes said. "James Thomas and Willie Parker did a very good job in the throws, as did Laetitia. Greg Jones and JJ also had good days in the jumps, and we ran well as a team. We just have to get everyone healthy and at practice once the new year starts."

A complete list of results may be found at [cfptiming.com](http://cfptiming.com) or on the Track Schedule/Results page at [goblueraiders.com](http://goblueraiders.com).

---

*Printed on July 24, 2014*

*Original URL: <http://www.goblueraiders.com/content.cfm/id/2523>*