Formality: Scales Qualifies For NCAA Regional In Two Events

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Mardy Scales produced NCAA Regional marks in two individual events at the Sea Ray Relays at the University of Tennessee Saturday.

Running the 100- and 200-meter events for the first time in the Outdoor Track and Field season, Scales finished second in the 200 with a NCAA Regional qualifying time of 20.80. Scales was the highest collegiate finisher. Xavier Darden was eighth overall and fourth among college runners in the 200 with a time of 21.33.

Scales also finished second in the 100-meter with a 10.39, which also is a NCAA Regional mark.

Lady Raider Kishara George was eighth in the 400-meter hurdles with a 58.98 in Knoxville.

The men's 4X100 relay team of Darden, Wesley Dupar-Scott, Clyde Gibson and JJ Sturm was second at the Sea Ray Relays with a NCAA Regional-qualifying time of 40.26, which also is a season best. The Lady Raiders 4X100 team of KeKe Deckard, Karina Francis, Nicole Marcus and Tiffany Owens was eighth overall, sixth among college teams, with a season-best 45.66, which qualifies for the NCAA Regional.

Half of the Middle Tennessee track team participated in the Boston Moon Track & Field Classic at Tennessee State University Saturday, and were particularly strong in field events and distance events.

Willie Parker and James Thomas have been taking turns breaking the other's record in the hammer throw and the pattern held true Saturday. Parker, who broke Thomas' school mark with a 139-05 in Atlanta last weekend, set a new record with his 140-11.50 to finish second at Tennessee State Saturday. However, Thomas came along and established a new school record with a 152-06.50 to finish first.

Thomas also won the men's discus throw (150-06), and finished second in the shot put (47-09.25). He was fifth in the men's javelin with a 104-11. Parker won the men's shot with an effort of 50-07.25. Bryan Anderson turned in a third-place finish in the high jump (6-0), second among college performers.

The Blue Raiders also received contributions in the distance events as Zack Wood finished third in the 1,500-meter with a personal-best 4:09.20. Tony Carufe (1:59.16) and Carlos Gonzaeles (2:01.94) were fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 800-meter.

Rolanda Howard won the women's long jump with a distance of 17-06.0. Candice Robertson (14.84) was first in the 100-meter hurdles, while Jessica Anderson was (15.37) was fourth.

The Lady Raiders had three of the top six overall finishers in the women's shot put and were the three highest collegiate finishers in the event. Laetitia Florimond was third overall and the top collegian with a 42-06.25, while Meaghan Byrd (39-07.75) was fifth overall, second in the college division, and Kelley Enoch (38-02.0) was sixth overall and third among collegiate performers. Florimond was fifth in the discus (129-02), while Katie Mirgliotta was sixth (126-09). Enoch (94-06) and Mirgliotta (91-06) were seventh and ninth, respectively, in the women's javelin. Mirgliotta (137.03) was third in the hammer. Jennifer Thomas was seventh in the high jump (4-10.0).

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