Tracksters Win 14 Events at Christmas Invite

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's Kishara George and Jonathan Guillou both won a pair of events and George anchored the winning mile relay team, as the tracksters won 14 events Saturday during the Christmas Invitational at Murphy Center. George, a senior, posted winning times in the 200- and 400-meters and was the anchor on the winning mile relay team for the Lady Raiders. The St. David, Grenada, native ran 24.69 in the 200 and 55.41 in the 400. In the mile relay, Kerry Barrow and Tiffany Owens ran the first two legs before Antranette Stringer made up a 40-meter deficit on the third leg. George did the rest, making up the final 10 meters and winning going away in a time of 3:49.16. Guillou also had a great comeback in the mile run, overcoming a 40-meter deficit on the final lap to edge Western Kentucky's Ryan Howell ion 4:28.28. Guillou then led a pack of Blue Raiders in the 800-meters, winning in 2:02.41. Junior Meaghan Byrd broke her own school record in the weight throw for the second straight week, winning with a mark of 54-7.5, almost three feet further than last week's 51-8. Other winners for the Lady Raiders include senior LaToya Brown tying a personal-best by clearing 5-6 in the high jump, senior KeKe Deckard in the long jump (18-10.5), and newcomer Sierra Douglas (39-1) in the triple jump. Douglas was second in the long jump, as well, with a mark of 18-6.25. Elsewhere for the Lady Raiders, Owens led five runners in the top eight in the 55-meters, finishing second in 7.20. Stringer was fourth (7.36), with Douglas fifth (7.41), Jessica Anderson seventh (7.46) and Barrow in eighth (7.47). Stringer and Barrow placed third and fourth, respectively, in the 200 behind George in times of 25.32 and 25.35. In the 55-meter hurdles, Candice Robertson finished second in 8.20, with Anderson right behind in third (8.25). Brown placed seventh in 8.81. In the mile run, Sara Lunning was fourth in a time of 5:29.65, while Marjorie Gombert placed sixth

(5:46.31) and Miranda Galloway was seventh (5:47.95). Laetitia Florimond placed second in the shot put with a mark of 44-10, while Lasean Bell finished fourth in the weight throw (48-9) and Florimond was eighth (40-8). For the Blue Raiders, Wesley Dupar-Scott won the 55-meters in 6.36, his best time at Middle Tennessee, with JJ Sturm seventh in 6.60. Dupar-Scott placed second in the 200-meters in 21.97, with Sean Waller third (22.13) and Linnie Yarbrough fourth (22.28). Yarbrough was at his best in the 55-hurdles, winning in his showmanship style in a time of 7.39. Guillou led six runners in the top seven in the 800-meters, with Tony Carufe in third (2:02.62), followed by Benvictor Sang (2:03.59), Derek Dell (2:05.44), Steve Safstrom (2:06.08) and Danny Cantino (2:07.37). Safstrom finished third in the mile in 4:32.08, with Dell fourth (4:32.68), Sang in fifth (4:37.31) and Matt Young in eighth (4:51.40). David Hughes placed sixth in the 3000-meters in 9:16.00. In the field events, Waller won the long jump with a mark of 23-4.75, with Dupar-Scott in second (22-9.75) and Sturm third (22-6.5). Greg Jones won the triple jump with a mark of 46-0.75, with Sturm third (42-9.75). In the high jump, Alex Pruitt placed second after clearing 6-6, with Brian Anderson and Pierre Ingram both clearing 6-4 and Julius Defour at 6-2. James Thomas was second in the weight throw with a mark of 49-5 and third in the shot put (45-0.5), while Lindsay Sims placed fifth in the shot put (40-0.5). The men's mile relay team of Dupar-Scott, Yarbrough, Carufe and Cantino placed third in a time of 3:28.24. The Middle Tennessee squads will take off for the holidays and return to the track January 14-15 at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington, Ky.

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