Raiders Win Five Events at National City Invitational

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee won five events Saturday at the National City Track & Field Invitational at the Charles M. Ruter Track in Bowling Green, Ky., the final tuneup for both the men and women before the conference championships in two weeks. Lady Raiders Marjorie Gombert and Jessica Anderson both won events, while Blue Raiders VanTonio Fraley, Jonathan Guillou and Lindsay Sims all claimed victories on the Western Kentucky campus. Gombert ran a season-best 2:16.01 in the 800-meters, while Anderson and Candice Robertson had a photo finish in the 100-meter hurdles, with Anderson claiming the victory by 0.0025 seconds. Elsewhere for the Lady Raiders, Tiffany Owens posted season-bests in both the 100- and 200-meters, posting times of 12.12 (4th) and 25.70 (6th) in the respective events. Anderson also finished seventh in the 100-meters with a time of 12.46. Sara Lunning was seventh in the 3000-meter steeplechase in a time of 12:12.05, while the 4x100-meter relay of Laetitia Florimond, Sierra Douglas, Robertson and Owens finished second in a time of 47.68. Senior KeKe Deckard jumped 18-10 to place second in the long jump, with Douglas eighth in the event (17-9.75). Florimond and Meaghan Byrd placed second and third, respectively, in the shot put with marks of 45-6.5 and 42-5.5. Senior Kelley Enoch posted a personal-best in the javelin, finishing fifth with a mark of 114-9. Fraley jumped 23-6 to win the long jump, his first time in the event this season, and placed second in the 200-meters (21.66) and fifth in the 400-meters (50.44). Dana Stewart was seventh in the 100-meters with a time of 11.47. Eric Mamadou Kone and Benvictor Sang finished third and fifth, respectively, in the 800-meters, posting times of 1:55.97 and 1:59.54. Sang was also eighth in the 1500-meters in a time of 4:19.83. Guillou won the 5000-meters with a personal-best time of 14:57.39, while Derek Dell placed fourth in the event in 15:19.36 and Steve Safstrom posted a personal-best in 15:28.15 to finish fifth. Danny Catino placed seventh in the 3000-meter steeplechase in a time of 11:08.59. In the field events, James Thomas finished fourth in the shot put, discus and hammer throw, posting marks of 49-7.25 (season-best), 155-5 and 155-0, respectively. Nick Diel was fifth in the hammer with a season-best

mark of 150-11. Senior Lindsay Sims posted his third victory of the outdoor season, posting a mark of 185-5. Both track teams take the week off because of final exams and resume competition again in two weeks, May 13-15, at the Sun Belt Championships at Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans, La.

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