

# Yarbrough Wins Hurdles, Thomas Sets Record in Weight Throw at Kentucky

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## MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Senior Linnie Yarbrough won the 60-meter hurdles and junior James Thomas bested his own school record in the weight throw to lead the Middle Tennessee track teams Saturday at the Kentucky Invitational in Lexington, Ky. Yarbrough ran 7.92 for the fastest preliminary time in the 60-meter hurdles and won the event with a time of 7.80, and NCAA provisional mark. The Hunters Lane High School product finished third in this meet last season, running 7.92 in the finals. Junior Juan Walker had another impressive day, running right behind Yarbrough in the hurdles. Walker ran 8.04 in the prelims and 7.97 in the finals to finish second. Freshman Peterson Senatus also fared well in the hurdles, running 8.42 in the prelims and 8.21 in the finals to finish eighth. Yarbrough and Walker, high school teammates at Hunters Lane, finished fourth and fifth,



respectively, in the long jump Saturday with marks of 23-0.75 and 23-0.5. "Linnie ran very well in the hurdles and did a good job in the long jump as well, and Juan again did well in both events," head coach Dean Hayes said. "We had a good effort in the hurdles all the way around with Peterson coming in eighth." In other running action for the men, former Blue Raider All-American Mardy Scales led a strong contingent of Middle Tennessee runners in the 60-meter dash. Scales ran the fastest prelim time (6.68) and won the event in 6.65. Senior VanTonio Fraley ran 6.83 in the 60-meter prelims and placed fifth in the finals with a time of 6.79, his fastest 60-meter time as a Blue Raider. Junior Derek Carey ran 6.99 in the prelims and 6.92 in the finals to finish 10th, while

freshman Samuel Adade ran 7.05 in the prelims and 7.06 for 14th in the finals. Another former Blue Raider All-American, Godfrey Herring, finished second in the 400-meters in 46.20 and second in the 200-meters in 21.40. Junior Sean Waller ran well in the 400 with a time of 47.90, finishing 10th overall but posting the fifth fastest time by a collegian in the race. Junior Jermaine Barton also ran well in the 400, finishing 13th in a time of 48.70. In the 200-meters Fraley placed fifth in 21.62, while Barton was ninth in 21.88 and junior Daryl Terrell finished 10th in 21.89. "I thought Van ran good races against some very strong fields, and the guys in the 400 had good times, but again they were up against a good many professionals," Hayes said. Senior Jonathan Guillou posted a personal-best in the 3000-meters with a time of 8:33.65 for 15th, while Derek Dell was 22nd in a time of 8:51.56. The foursome of Terrell, Barton, Orlando Reid and Senatus placed fourth in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:13.80. Late Friday night, Thomas bested his own school record in the weight throw by more than a foot, finishing ninth with a mark of 55-1.5. Junior Willie Parker placed 10th Saturday in the shot put with a mark of 49-3. On the women's side, sophomore Stephanie Tamgho backed up her fourth-place finish in the triple jump on Friday night with a sixth-place showing in the long jump on Saturday after a mark of 18-11.25. Senior Meaghan Byrd was seventh in the shot put with a mark of 42-10.25. In the running events senior Candice Robertson posted a time of 8.70 in the 60-meter hurdle prelims and finished eighth in the finals in 8.82. Sophomore Sierra Douglas ran 9.19 in the prelims and placed 14th with a time of 9.25 in the finals. Freshman Erika Palmer qualified for the 60-meter dash finals with a time of 7.85 in the prelims and finished 17th after a 7.92 in the finals. Senior Kerry Barrow placed eighth in the 400-meters with a time of 57.34. Both teams return to action next Saturday, hosting the Blue Raider Invitational at Murphy Center. Action begins at 10 a.m. with field events.

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