Thomas Breaks School Record; Track Wins Seven Events

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Junior James Thomas set a school record in the weight throw for the second time this season and the Blue Raider track team won seven events Saturday at the Middle Tennessee Open at Murphy Center. Thomas, a junior, broke his own school record for the second time this season, winning the weight throw with a mark of 56-7, a foot-and-a-half more than two weeks ago at the Kentucky Invitational. Senior Nick Diel finished third in the event with a mark of 49-4. Junior Willie Parker placed third in the shot put with a mark of 48-8. Walker, a junior, won the triple jump for the third time in three home meets, clearing 47-6.5. Senior JJ Sturm placed fourth in the event with a mark of 46-6.5. Walker paced four Blue Raiders in the long jump, finishing second with a mark of 23-8.5. Junior JaKeith Hairston was third (23-3.5), while senior Linnie Yarbrough came in sixth (23-1.75) and Sturm was seventh (22-11). Yarbrough won his third race in four events this year, taking the 55-meter hurdles in 7.25. Walker was third in 7.45 and Pete Senatus came in fourth in 7.63. The 400-meters had a distinct Blue Raider flavor, with former All-Americans Godfrey Herring and Tim Hicks placing first and fifth, respectively. Junior Sean Waller finished second in a season-best 47.63, while junior Jermaine Barton was third in a personal-best 48.20. In the 55-meters, the automated system did not start in the finals, so preliminary times were used to determine places. Senior VanTonio Fraley was third in 6.45, with Walker fourth in 6.47 and junior Daryl Terrell fifth in 6.50. Freshman Samuel Adade came in seventh in 6.53 and junior Derek Carey was eighth in 6.55. Herring won the 200-meters as well, with Fraley second in 21.59 and junior Orlando Reid third in 21.64. Terrell placed fifth in 22.02 and

Barton was sixth in 22.04. In the mile run Jonathan Guillou was third in 4:22.58, and Tony Carufe placed eighth in 4:26.84, improving on his personal-best for the third straight week. Freshman Ryan Hood finished fourth in the 800-meters in 2:01.94, with freshman Luke Pfleger eighth in 2:12.94. The men's foursome of Senatus, Terrell, Reid and Waller won the mile relay in a time of 3:15.20. For the women, senior Candice Robertson won the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 8.00, with freshman Iceca Epps third in a season-best 8.33 and sophomore Sierra Douglas fourth in 8.47. Freshman Erika Palmer placed first in the 55-meter dash finals, besting teammate and junior Tiffany Owens. The duo posted times of 7.21 and 7.25, respectively. In the 400-meters freshman TraMayne Gillyard led a contingent of three runners. Gillyard was third in 57.75, with junior Shanna-Kay Campbell fourth in 58.47 and sophomore Antranette Stringer fifth in 58.75. Campbell came in fourth in the 200-meters in 25.29, with Palmer fifth in 25.36 and Owens eighth in 25.83. Sophomore Marjorie Gombert finished second in the 800-meters for the second straight week with a time of 2:23.12, while junior Veronia Patterson was third in 2:24.50 and freshman Carlissa Shaw placed seventh in 2:29.44. Senior Sara Lunning came in sixth in the 3000-meters in 11:05.87. In the field events, sophomore Stephanie Tamgho won the triple jump for the first time with a mark of 40-0, with Douglas third after a season-best jump of 38-4. Tamgho and Douglas were second and third, respectively, in the long jump with marks of 18-10.5 and 18-5 (season-best for Douglas). Senior Meaghan Byrd finished second in the weight throw with a season-best mark of 51-0 and was third in the shot put after a toss of 41-8. "Overall we were very flat today, but we did have a few good performances," head coach Dean Hayes said. "Candice ran well and so did Linnie, and the guys in the 400 (Waller, Barton) also ran well. We've got to do a better job next week and as we head toward the conference meet." Middle Tennessee runs next week at the Indiana Invitational in Bloomington, Ind.

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