

Robertson, Yarbrough Lead Tracksters at IU

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's Candice Robertson finished second and Linnie Yarbrough was third, as the two seniors led a strong contingent of tracksters Saturday during the second and final day of competition at the Hoosier Relays in Bloomington, Ind.

Robertson posted a time of 8.57 in the 60-meter hurdles to place second, while freshman Iceca Epps was sixth in 8.89 in the event finals. Yarbrough was third in the hurdle finals, posting a time of 7.85, his third NCAA provisional mark during the two-day event.



For the women, sophomore Antranette Stringer was fifth in the 400-meters in 57.21, while junior Veronia Patterson came in sixth in the 600-meters in 1:36.18. Junior Tiffany Owens was eighth in the 60-meters in 7.84 and the 4x800-meter relay team finished fourth in 9:51.40. Sophomore Stephanie Tamgho was the only female to make a field event final, placing third in the triple jump with a mark of 39-11.5.

On the men's side, the Blue Raiders had four runners in the Top 8 in the 200-meters, as well as former All-American Godfrey Herring winning the event in 21.51. Senior VanTonio Fraley was fourth in 21.98, with junior Sean Waller fifth in 22.10. Junior Jermaine Barton placed seventh in 22.18, while junior Daryl Terrell came in eighth in 22.27.

In the 400-meters junior Orlando Reid was eighth in 47.99, while senior Derek Dell placed third in the 5000-meters with a time of 15:08.65. The men's 4x400-meter relay placed seventh in 3:16.89, and the 4x800-meter relay was eighth with a time of 8:36.87.

In the field events, junior Juan Walker placed fourth in the long jump with a mark of 22-4.5 and ninth in the triple jump with a mark of 45-10.75. Junior James Thomas came in 10th in the weight throw with a mark of 54-6.

Both teams run next Sunday, February 12, in the Middle Tennessee Valentine Invitational at Murphy Center.

Late Friday

Fraley, junior Derek Carey and freshman Samuel Adade all qualified for the semifinals with 60-meter times of 6.98, 6.97 and 6.98, respectively. The three then ran 6.86, 6.98 and 7.03 in the semifinals, with none making the event finals.

In the 60-meter hurdles, Yarbrough ran NCAA provisional times of 7.91 and 7.90 to move into the event finals. Walker ran 7.98 to make the semifinals, but did not make the finals after a time of 8.18.

Herring was the top preliminary finisher in both the 200- and 400-meters, with times of 21.39 and 46.76, respectively.

Waller, Barton, Fraley and Terrell all made the 200-meter finals with times of 21.86, 21.89, 21.94 and 22.13, respectively. In the 400-meters, Reid made the finals with a time of 48.11.

Junior Tony Carufe posted a personal-best time of 4:26.15 in the mile run, his fourth straight week with a PR, finishing 17th. Senior Jonathan Guillou placed third in the 3000-meters after a mark of 8:31.94.

Walker qualified for the event finals in both the long and triple jump, posting marks of 23-5.25 and 48-4, respectively. Senior JJ Sturm also made the finals in the long jump after a mark of 22-4.25.

Junior Willie Parker had a mark of 48-5.5 in the shot put preliminaries, while Thomas posted a mark of 56-1.25 in the weight throw to make the finals.

On the women's side, Owens posted times of 7.81 and 7.68 to qualify for the 60-meter finals.

In the 60-meter hurdles, Robertson, Epps and sophomore Sierra Douglas posted times of 8.65, 8.84 and 8.97, respectively, to move to the semifinals. Robertson and Epps made the finals with marks of 8.62 and 8.77, while Douglas' time of 9.13 did not qualify for the finals.

Stringer made the 400-meter finals with a time of 57.85, while Patterson posted a time of 1:39.31 to make the 600-meter finals.

Senior Sara Lunning finished 10th in the 5000-meters with a time of 19:58.12.

In the field events, Tamgho made the triple jump finals with a mark of 39-5.75.

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