Track Wins Four Events at Alabama Relays

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Seniors Linnie Yarbrough and VanTonio Fraley both won events, senior Candice Robertson posted an NCAA regional qualifying mark, junior James Thomas set a school record and the 4x100-meter relay team also won, leading the Middle Tennessee track teams at the Alabama Relays in Tuscaloosa, Ala., this weekend.

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All of Middle Tennessee's efforts took place on Saturday except for the relays.

Yarbrough won the 110-meter hurdles in 14.05, his seventh career victory outdoors in the high hurdles and first career triumph at the Alabama Relays in the event after second- and third-place finishes as a freshman and sophomore, respectively.

Fraley posted a winning time of 21.35 in the 200-meters, his second career win in the event. Fraley finished sixth in the 200 last year at the Alabama Relays.

Thomas broke his own school record in the hammer throw with a mark of 164-8, eclipsing his old mark by more than a foot-and-a-half. Junior Willie Parker also set a personal-best in the event, placing ninth with a mark of 155-0.

Elsewhere for the men, Fraley finished third in the 100-meters in 10.75, while senior Derek Dell was fifth in the 5000-meters in 15:14.72.

Junior Sean Waller led a contingent of three Blue Raiders in the top eight in the 400-meters, with Waller fourth in 48.01, junior Daryl Terrell fifth in 48.08 and junior Jermaine Barton eighth in 48.85.

Junior Juan Walker had another busy day at the track, posting three finishes in the top six. Walker placed fourth in the 110-meter hurdles in 14.34, was fifth in the 400-meter hurdles in 53.97 and finished sixth in the long jump with a mark of 23-7.5.

Robertson led the women's team, placing third in the 100-meter hurdles in an NCAA regional qualifying time of 13.83. Junior Shanna-Kay Campbell finished seventh in the 200-meters in 24.77 for the women's team as well.

On Sunday the men's 4x100-meter relay of Walker, Fraley, Yarbrough and Terrell won with a time of 41.23, edging Mississippi State by two one-thousandths of a second. The men's shuttle hurdle relay of freshman Pete Senatus, Walker, freshman Jeremy Turner and Yarbrough finished second in a time of 60:44.

For the women, the 4x100-meter relay of freshman Erika Palmer, sophomore Sierra Douglas, sophomore Antranette Stringer and junior Tiffany Owens came in eighth in a time of 48.31.

The Blue Raiders skipped the remainder of the relays on Sunday because of bad weather in the area. Full results from the meet may be found at cfpitiming.com.

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