Walker, Guillou, Relay Wins at Yellowjacket Invite

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's Juan Walker, Jonathan Guillou and the women's 4x400-meter relay team all won events, leading the Blue Raider track teams Saturday at the Yellowjacket Invitational in Atlanta, Ga.

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Walker, a junior, won the long jump with a mark of 24-7, while teammate Tavaris Leak, freshman, took third in the event with a mark of 23-7.5.

Guillou, a senior, posted a winning time of 9:42.90 in the 3000-meter steeplechase.

The women's 4x400-meter relay of freshman TraMayne Gillyard, junior Tiffany Owens, junior Shanna-Kay Campbell and junior Veronia Patterson won with an NCAA regional qualifying time of 3:41.93.

The entire Middle Tennessee team had a good day, but especially the men, who posted 24 marks in the top eight in events.

Junior Orlando Reid, running his first outdoor meet, placed second in the 100-meters with an NCAA regional qualifying time of 10.41. Freshman Pete Senatus finished sixth in the event in 10.67 and senior VanTonio Fraley was the seventh collegian in the 100 in 10.71.

Fraley came in sixth in the 200-meters in 21.51, while junior Daryl Terrell was the eighth collegian to place in the 400-meters in 47.28.

Senior Derek Dell added to Guillou's good finish for the distance runners. Dell finished third in the 5000-meters with a time of 15:17.31.

In the 110-meter hurdles, senior Linnie Yarbrough placed fifth with an NCAA regional qualifying time of 13.99, his third NCAA mark in as many meets. Walker came in eighth, bettering his personal-best from last week with an NCAA qualifying mark of 14.09. Walker then finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with another NCAA qualifying time, 52.45.

Senior Julius Defour finished ninth in the high jump, clearing 6-6.75, tying his best mark as a Blue Raider. Senior JJ Strum came in fifth in the triple jump with a personal-best mark of 48-3.5.

Junior James Thomas had a full two days, finishing as the eighth collegian in the hammer throw on Friday night, breaking his own school record for the second time this season with a mark of 168-0. Thomas then placed fourth in the javelin on Saturday with a mark of 134-5 and was eighth in the discus with a mark of 154-7.

Senior Nick Diel was right behind Thomas in the javelin, placing fifth with a mark of 126-8, while junior Willie Parker finished as the eighth collegian in the shot put with a mark of 49-9.25.

The Blue Raider men were also impressive in the two relays, placing three teams in the top nine in the 4x100 and two teams in the top nine in the 4x400-meter relay.

The "A" team of Walker, Fraley, Yarbrough and Terrell finished fourth in the 4x100 with an NCAA regional qualifying time of 40.29, while the "B" squad of freshman Jonathan Oliver, Reid, junior Jermaine Barton and junior Sean Waller was sixth in 40.73. The "C" team of junior Derek Carey, freshman Samuel Adade, Senatus and freshman Jeremy Turner came in ninth in 41.74.

In the 4x400-meter relay, the "A" team of Terrell, Waller, Reid and Barton was second in 3:06.22, only .57 seconds from the school record set in 2004. The "B" team of Leak, Turner, Carey and Fraley finished ninth in 3:19.85.

On the women's side, Owens finished 10th overall and was the sixth collegian in the 100-

meters in 11.96. Campbell, Patterson and Gillyard finished 4-5-6, respectively, in the 400-meters with times of 55.57, 56.02 and 56.22.

Senior Candice Robertson placed seventh in the 110-meter hurdles in 14.09, while senior Sara Lunning was third in the 3000-meter steeplechase with a time of 12:44.59.

The women's 4x100-meter relay of freshman Erika Palmer, Robertson, sophomore Antranette Stringer and Owens came in fourth in a time of 46.34.

Sophomore Stephanie Tamgho finished fourth in the long jump with a mark of 19-0.75, while sophomore Sierra Douglas was sixth in the triple jump with a mark of 38-9.75.

Full results from Saturday's meet may be found at deltatiming.com. A few Middle Tennessee track members will run next week at the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas, while the bulk of the squad will take part in the Ole Miss Invitational in Oxford, Miss., on Saturday.

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