David sets school record in 5,000 meters

Senior concludes indoor career with record performance

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Justus David broke the Middle Tennessee school record in the 5,000 meters on Friday evening, clocking a time of 14 minutes, 5.10 seconds at the Alex Wilson Invitational.

The performance, also a personal-best for the senior, smashed the previous record of 14:35.36 set by William Songock in 2009. It is also the best time run in the Sun Belt this season. Unfortunately, the effort failed to qualify him for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

“Justus could not have ended his career in a better way,” said Middle Tennessee head coach Dean Hayes. “Breaking the school record is an incredible accomplishment. I am tremendously proud of how he has run all year and he finished it by running another great race today.”

On Saturday, sprinters Drayton Calhoun and Kenneth Gilstrap will both attempt to qualify for the NCAA Championships when they run in the 60-meter dash. The preliminaries of the competition are scheduled for 10:25 a.m. CT with the finals taking place at 11:15 a.m. Calhoun holds a season and personal-best time of 6.83 seconds in the

event while Gilstrap clocked a 6.89 earlier this year with his personal-best time being 6.83 seconds. The NCAA automatic qualifying time for the event is 6.60 seconds, however, a time of 6.66 will likely be good enough to earn a spot in the NCAA Championships.

The 2012 NCAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships are set for March 9-10 at Jacksons Indoor Track in Nampa, Idaho.

Live statistics of this weekend's meet can be accessed <a href="http://www.goblueraiders.com:80/“http://www.deltatiming.com/results.aspx"" shape="rect">here. Results of the day's events will be posted on the teams' Facebook and Twitter pages as soon as they become available with a recap available on GoBlueRaiders.com at the end of each day.

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