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Men's and Women's Track Each Grab Second Place at Third Meet of Season

By Lucas Finton

The University of Memphis track squad took a trip north to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, last weekend and left with second place honors. The men finished 5.5 points behind Southeast Missouri State University, with a score of 171, while the women finished 19 points behind Murray State University with 148 points.

Events started Friday evening with the men's and women's hammer throw. The men were led by Robert Watson who placed third overall – but was first among scoring athletes – with a mark of 61.75 meters on his third attempt. Vigdis Jonsdottir led the trio of Tiger women (Samantha Lenton and Amber Simpson) in a sweep, with a 63.07 meter mark.

Headlining Saturday morning was the 10,000 meter run. Payton Gleason took second place with a time of 30:26, about ten seconds behind first place and a full minute ahead of third. Freshman Vincent Chenier made his debut in the event at the meet and was the second Tiger to cross

the line, at 31:27, to take fifth place. Solstice Saliba followed in Gleason's step, also earning second place in the women's race. She ran 38:02 and was followed by Sonsoles Martin Rodriguez who took third. Lauren Metzger, in her first 10,000 meter race, finishing in seventh place in 40:40.

The women's 4x100 meter relay team – composed of Khaide'a Brown, Gabrielle Cross, Taja Booker and Paris Perkins – finished in third place, running 46.98 seconds. The men's team of D'Angelo Whitehead, Brian West II, Shemar Vance and Austin Jackson took first in their respective race, crossing the line with 41.87 seconds on the clock.

Placing just outside of the top eight in the 1500 meter run was Peter Kostarellis with a time of 3:59.23. He finished 1.08 seconds behind eighth place to take 11th overall.

Although winning her heat, Mi'Asia Bergmann finished in fourth place in the 100 meter hurdles, leading the women's team with her 14.70 second time. On the men's



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Payton Gleason and the Memphis Tigers made a trip to Cape Girardeau, MO. over the weekend and left with second place accolades.

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