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TF: Shockers Shine on Final Day of KT Woodman

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WICHITA, Kan. – The Wichita State track and field teams took home five first place finishes on the fourth and final day of the KT Woodman Classic. The Shockers also took home numerous top-three finishes as well throughout the day.

Natalie Morerod, Jonathan Duvall, Lex Parsons, and Nikki Larch-Miller all took home individual top spots in their respective events. The women's 4x400-meter relay team of Morerod, Gavyn Yetter, Taylor Thomas, and Kiara Giles won their relay race, while Garret Lynch took second in the high jump but set a huge personal best in the process.

400-meter hurdlers Morerod and Duvall took home first place in the event. Morerod won her third consecutive 400-meter hurdles race after finishing in 1:00.42. Morerod is the only MVC women's 400-meter hurdles runner to post a sub-60 second time. Duvall cruised to his win by finishing with a time of 52.77 seconds, more than two seconds faster than second place finisher Jessie Patterson from Bacone College.

The women's 4x100 meter relay team took second with a time of 46.37 seconds. Morerod, both Larch-Miller's, and Shamoya Pruitt made up the second place team. Pruitt also raced to a second place finish in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.59 seconds.

Nikki Larch-Miller beat out twin sister Taylor in the women's 100-meter hurdles finals. With a +10 wind-aided hurdles race, Nikki crossed the finish line in 13.54 seconds and Taylor's time clocked 13.84 seconds. Nikki also took second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.25 seconds.

The women's 800-meter run consisted of 81 runners and senior Samantha Shukla placed fourth in the women's 800-meter run with a time of 2:18.78.

Andrews won the triple jump with a best leap of 41-10 ½, while Kayla Eklund and Janelle Wilgers took second and third in the pole vault with vaults of 12'-2 ½",

and Ashley Petersen took third in the high jump with a clearance of 5'-8 ½". Garret Lynch set a new personal record and took second in the high jump with a leap of 6'-11 ¾". Lynch attempted to clear 7'-1" but failed on his three attempts at that height.

The Shocker pole-vaulters of Lex Parsons, Ethan Pearson, and Chris Peters swept the top-three places with each clearing 15'-9 ¼". Parsons took first because of less misses on lower heights.

The 4x400-meter relay team concluded the KT Woodman with one of the most exciting races of the entire meet. Morerod ran the anchor leg of the race and took the baton from Giles and ran down Stacy Warrior from Oklahoma Baptist in the last 100-meters to steal the win for the Shockers.

One of the biggest highlights of the day was when Iowa Central's Latario Collier-Minns recorded the longest triple jump in the world this year with a jump that measured 56'-2".

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Shocker Track Club Debuts former Valley Center Sprinter

Aaron Babbidge (M26) was the sole representative for our Open Division at the KT Woodman on Saturday but he was not shy in his performance. Aaron led the Masters in a couple of awe inspiring sprints of 11.42 in the 100 Meters and 23.84 in the 200 Meters. The Shocker Track Club colors showed well with this young sprinter's debut.



Aaron Babbidge with Bride, Riley

And, The Shock and Awe Crescendoed!

One of the most respected and talented Masters athletes in the nation lit up the track on Saturday. The crowd was thrilled to see Francois Boda (M50) challenge the Kansas wind with an 11.85 100 Meters and a 24.10 200 Meters. This Oklahoma City phenomenon, originally from France, demonstrated his delight for the sport and showed a mastery of technique and extraordinary talent.

His 200 time is the fastest in the Nation and the World for his age group and his 100 time is 100th of a second off of the World time and the fastest in the United States.

Francois will be competing in his home country in 2015 during the World Masters T & F Championships (Lyon, France). He has an excellent chance of bringing home gold in the 100, 200 and 400. We will be watching!!!

Francois Christian Boda >>>>>

USATF Masters (M50)



Just a Great Day!

Even with the WIND beating us up, it was a great day! Running with Francois and Aaron in the 100 meters were Kirk Burgess 13.18, Steve McGehee 13.60, and Rick Beattie 13.68.

The Masters had the crowd cheering over the wind gusts as they finished a hard fought 200 meters. Aaron and Francois led the way for Larry Staton 28.02, Steve McGehee 28.15, and Rick Beattie 28.30.

*Thank you,
WSU Track and Field!*

Coach John Wise, Head Coach Steve Rainbolt, Chandra Andrews and the WSU T&F staff did a great job of putting this meet together and we so appreciate how they are so supportive of Masters Track & Field!

The REAL Men!

The gutsiest performance of the day came from three Masters athletes who sacrificed their bodies in the 400 Meter Dash! The wind was torturous at 30 to 35 MPH, at least! But these three amigos offered a plethora of talents and strength to carry them to a highly respectable finish.

Andy Wellenseik 60.74

Steve McGehee (M50) 64.13

Rick Beattie (M56) 64.45

Congratulations, Gentlemen!
Sombrosos off to you!

