

Herd nabs 6 medals at track tournament

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IF you think there's no such thing as a home-field advantage in track and field, the Manitoba Bisons would like to have a word with you.

The University of Manitoba hosted athletes from 29 different schools across the country this weekend for the 2019 U SPORTS Track and Field Championships.

It was a successful weekend for both the Bisons men's and women's teams, with the men finishing in third with 60.5 points and the women in ninth with 25 points. In 2018, the men finished in sixth and the women placed tenth.

The University of Guelph, the defending champions, successfully defended their titles as the men won with 123 points and the women with 139.

In total, the Bisons medalled in six events, finishing with two gold medals, three silvers and a bronze.

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The men's high jump was by far the most successful individual event for the Herd, as Alhaji Mansaray captured the gold with a 2.15-metre jump and teammate Oyinko Akinola finished in second at 2.12 metres.

The other gold medal was won by the men's 4x800-metre relay team featuring Jack Taylor, Connor Boyd, Matt Van Schepdael and Simon Berube. The four Bisons finished the race at 7:37.29 to claim the gold.

Grabbing silver were Miguel Morrison (men's 600-metre) and Emily Blackner (women's pole vault).

Rounding out the medal winners was the women's 4x200-metre relay team. Tegan Turner, Tayo Babalola, Erin White and Brianna Tynes crossed the line at 1:38.89 to win bronze.

The gold-medal winners earn U SPORTS First Team All-Canadian honours and the silver medallists are named U SPORTS Second Team All-Canadians.

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