

1936 STATE BOYS' TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Dudley Stadium - Nashville, TN

May 9, 1936

(By RAYMOND JOHNSON)

Led by a record-breaking performer, Kingsport high school captured the annual T.S.S.A.A. track carnival, which was held in Dudley stadium Saturday morning, to keep the state high school crown in East Tennessee.

The East Tennesseans scored 50 7-10 points to take the honors. Memphis Central was second with 29 1-2; Knoxville High third with 25 1-2; Johnson City fourth with 13 1-5; and Somerville, fifth with 11. Whitehaven and Erwin tied for sixth with six points. Nashville Central and Alamo tied for eighth with five points, and Messick, of Memphis, was tenth with 2 1-2. Hume-Fogg, Cookeville, Murfreesboro and Tullahoma failed to score.

Robert Cifers, 15-year old freshman of Kingsport, tossed the 12 pound shot 50 feet to better the old record owned by Winfrey, of Somerville, by 11 1-2 inches.

The bronzed Cifers was the lone athlete out of nearly 100 representing 14 schools to equal or better any of the records. However, several fine performances were registered in both the track and field events.

Walter Conley, Jr., senior of Alamo, the lone representative of that school, made a show of the huge field in the half mile, covering the distance in 2:03, which was 5-10 of a second short of the record. He won by more than 50 yards.

*M. T. Smith, of Kingsport, took the individual scoring honors. He won the 220-yard dash in 23.4 seconds and captured the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet, two inches. He was second in the 100-yard dash. Jim Waller of Johnson City was close behind for second place, scoring 12 1-5 points to Smith's 13. He won the high and low hurdles and was in a five-way tie for first in the high jump.

The Kingsport team took four first places, winning the 220, shot, discus and broad jump and had two of the three which tied for first in the high jump.

Summaries:

Mile—Joslin, Knoxville; Haire, Whitehaven; Gilliam, Kingsport; Mayson, Knoxville; time, 4:53.5.

440-yard dash—Kinsey, Memphis Central; Foster, Nashville Central; Rowan, Memphis Central; Tip-ton, Erwin. Time, 53:2.

100-yard dash—Lynch, Somerville; Smith, Kingsport; Colle, Knoxville; Vance, Kingsport. Time, 10:6.

120-yard high hurdles—Waller, Johnson City; Tucker, Knoxville; McColl, Memphis Central; Peter, Kingsport. Time, 16:1.

220-yard dash—Smith, Kingsport; Stanford, Memphis Central; Colle, Knoxville; Closs, Whitehaven. Time, 23:4.

Quarter—Conley, Alamo; Newell, Erwin; Craddock, Memphis Central; Hades, Johnson City. Time, 2:03.

220-yard low hurdles—Waller, Johnson City; Harrison, Kingsport; Tucker, Knoxville; Hall, Whitehaven. Time, 27:5.

Mile relay—Memphis Central,

(Stanford, Venn, Rowen and Kinsey) won; Knoxville, Erwin, Kingsport. Time, 3:41.7.

Pole vault—Cottrell, Knoxville; Harrison, Kingsport; Showalter, Kingsport and Harrison, Memphis Central, tied for third; height, 11 feet 4 1-2 inches.

Shot put—Cifers, Kingsport; Lynch, Somerville; Peters, Kingsport; Fugate, Kingsport; distance, 50 feet.

Javelin—Elrod, Memphis Central; Peters, Kingsport; Macon, Nashville Central; Haney, Kingsport; distance, 162 feet.

Discus—Fugate, Kingsport; Cifers, Kingsport; Barnes, Memphis Central; Showalter, Kingsport; distance 111 feet 10 1-2 inches.

High jump—(Five tied for first) Cottrell, Knoxville; Showalter, Kingsport; Blessing, Kingsport; Tucker, Messick; Wallin, Johnson City; height, 5 feet 9 inches.

Broad jump—Smith, Kingsport; Lynch, Somerville; Venn, Memphis Central; Closs, Whitehaven; distance, 21 feet 2 inches.