

1960 STATE DECATHLON

Knoxville, TN

May 27-28, 1960

FINAL RESULTS

KNOWVILLE—(AP)—Junior Ward of Nashville East yesterday finished second to Memphis Central's Winston Wolfe in the ninth annual TSSAA State decathlon.

Ward scored 6561 points but still was a distant runnerup to the multi-talented Memphian who scored a record total of 7970 points.

He broke the record 7808 set last year by Frank Halliburton of Nashville Father Ryan.

Ward, a standout for the Nashville team which swept its second TSSAA State track crown last weekend, edged Knoxville East's Bo Minnis, the third place finisher with 6512 points.

Coppley Vickers and David Large, Knoxville Fulton standouts, finished fourth and fifth with 6449 and 6042, respectively.

A whopping total of seven of the top 12 finishers were from Nashville Interscholastic league schools.

AMONG THE front-runners were Ted Loftin, Nashville Central, 5871; Sammy Flatt, Nashville Cumberland, 5491; and Eugene Robinson, Nashville Central, 5465. Carlton Flatt, Nashville Cumberland, had 4988 points; Bobby Haley, Nashville Central 4684; and Dennis Pfeffer, Nashville Cumberland 3159.

Wolfe, who said he had been preparing for this decathlon since 1956, didn't fall under 720 points in a single event.

Ward, Minnis and Vickers waged a down-the-stretch battle for the runnerup spot. Ward added a first-place medal in the hop, step and jump yesterday after taking victories in the broad jump and 440-yard dash Friday. He ran second in the mile yesterday.

Winners of events yesterday:

120 high hurdles—Loftin (Nash. Central), Wolfe (Memphis Central), Dowling (Knox Fulton), S. Flatt (Nash. Cumberland), Ward (Nash. East). Time—16.1.

Discus — Wolfe (Memphis Central), Minnis (Knox East), Ward (Nash. East), Robinson (Nash. Central), Haley (Nash. Central). Distance—129 feet, 5 inches.

Pole vault—Wolfe (Memphis Central), Gross (Knox Fulton), Vickers (Knox Fulton), Loftin (Nash. Central), Martin (Memphis Bartlett). Height—10 feet, 6 inches.

Hop, step and jump—Ward (Nash. East), Wolfe (Memphis Central), Vickers (Knox Fulton), Loftin (Nash. Central), S. Flatt (Nash. Cumberland). Distance—49 feet, 6 inches.

Mile run — Vickers (Knox Fulton), Ward (Nash. East), Crowe (Nash. East), Large (Knox Fulton), two tie for fifth. Time—4:50.2.

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Junior Ward In Third Place In Decathlon

KNOXVILLE — (AP) — Nashville East's Junior Ward won the broad jump event in the TSSAA State decathlon here yesterday but finished the first day of competition in third place with 3512 points.

LEADING is Winston Wolfe of Memphis Central with a total of 4127 points. Second place at the end of the halfway mark was Bo Minnis of Knoxville East with 3804.

Ward, one of the pre-tourney favorites, broad jumped 20 feet, five inches to capture first place in the broad jump and another Nashville thinclad, Carlton Flatt of Cumberland high school, won the high jump by clearing five feet, eight inches.

Only one perfect score was made yesterday in any event. Minnis hurled the 16-pound shot 48 feet, one inch for 1000 points. Wolfe was close behind with 45 feet, three inches — four short of the distance needed for 1000 points — but collected 982 points in the event.

David Large, who won the 100-yard dash in 10.3, and Coppley Vickers of Knoxville Fulton scored 3392 and 3306 points respectively.

Other contestants scoring more than 3000 points included Earl Martin of Memphis Bartlett (3144) and Eugene Robinson of Nashville Central (3077).

TODAY'S ACTION, beginning at noon, includes the 120-yard high hurdles, discus throw, pole vault, hop step and jump and the mile run.

More than 50 of Tennessee's finest schoolboy athletes are competing for the title won last year by Frank Halliburton of Nashville Ryan, who scored a record total of 7808 points.