

1966 STATE DECATHLON

East High School - Nashville, TN

June 7-8, 1966

FINAL RESULTS

Sumrell Sets Mark, Cops Decathlon

By BOB TEITLEBAUM

STAN SUMRELL of Chattanooga Notre Dame edged past Memphis Westwood's Lanny

Ozment on the mile run to win the TSSAA State High School Decathlon as both participants broke total point records yesterday at East's Keyes Stadium.

SUMRELL had a scant 56 point lead going into the last event on the docket. Running in the second heat, Stan turned in a 5:11 mile to earn 790 of a possible 1,000 points.

Lanny, only a junior, needed to shave six seconds off Sumrell's mile time but he couldn't turn the trick. He hit the tape at 5:36.1 to earn 530 points.

Even so, both broke the total point record of 7,970 set by Memphis Central's Winston Wolff in 1962. Sumrell racked up 8,338 points, 139 fewer than he scored in the region. Ozment finished with 8,022, 90 more than he recorded in the region.

SUMRELL was threatened with the loss of the title he was favored for when he failed to top 10 feet, six inches in the pole vault. Usually a 1,000 point performer (11 feet, seven inches), Sumrell missed three times at 11-0 and was left with 10-6.

However, the Irish senior, headed to Middle Tennessee State University on a basketball scholarship, turned in the top performance in the hop-skip-and-jump with a leap of 44 feet for 1,000 points.

Knoxville South's Steve Colquitt was third with 7,477 points. Joe Proctor, a Knoxville Catholic junior, finished fourth with 7,395. Conn Canale of Memphis Christian Brothers, the first day leader, was

fifth at 7,366 and West's Ronnie Fuqua sixth with 7,270 points. The first six earned trophies.

SIX MEDALS were given to Litton's Herb Patterson (7,053), Robert Hopson (6,076) of Memphis Carver, Wallace Hughes (6,811) of Tennessee School for the Deaf, Bellevue's Terry Johnson (6,516), David Stevens (6,516) of Chattanooga East Ridge and Memphis Kingsbury's Eddie Thornton (6,306).

Fuqua, while finishing 90 points behind his regional performance last week, bettered by nearly a foot his pole vault height. The Blue Jay went over the bar at 11 feet to lead this event with teammate David McQuigg and Johnson.

Patterson, a Litton junior, racked up the fastest mile as he toured the five laps around the East oval in 4:51.8. Colquitt was the top discus hurler in the event with a toss of 152 feet.

Yesterday's results and final point totals were:

YESTERDAY'S EVENTS

High Hurdles — Stan Sumrell, Notre Dame, 15.9.

Discus — Steve Colquitt, Knoxville South, 152 feet.

Pole Vault — Ronnie Fuqua, West; David McQuigg, West; Terry Johnson, Bellevue, 11 feet.

Hop — Skip-Jump — Stan Sumrell, Notre Dame, 44 feet.

Mile — Herb Patterson, Litton, 4:51.8.

FINAL STANDINGS

Stan Sumrell, Notre Dame, 8,338; Lanny Ozment, Memphis Westwood, 8,022; Steve Colquitt, Knoxville South, 7,477; Joe Proctor, Knoxville Catholic, 7,395; Conn Canale, 7,366; Ronnie Fuqua, West, 7,270; Herb Patterson, Litton, 7,053; Robert Hopson, Memphis Carver, 6,976; Wallace Hughes, Tennessee School for the Deaf, 6,811; Terry Johnson, Bellevue, 6,516; David Stevens, East Ridge, 6,516; Ed Thornton, Memphis Kingsbury, 6,306; David McQuigg, West, 6,131; Bobby Elrod, Memphis Humes, 5,906; Bob Sewell, East, 5,782; Bob Hilton, Morristown, 4,928; Richard Roberts, Glencliff, 4,831.

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Canale Takes Lead In State Decathlon

By BOB TEITLEBAUM

MEMPHIS Christian Brothers' Conn Canale surprised the field in the TSSAA State High School Decathlon to take the first day lead yesterday at East's Keyes Stadium.

CANALE SWEEPED to the best mark in three of the five events as he racked up 4,355 points. Right behind him was fellow Memphian Larry Ozment of Westwood with 4,279 points.

Notre Dame's Stan Sumrell, the favorite to take the decathlon crown, is third with 4,131 points. However, Stan bettered by 100 points his first day's showing in the Eaststate region last week. There he roared through the last five events to score a record 8,467 points.

Robert Hopson (4,104) of Memphis Carver and Knoxville Catholic's Joe Proctor (4,069) joined the top three in scoring more than 4,000 points. Steve Colquitt of Knoxville South was sixth at the half-way mark with 3,983 points.

WEST'S heralded trackster, Ronnie Fuqua, racked up 3,841 points including a top effort of five feet, 10 inches in the high jump. Bobby Petty of Isaac Litton, who was second to the Blue Jay junior, in the region, did not participate in the state meet.

Canale took the 100-yard dash in :10.3, hurled the shot 50 feet and skimmed over the 440-yard dash in :53.5. Conn,

who will go to either Mississippi State or Alabama on a football scholarship, was three feet, one inch better than Ozment, his nearest competitor in the shot. However, both received the maximum 1,000 points for their efforts.

Sumrell racked up the perfect 1,000 points in the broad jump and high jump, two of his specialists. Joining Sumrell and Fuqua in soaring high above the pole in the high jump were David Stevens of Chattanooga East Ridge and Robert Hughes of Memphis Carver, all at 5-10.

THE LAST five events will be run off today beginning at 10 a.m. Scheduled are the 120-yard high hurdles, discus, mile run, pole vault and hop-step-and-jump.

YESTERDAY'S EVENTS

100-Yard Dash—Conn Canale, Memphis Christian Brothers, :10.3.

Broad Jump—Stan Sumrell, Notre Dame, 21-6 1/4.

Shot Put—Conn Canale, Memphis Christian Brothers, 50 feet.

High Jump—Stan Sumrell, Notre Dame; Ronnie Fuqua, West; David Stevens, East Ridge; Robert Hopson, Memphis Carver; 5-10.

440-Yard Dash—Conn Canale, Memphis Christian Brothers, :53.5.

POINT TOTALS

Conn Canale, Memphis Christian Brothers, 4,355; Larry Ozment, Memphis Westwood, 4,279; Stan Sumrell, Notre Dame, 4,131; Robert Hopson, Memphis, 4,104; Joe Proctor, Knoxville Catholic, 4,069; Steve Colquitt, Knoxville South, 3,983; Wallace Huges, Tennessee School for the Deaf, 3,891; Ronnie Fuqua, West, 3,841; Eddie Thornton, Memphis Kingsbury, 3,552; Richard Roberts, Glencliff, 3,261; Herb Patterson, Litton, 3,214; Terry Johnson, Bellevue, 3,202; Bobby Eirod, Memphis Humes, 3,076; Bob Sewall, East, 2,975; David McQuinn, West, 2,890; Bob Hilton, Morristown, 2,757; David Stevens, East Ridge, 2,465.