

1967 STATE DECATHLON

East High School - Nashville, TN

June 6-7, 1967

FINAL RESULTS

Decathlon Title To Knoxville

JOE PROCTOR of Knoxville Catholic won or tied for first place in six of 10 events and copped the TSSAA state decathlon title with 8,018 points.

PROCTOR WON the high hurdles and triple jump yesterday as he overtook first-day leader Lanny Ozment of Memphis Westwood in the final five events at East High. Ozment finished second with 7,729.

Herbert Patterson of Litton was third with 7,230 and his brother Harold was fifth to lead Nashville entries in the meet.

West's Ronnie Fuqua, two-time Midstate champion and THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN'S NIL trackman of the year, wound up a disappointing sixth. His only first places were in the high jump and pole vault.

The only decathlon record broken in the two-day meet was the mile run, the final event, where Martin's Jim Burdette was timed in 4:43.0.

THE FIRST SIX finishers

among the 18 entrants will receive trophies for their performances while the next six are given medals.

The winners:

Joe Proctor, Knoxville Catholic, 8,018; Lanny Ozment, Memphis Westwood, 7,729; Herbert Patterson, Nashville Litton, 7,230; Dick Hopper, Memphis White Station, 7,229; Harold Patterson, Nashville Litton, 7,216; Ronnie Fuqua, Nashville West, 7,008; Jim Burdette, Martin High, 6,526; Bobby Dukes, Memphis Southside, 6,518; George Gibson, Memphis Christian Brothers, 6,471; Willie Poplar, Tennessee School for the Deaf, 6,428; Wallace Hughes, Tennessee School for the Deaf, 6,260; Duane Dickens, Nashville Maplewood, 5,929.

YESTERDAY'S EVENTS

High Hurdles—Joe Proctor, 16.0.
Pole Vault—Ronnie Fuqua, Herbert Patterson, 11-7.
Triple Jump—Joe Proctor, 42-8½.
Discus—Doug Colquitt, Knoxville South, 136-1¼.
Mile Run—Jim Burdette, 4:43.0 (new state decathlon record).

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Joe Proctor, Lannie Ozment Top Decathlon

FOR ALL intents and purposes the Tennessee State Decathlon competition has become a two man show between Lanny Ozment of Memphis Westwood and Joe Proctor of Knoxville Catholic as the first half of the two day grind came to an end at East's Keyes Stadium yesterday.

Ozment, a big, strong athlete who placed second in the State Decathlon last year, has collected 4,180 points by virtue of a consistent performance in each of the five events staged yesterday.

Ozment placed first only in the shot put, but did well enough in the 100 yard dash, broad jump, high jump and 440 yard dash to give him the leading total.

PROCTOR, ON the other hand, either won or tied for first place in all of the events except the shot put for his 4,036 first day point total. In the event which he didn't win, the shot put, his score was far enough down the line to throw him out of the first day lead.

Ronnie Fuqua, West High School ace, and holder of the state 440 yard dash record, tied for first place in the high jump at 5' 10", but did not win the 440 and currently holds the fourth spot in the over-all first day standings.

The five remaining events, the high hurdles, discus, pole vault, hop-step-jump, and the mile run, will be tackled today starting at 9 a.m. and an exciting struggle to the wire between the two leaders is expected.

Trophies will be awarded to the top six finishers and medals will be presented to the next six places when the ordeal comes to a close today.

The top ten:

Lanny Ozment, Memphis Westwood, 4,180.
Joe Proctor, Knoxville Catholic, 4,036.
Wallace Hughes, Tennessee School for the Deaf, 3,487.
Ronnie Fuqua, Nashville West, 3,551.
Dick Hopper, Memphis White Station, 3,519.
Harold Patterson, Nashville Liffon, 3,440.
Duane Dickens, Nashville Maplewood, 3,414.
Willie Poplar, Tennessee School for the Deaf, 3,346.
Bobby Dukes, Memphis Southside, 3,285.
George Gibson, Memphis Christian Brothers, 3,278.

EVENT WINNERS

100 yard dash—Joe Proctor, 10.4; broad jump—Joe Proctor, 20' 8½"; shot put—Lanny Ozment, 47' 11½"; high jump—Joe Proctor, Ronnie Fuqua, Dick Hopper, 5' 10"; 440 yard dash—Joe Proctor, Herb Patterson, Liffon, 54.3.