

1972 STATE DECATHLON

East High School - Nashville, TN

June 7-8, 1972

FINAL RESULTS

Murray Wins

Chattanooga Baylor's Bill Murray, solid choice for the 1972 TSSAA state decathlon, didn't disappoint any of his supporters yesterday as he breezed to the championship with points to spare.

Murray finished the two-day meet with a total of 8,014 points, easily outdistancing runner-up Wayne Scruggins of Woodale, who recorded 7,651.

MURRAY HAD finished

third in the state decathlon last year, and with both the first- and second-place finishers not returning to this year's meet, was expected to encounter little difficulty in gaining the crown.

Murray finished first in only two events of the decathlon, winning Wednesday's long jump with a leap of 20-0 $\frac{1}{2}$, and yesterday's pole vault with an 11-7 vault. Murray had won the state pole vault championship in last month's TSSAA state track meet.

Edward Jeter of Tresevant barely lost second place to Scruggins, as he recorded a 7,602 total. Buster Hancock of Germantown was fourth with 7,452, and Wednesday's runner-up, Ed Hightower of Raleigh Egypt, came in fifth with 7,062.

DAVID PETTY of Franklin was the top midstate representative, finishing sixth with 7,061. Bellevue's David Randolph came in seventh with 6,771, with John Holder of host East High School narrowly edging aside Knox Bear-den's Robert Cobb 6,709 to 6,607. Ronnie Richardson, the NIL's only other representative, came in tenth, with den's Robert Cobb 6,709 to a score of 6,605.

FINAL STANDINGS

Bill Murray, Chattanooga Baylor, 8,014; Wayne Scruggins, Woodale 7,651; Edward Jeter, Tresevant, 7,602; Buster Hancock, Germantown, 7,452; Ed Hightower, Raleigh Egypt, 7,062; David Petty, Franklin, 7,061; David Randolph, Bellevue (Nashville), 6,771; John Holder East (Nashville), 6,709; Robert Cobb, Knoxville Bear-den, 6,607; Ronnie Richardson, Bellevue (Nashville), 6,605; Bill Friggs, Harding Academy, 6,471; Stewart Christenberry, Knoxville, West 5,609.

YESTERDAYS RESULTS

High Hurdles — Wayne Scruggins, Woodale, 15.0; Triple Jump—Wayne Scruggins, Woodale, 40-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; Discus — Buster Hancock, Germantown, 128-8; Pole Vault—Bill Murray, Chattanooga Baylor, 11-7; Mile Run—Edward Jeter, Tresevant, 5:07.9.

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Murray Leads In Decathlon

Bill Murray of Chattanooga Baylor grabbed the half-way lead as the State Decathlon got underway yesterday at East.

Murray totaled 4,004 points in the all-around athletic test. The only event he won was the long jump which he took with a leap of 29-0½. The other efforts which led to his frontrunning

status were an 11.0 in the 100 yard dash, 55.3 in the 440, a 43-11 heave in the shot put, and a 5-8 in the high jump.

HOLDING SECOND through the first five of ten events was Ed Hightower of Raleigh Egypt who was the 100 winner in 10.3. Hightower amassed 3,838 points, followed by Buster Hancock of Germantown with 3,805.

In a day in which no competitor won more than one event, Hancock led the shot put tosses with 44-2. Other winners were Stuart Christianson of Knoxville West with a 5-9 in the high jump and Robert Cobb of Knoxville Bearden with a 53.1 clocking in the 440.

The final events will be run at East today beginning at 5 p.m. They are the high hurdles, triple jump, pole vault, discus, and the grueling finale—the mile run.

Current standings:

Murray, 4,004; Hightower, 3,838; Hancock, 3,805; Wayne Scruggins, Woodale, 3,761; Ed Jeter, Trezevant, 3,655; John Holder, Nashville East, 3,581; Cobb, 3,490; David Petty, Franklin, 3,460; David Randolph, Nashville Bellevue, 3,370; Ronnie Richardson, Nashville Bellevue, 3,319; Bill Briggs, Harding Academy, 3,076; Christianson, 2,844.

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