

**1977 STATE DECATHLON**  
Hendersonville High School - Hendersonville, TN  
May 31 - June 1, 1977  
**FINAL RESULTS**

## Christenbury Encore Tough

By **TOM SQUIRES**

Tommy Christenbury of Memphis University School will have trouble with an encore.

The senior-to-be became the first high school trackman ever to score more than 9,000 points as he won the 1977 TSSAA State Decathlon championship yesterday at the Hendersonville track.

"I GUESS that will be quite a challenge," said Christenbury, who finished the 10 events with 9,096 points. "At least I get a long rest. I knew I could do it after the discus and triple jump. Up until then, I was just worried about winning.

"I don't guess I'll realize how many points I scored until I try to do it again," he continued. "You've got to have things fall in place for you. I've been consistent in the mile, but I was worried about the pole vault. I'm glad it's over. That was a rough two days."

Christenbury, who finished third last year as a sophomore, entered yesterday's competition trailing favorite Tim Flatt of Wooddale by 197 points. He picked up 120 with a 14.8 clocking in the high hurdles and roared well out in

front with a discus throw of 131-10.

The 6-3, 205-pound tight end and starting forward in basketball got the max-

imum in both the shot and high jump during Tuesday's competition. His

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only 1,000 mark yesterday was the hurdles where the tied Knox South-Young's Scott Van Fleet for the best performance.

**CHRISTENBURY'S** discus throw of 131-10 was the best of the day among the 14 participants and his closing mile run of 4:57.8 ranked second. He leaped 42-7 in the triple jump and went 10 feet in the pole vault for a total of 4,502.

Christenbury's total of 9,096 broke the old record of 8,932 set in 1975 by Memphis White Station's Buster Hancock.

Flatt, who beat Christenbury in the Weststate Regional, finished second with 8,461 points while Overton's Joe Kolodziej brought the Nashville Interscholastic League third place with an impressive 8,346 total.

Kolodziej, an NIL record-holder of 14-8 in the

pole vault, got the maximum in that event by clearing 11-7. He also had a 15.5 time in the hurdles and closed out with a 5:06.1 mile run.

**CLEVELAND'S** Paul Davis, the state long jump champ, got the maximum 1,000 in the triple jump with a leap of 45 feet. Bellevue's Randy Singleton, the Midstate champ who has suffered from a pulled muscle, matched Kolodziej's 11-7 pole vault while Daniel Boone's Mike Harrison turned in the best mile at 4:41.0.

#### Decathlon Standings

1. Tommy Christenbury (MUS) 9,096;
2. Tim Flatt (Wooddale) 8,461; 3. Joe Kolodziej (Overton) 8,346; 4. Scott Van Fleet (Knox South-Young) 8,314; 5. Mike Harrison (Daniel Boone) 7,901; 6. Walter Wilkens (White Station) 7,763; 7. Randy Singleton (Bellevue) 7,682; 8. Paul Davis (Cleveland) 7,597; 9. John Burnwell (Mitchell) 7,320; 10. Vincent Hereford (Hillsboro) 7,315; 11. Steve Poe (Sullivan Central) 7,103; 12. Nathan Proffitt (Overton) 6,668; 13. Scott Fort (Hillsboro) 6,645; 14. Darrell Carter (Trezevant) 6,613.

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### FIRST DAY RESULTS

## Arnold Wins

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points. Carla Yount of Soddy-Daisy (14.8) and Thorpe (15.0) also got the maximum point total.

**THORPE**, a transfer from Colorado who led Mt. Juliet to the state runnerup team finish, clipped Arnold by an inch in the high jump, 4-11 to 4-10. Arnold came back for an edge in the shot, 30-10 to 29-11.

Next came Thorpe's record-setting long jump of 18 feet, much better than Arnold's 16-6 and a difference of 144 points. But, Arnold's time in the 220 was worth 150 more than Thorpe's.

Tammy Owens of Campbell County finished third with 2,578 points, only four more than Yount who was first in the high jump at 5-1. Fifth-place Alma Cobb of Knox Bearden (2,392) was first in the shot at 38-4.

**ALL THE** coaches agreed that the events and performance scales needed revision by the TSSAA.

The boys' decathlon went to the halfway mark with Memphis Wooddale's Tim Flatt threatening to set a new point record. His first day total was 4,791, a lead of 197 over rival Tommy Christenbury of Memphis University School.

Paul Davis of state champion Cleveland is third with 4,233 and Daniel Boone's Mike Harrison fourth with 4,204. Midstate regional runnerup Joe Kolodziej of Overton has slipped into fifth with 4,137.

**FLATT**, who was sixth in the state decathlon last year and barely beat Christenbury for the West-state regional crown, got the maximum 1,000 points in two events and was the top performer in two others.

The Wooddale senior went 21-2½ in the long jump and made 5-10 in the high jump for maximum points. His 10-flat time in the 100 was worth 950 and his 51.3 in the quarter-mile got 895 more.

Christenbury got 1,000 in the shot for a throw of 46-9½ and Davis got 1,000 in the long jump at 21-6. Christenbury, Davis, Kolodziej, Hillsboro's Vincent Hereford, and Mid-state champion Randy Singleton of Bellevue all joined Flatt in clearing 5-10 in the high jump.

**THE FINAL** five events—the high hurdles, triple jump, discus, pole vault, and mile run—get underway this morning at 9:30.

#### GIRLS PENTATHLON

1. Joanne Arnold (Antioch) 2,829; 2. Gina Thorpe (Mt. Juliet) 2,875; 3. Tammy Owens (Campbell Co.) 2,578; 4. Carla Yount (Soddy-Daisy) 2,574; 5. Alma Cobb (Knox Bearden) 2,392; 6. Susan Vaughn (Mt. Juliet) 2,370; 7. Juana Boyland (Mem. Central) 2,250; 8. Louise Bayer (Auburndale) 2,066; 9. Susan Wilson (Millington) 1,560.

#### BOYS DECATHLON

1. Flatt (Wooddale) 4,791; 2. Christenbury (MUS) 4,594; 3. Davis (Cleveland) 4,233; 4. Harrison (Boone) 4,204; 5. Kolodziej (Overton) 4,137; 6. Van Fleet (South-Young) 3,940; 7. Burnwell (Mitchell) 3,920; 8. Hereford (Hillsboro) 3,830; 9. Singleton (Bellevue) 3,704; 10. Wilkens (White Station) 3,665; 11. Carter (Trezevant) 3,589; 12. Poe (Sullivan Central) 3,535; 13. Proffitt (Overton) 3,374; 14. Fort (Hillsboro) 3,354; 15. Duncan (Erwin) Withdrew.