

1981 STATE DECATHLON
McGavock High School - Nashville, TN
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FINAL RESULTS

McCallie's Lee Pride Wins State Decathlon

By CINDY SMITH

Chattanooga McCallie's Lee Pride captured the decathlon yesterday at McGavock High with two superior performances in the triple jump and the pole vault.

Jackie House of Memphis Fairley took the girls' pentathlon crown with a record 4,405-point performance. House outdistanced second-place finisher Catherine Miller of Whites Creek who scored 4,120 points for the day's work.

PRIDE TRIPLE JUMPED 43-11 on the first jump of the first flight to earn 1,000 points for that event. "I learned to triple jump in Illinois in ninth grade," he said. "There are not too many meets in Tennessee that have a triple jump. I've only triple jumped two or three times this year."

In the pole vault, Pride bested the field with a 13-0, and then came back to clear 13-3 to pick up another 1,000 points. "I was hurt in the regionals and didn't make it to the state in the pole vault," he said. "So, I decided to really concentrate on the decathlon."

Memphis Prep School's Steve Osborne was the first-day leader and finished second in the meet with 8,115 points. Osborne was the top hurdler, running 15.0, but a cracked pole in the pole vault knocked him out of the contest with an 11-6. Osborne and Pride both scored 710 points in the 1600-meter, the last event, to give Pride the edge in the final totals.

HOUSE WAS one of three girls to break the old pentathlon record of 4,010 set last year by Greenville's Rita Story. Miller and Memphis Bishop Byrne's Catherine Dixon, with 4,015, bettered the old record.

House long-jumped 19-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ and was fastest in the hurdles with 14.6 for two top performanc-

es. Miller missed a 1,000-point score in the long jump by only a quarter of an inch with a leap of 17-11 $\frac{3}{4}$. "I had a good day," said Miller. "But, Jackie was just super."

Whites Creek's Jackie Cowan had the best high jump, clearing 5-2 to place eighth in the pentathlon. Other Nashville Interscholastic League and Midstate participants to place were: Hillwood's Dana King in 10th, Harpeth Hall's Elizabeth Cochran in 11th, and Murfreesboro Oakland's Dana Daffer in 13th position.

IN THE decathlon, Danny White of Clarksville Northwest placed highest among Middle Tennesseans with 6,785 points, finishing eighth. Teammate Brian Brown placed ninth with 6,660 points.

Brooks Corzine of Montgomery Bell Academy placed 11th with his teammate Mitchum Warren coming in 12th. Clarksville Northwest's Billy Largin was 15th, including a top discus throw of 138-7.

McCallie coach Richard Bohner, a graduate of Donelson High School, was delighted with the win of Pride. "This is my last year to coach and this is a great way to go out," he said.

Decathlon

Pride (McCallie) 8,305; Osborne (Mem. Prep) 8,115; Wright (Greenville) 7,300; Thomas (Jonesboro Crockett) 6,945; Cecil (Knox. Central) 6,915; Porter (Mem. Wooddale) 6,910; Hoggard (Mem. Evangelical Christian) 6,865; White (Cla. NW) 6,785; Brown (Cla. NW) 6,660; Kinser (Sull. Central) 6,645; Corzine (MBA) 6,640; Warren (MBA) 6,530; Holt (Mem. Fairley) 6,285; Carpenter (Mem. Wooddale) 5,985; Largin (Cla. NW) 5,810.

Pentathlon

House (Mem. Fairley) 4,405; C. Miller (Whites Creek) 4,120; Dixon (Mem. BB) 4,015; Davidson (Oak Ridge) 3,995; Beason (Collierville) 3,830; Forsythe (Mem. Skyview) 3,825; Troup (Oak Ridge) 3,640; Cowan (Whites Creek) 3,540; D. Miller (Knox. Farragut) 3,510; King (Hillwood) 3,395; Cochran (Harpeth Hall) 3,320; Peak (Mem. Prep) 3,195; Daffer (Mur. Oakland) 2,690; Anderson (Rogersville Volunteer); Watkin (Knox. Bearden) scratched.

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Osborne Paces Decathlon Field

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Memphis Prep School's Steve Osborne scored 4,080 points to take the first day lead in the TSSAA state decathlon yesterday at McGavock.

Osborne contributed top performances in the 100-meter dash (11.2) and shot (41-5½) to forge ahead of second-place performer Phil Wright of Greenville who tallied 3,970 points.

THE DECATHLON concludes today with action beginning at 9:30 a.m. Today's events include the discus, triple jump, hurdles, pole vault and 1600-meter run. The girls' penthalon is decided today with 14 athletes competing for the state crown.

McCallie's Lee Pride is currently in third position with 3,940 points, having come up with a best performance in the long jump (20-10). Evangelical Christian's Mark Hoggard is in fourth place tied with Ronnie Kinser of Sullivan Central at 3,580.

Knoxville Central's Mike Cecil, who had the best high jump, leaping 6-0, finished the first day in sixth place (3,550) followed by Clarksville Northwest's Danny White. White, the

highest Middle Tennessee finisher yesterday with 3,530 points, had the best time in the 400 meters, running a 51.2.

MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY'S Brooks Corzine, the regional champion, is in eighth place with 3,445 points. Teammate Mitchum Warren is ninth in a tie with Memphis Wooddale's Bevin Carpenter at 3,410.

Northwest's Brian Brown is in 11th position (3,330) followed by Jonesboro Crockett's John Thomas and Renwick Porter of Wooddale at 3,290 and Billy Largin of Clarksville Northwest (3,120).

Osborne is in good position to take the boys' championship today, having done well in all first-day events without having overextended himself. Today is the most gruelling day of activity, and Osborne could be challenged by any number of participants.

THE WHITES Creek duo of Catherine Miller and Jackie Cowan head the Nashville Interscholastic League contingent headed into the penthalon. Hillwood's Dana King, Harpeth Hall's Elizabeth Cochran, and Murfreesboro

Oakland's Dana Daffer, Regina Troop and Carol Davidson will be on hand to make a run at the title.

Memphis Skyview Baptist's Ruth Ann Forsythe and Fairley's Jackie House have a clear shot at the penthalon along with Knoxville Farragut's Denise Miller and Memphis Prep's Elizabeth Peek.

Miller, Cowan and King are all-round performers who could represent the area well in the state event. Miller should do well in the hurdles, Cowan in the high jump and King in the discus or shot or the high jump.