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Hunt Survives In Decathlon

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Chattanooga McCallie's Peter Hunt sneaked up on the TSSAA state decathlon championship yesterday while Memphis Northside's Terkeler Shegog ran away with the penthalon.

Competing yesterday at Montgomery Bell Academy, Hunt outscored Tennessee High's Pete Vandebroke by a slim 10 points, 8,385 to 8,375, to win the two-day, 10-event test of stamina and skill.

In the five-event penthalon, Shegog won the title for the second year in a row and set a new state record with 4,745 points. Shegog won three events outright, tied for first in the high jump and was second in the shot put.

McGAVOCK HIGH junior Jan Sadler finished second overall with 3,745 points and tied with Shegog in the high jump. Both cleared 5-1.

Sadler was the lone Metro area athlete to win a medal. Overton's Chuck Sorrow missed the second day of the decathlon due to tonsillitis. Brentwood High's Scott Hartman had to withdraw after a hip injury sustained during the high hurdles. MBA junior Steve Rollins was seventh with 6,780.

While Shegog was leaving the field behind in the penthalon, McCallie's Hunt and Tennessee High's Pete Vandebroke, the first day leader, were in a heated battle in the decathlon.

HEADING INTO the final event, the 1600 meter run, Vandebroke

was in the lead by 70 points. For Hunt to win, he had to defeat Vandebroke by seven seconds in the 1600 meter run.

The two were paired in the last heat along with Memphis Mitchell's Nico Perkins who wound up third overall. Hunt started out strong while Vandebroke, who only been competing in decathlon competition for three weeks, began to fade.

Both began their kicks on the final curve, and Hunt wound up winning by just those much-needed seven seconds. "I knew what I had to do," said Hunt. "The 1600 meter turned out to be my secret weapon. I've never been good in the mile until the this year."

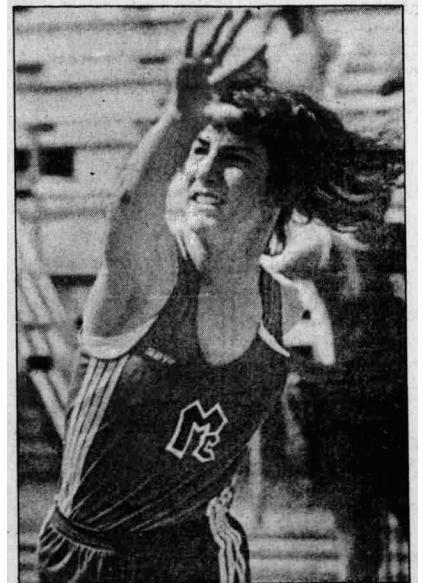
HUNT'S 4:58.7 was not the best time in the 1600; Jackson County's Tim Pennington ran a 4:56.3 in an earlier heat. Hunt and Perkins tied for the best time in the hurdles with 14.7. Vandebroke turned in the best finish in the triple jump (43-2) while Hunt and Northside's Danor Wilson took the pole vault at 12-6.

Brentwood High sophomore Hartman had the best discus throw with a 147-4 and was in the thick of the race before his injury.

The LSU-bound Shegog was pleased with her showing. "I wanted to leave something behind for the girls at Northside to strive for," she said. "I didn't have to come back this year, but I think a girl who is good at something has to be a role model."

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Penthalon Results: Shegog (Memphis Northside) 4,745 (new state record), Sadler (McGavock) 3,745, Peek (Memphis Prep) 3,735, Hollister (Tech) 3,650, Critchfield (Union City) 3,620, Smith (Farragut) 3,450, Eickman (Farragut) 3,400, Bingham (Oakland) 3,270, Cox (Campbell County) 3,255, Richardson (Brentwood Academy) 3,220, Ashley (GPS) 3,135, Benton (Volunteer) 2,950, Russell (Howard) 2,525, Moore (Lipscomb) 2,335.



—Staff photo by J.T. Phillips
Putting One Away — McGavock's Jan Sadler watches her shot put heave during the TSSAA Pentathlon Championships at Montgomery Bell Academy, where Sadler finished second.



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Get Those Knees Up — David Lipscomb's Laura Moore struggles to get over the bar during the high jump in the TSSAA Pentathlon Championships at Montgomery Bell Academy.