

1985 STATE DECATHLON
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FINAL RESULTS



— Staff photo by Bill Welch

State pentathlon champion Jan Sadler, left, and her McGavock teammate Rosalind Derek find a little shelter from the sun at the state pentathlon meet at Montgomery Bell Academy.

Sadler Snares Pentathlon

McGavock Senior Edges Past Overton's Coleman

By CINDY SMITH

The pain of not winning an event in the state track meet was erased yesterday for McGavock's Jan Sadler who won the TSSAA state pentathlon at Montgomery Bell Academy with 4,170 points.

Sadler, a senior who placed second in three events in the TSSAA Class AAA state track meet last weekend, had a battle on her hands throughout the day, finally edging Overton freshman Lawanna Coleman for the title.

Coleman, a first-time competitor in the pentathlon, scored 3,900 points for second place.

In the boys' state decathlon, first-day leader Anthony Cook of Baylor finished as the champion with 8,335 points. But it was no easy task for Cook as he withstood the late charge of Brentwood High's Scott Hartman.

Hartman, a junior who was eighth after the first day, roared back to place second with 8,270 points, only 65 points behind the winner.

The pole vault, in which Hartman was a Class A-AA state champ with a vault of 12-6, was once again Hartman's best friend.

Decathlon

The Bruin decathlete was able to clear 13-0 yesterday for 1,090 points. Hartman also grabbed 1,110 points in the discus with a throw of 151-5. "The discus made up for a lot," he said.

Just as Hartman was making a run at Cook in the decathlon, Sadler was working to overtake Coleman in the pentathlon.

After the first three events, Coleman had a slight edge 2,340 to 2,290. The shot put was the difference as Coleman's 30-1 1/4 picked up 680 points while Sadler's throw of 21-3 1/2 was worth only 330 points.

In the long jump, Coleman had a leap of 16-10 for 860 points, and Sadler jumped 17-2 1/4 for 900 points. Still, Sadler trailed Coleman 3,200-3,190 with one event — the 800 meter run — remaining.

"My coach told me that the best time of the day was 2:27, and I had to better that," said Sadler. "I was

really worried about Lawanna."

Coleman, a sprinter, went out fast, but Sadler caught her and passed her to win the race with a time of 2:25.2. Coleman ran well, finishing with a 2:38.1.

"I'm very well pleased with Lawanna's showing," said Overton co-coach Lisa Sanders. "She did much better than I expected."

Sadler's worksheet showed a 14.7 in the low hurdles and a 5-3 high jump. Coleman's low hurdle time was 15.9 and her high jump was a 5-0.

"This means more to me than winning in the state track meet," said Sadler. "It proves I have stamina and can do some of everything. The half-mile was really tough. You have to give Lawanna so much credit. It makes it better to compete against friends."

Hartman's hurdle time was 16.4, he triple jumped 40-10 1/4 and he ran the 1600 meters in 5:16.7. He wound up losing by only 65 points and will definitely be the favorite next year.

Knoxville Webb's Brian Scanlon finished third in the decathlon with 7,865 points.

TSSAA State Decathlon

At MBA

FINAL RESULTS: Anthony Cook, (Chatt. Baylor) 8,335; Scott Hartman (Brentwood High) 8,270; Brian Scanlon (Knox Webb) 7,865; Tom Rentenback (Knox Bearden) 7,845; Nico Perkins (Memphis Mitchell) 7,675; Mark Stepp (Campbell County) 7,545; Orion Cox (Oak Ridge) 7,195; David Stegall (Germanatown) 6,850; John Bland (Knox Farragut) 6,750; Keith Watson (Westside) 6,715; Chuck Sorrow (Overton) 6,690; Steve Rollins (MBA) 6,555; Brent Collins (Jefferson Co) 6,550; Johnny Thompson (MBA) 5,980; Jeff Faulkerson (Dobyns-Bennett) 5,900; Phillip Kondilas (Memphis Christian Brothers) 5,770; Marc Grimm (Knox Powell) 5,735; Bobby Hengersmeier (Hillwood) 5,480; David Greff (Overton) 5,415; Mike Fannin (Chatt McCallie) 5,335; David Poczbol (Knox Catholic) 5,310; Warren Peek (Memphis Prep) 5,220; Jeb Bailey (Germanatown) 5,130; Lee Hill (Knox Farragut) 4,995; Darius Dunem (Clarksville Northwest) 4,925; Mandell Wells (East) 4,810; Matt Kaye (Oak Ridge) 4,760; Undra Boykins (Westside) 4,645; Troy Heathcock (Brentwood High) 4,495; Lynn Simmons (Knox Powell) 4,205; Brandon Sweetman (McGavock) 4,180; Scotty Long (Gallatin) 4,060; Jay O'Hare (Hillwood) 3,625; Robert King (McGavock) 3,380.

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Baylor's Cook Heats Up State Decathlon

By CINDY SMITH

Anthony Cook of Chattanooga Baylor took the first-day lead in the TSSAA state decathlon at the Montgomery Bell Academy track with a total of 4,540 points.

Cook turned in the best long jump and high jump of the 34-competitor field even though neither leap was up to par in Cook's estimation.

"I jumped 21-7½ and I've been consistently jumping 23 most of the year," said Cook. "In the high jump, I really wanted 6-6, but all I could come up with was a 6-4.

"But still, I guess I'm pretty happy to be in the lead," he added. "The competition here is very tough."

Both Cook's long jump and high jump were good enough to score over 1,000 points. In the decathlon, each standard in each event is worth a certain number of points. Cook's 21-7½ picked up 1,010 while his 6-4 was good enough for 1,080.

The state decathlon continues to-

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day with a 9:30 a.m. starting time. The TSSAA did not have regional competition this year so everyone in the state who wished to compete is at MBA for the two-day event.

The boys will be joined by the state's top girls' track and field athletes who will compete in a five-event pentathlon. McGavock's Jan Sadler is the favorite. Two other favorites, Elizabeth Peek of Memphis Prep and Collierville's Lisa Gartner elected not to participate.

The second day of competition in the decathlon also has five events — the pole vault, the hurdles, the triple jump, the discus and the 1600-meter run.

"I'm going to have to work hard on the second day," said Cook. "I have to work in the pole vault to get 11-0, 11-6, that's what I need to win."

Yesterday, Cook did not have a bad event. He ran a 11.3 in the 100-meter dash; the best time in that event was turned in by John Bland of Knoxville Farragut who ran 11.1.

Cook threw the shot put 41-3 and ran the 400-meter dash in 53.4 for his total of 4,540 points.

The decathlete currently in second place, Orion Cox of Oak Ridge, had the best time in the 400, a 51.6. Cox ran an 11.3 in the 100, long jumped 20-10, threw the shot 37-3, and high jumped 6-3 for an outstanding first-day.

Jefferson County's Brent Collins, a top football prospect for next season, had the best shot put, throwing a 53-1½ for 1,200 points. He wound up in ninth overall with 3,725 points.

Memphis Mitchell's Nico Perkins was in third place with 4,215. As the state hurdle champion, Perkins should be in contention for the title today. Having placed third last year, he has already bettered his first day

point total by 200 points.

"I'm not looking forward to the pole vault," said Perkins. "Or the mile, either, for that matter. I need to get a lot of points in the hurdles."

In fourth place is Knoxville Bearden's Tom Rentenbach and in fifth, Mark Stepp of Campbell County.

The highest Midstate finisher yesterday was Brentwood High junior Scott Hartman who is currently in eighth position with 3,730 points.

Hartman, whose best events are the pole vault and the discus, came up with 840 points for a 5-10 leap in the high jump.

Surprisingly, Chuck Sorrow of Overton, who missed the entire track season because of knee surgery, moved into 10th place overall with 3,695 points.

"I feel pretty good about the day," Sorrow said.

MBA's Steve Rollins is in 13th with 3,570 points. Like Hartman, Rollins' best events are on the second day.



— Staff photo by Robert Johnson

Brentwood High's Scott Hartman buries himself in the sand as he competes in the long jump in the state decathlon at MBA.

TSSAA State Decathlon

First day results after five events of the TSSAA State Decathlon at Montgomery Bell Academy:

Anthony Cook (Chattanooga Baylor) 4,540, Orion Cox (Oak Ridge) 4,340, Nico Perkins (Memphis Mitchell) 4,215, Tom Rentenbach (Knoxville Bearden) 3,960, Mark Stepp (Campbell County) 3,880, Brian Scanlon (Knoxville Webb) 3,810, John Bland (Knoxville Farragut) 3,775, Scott Hartman (Brentwood High) 3,730, Brent Collins (Jefferson County) 3,725, Chuck Sorrow (Overton) 3,695, David Stegall (Germantown) 3,675, Mark Grimm (Knoxville Powell) 3,620, Steve Rollins (MBA) 3,570, Phillip Kondilas 3,400, Jeff Faulkerson (Dobyns-Bennett) 3,270, Bobby Hongsermeier (Hillwood) 3,100, Johnny Thompson (MBA) 3,055, Mandell Wells (East) 2,955, Lee Hill (Knoxville Farragut) 2,970, David Poczbob (Knoxville Catholic) 2,940, David Grett (Overton) 2,880, Mike Fannin (McCallie) 2,870, Warren Peek (Memphis Prep) 2,720, Jeb Bailey (Germantown) 2,640, Darius Dunem (Clarks-ville Northwest) 2,565, Matt Kave (Oak Ridge) 2,565, Undra Boykins (Westside) 2,460, Robert King (McGavock) 2,405, Troy Heitcox (Brentwood High) 2,325, Scotty Long (Gallatin) 2,310, Brendon Sweetman (McGavock) 2,295, Lynn Simmons (Knoxville Powell) 2,000, Jay O'Hare (Hillwood) 1,570.