1985 STATE PENTATHLON

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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, firstday 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 30-11/4 picked up 680 points while Sadler's throw of 21-31/2 was worth only 330 points.

In the long jump, Coleman had a leap of 16-10 for 860 points, and Sadler jumped 17-2½ 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-

"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 40-101/4 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.

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FINAL RESULTS: Jan Sadler (McGavock) 4,170; Lawanna Coleman (Overton) 3,900; Kathy Ryals (Cnatt Howard) 3,605; Amy Laxton (Cambbell County), Erlka Elckman (Knox Farragut) 3,420; Donna Lee (Memphis Treadwell) 3,305; Mona Wheeler (Memphis Central) 3,150; Cathy Bodkin (Hendersonville) 2,925; Rosalind Derrick (McGavock) 2,915; Terri Wooten (Hendersonville) 2,765; Vicki Ford (Knox Farragut) 2,495; Darlene Warford (Memphis Central) 2,465; Krystle Slayden (Brentwood High) 1,885; Carolyn Small (Brentwood High) 1,585.