

## 1954 STATE DECATHLON

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### FINAL RESULTS

## *Hardage Captures Decathlon Crown*

MEMPHIS—(AP)—Ray Hardage, a lanky distance runner from Memphis Treadwell, piled up a record-breaking 7493 points to win the third annual Tennessee high school decathlon yesterday.

Stan Flowers of Memphis Central, the first day leader, failed to score at all in the pole vault and got only 565 in the high hurdles. He was second with 7311 points.

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# Flowers Paces Prep Decathlon

MEMPHIS— (AP) —The athletic pride of Memphis Central, Stan Flowers, took a 643-point lead in the Tennessee high school decathlon here yesterday.

With half of the 10 events in this tough two-day track and field test in the book, Flowers had 4598 points.

Pat Liles of Bartlett, who finished third in last year's decathlon, had 3955 points and brawny Jay Bayless from Knoxville Fulton was running third with 3904.

Bayless startled the field by turning in two perfect performances. He collected 1000 points in both the high jump and shot put.

In decathlon scoring, points are given according to specific scales. Example: In the shot put, up to or over 45 feet 7½ inches equals 1000 points. At the other end of the scale, a 25 foot effort is worth only 10 points.

Flowers picked up 1000 in the high jump. Liles in the broad jump and Bob Atkinson of Memphis Treadwell, fourth with 3873 points, in the shot put.

Here's how the top three scored:

Flowers—100-yard dash :10.3 for 875; broad jump 20 feet 7½ inches for 942; shot put 44 feet 7½ inches for 946; high jump 5 feet 10 inches for 1000; 440-yard dash :52.2 for 835.

Liles—100-yard dash :10.4 for 850; broad jump 21 feet 3½ inches for 1000; shot put 38 feet 11 inches for 670; high jump 5 feet for 600; 440-yard dash :52.2 for 835.

Bayless—100-yard dash :11 for 700; broad jump 18 feet 11 inches for 774; shot put 46 feet 10½ inches for 1000; high jump 5 feet 10 inches for 1000; 440 in :57.5 for 430.