

1956 STATE DECATHLON

Jackson, TN
May 18-19, 1956
FINAL RESULTS

Memphis Flash Cops Decathlon; Tom Moore 3rd

JACKSON, Tenn. —(P)— A win by nine-tenths of a second in a mile run gave Richard Vollmer of Memphis Central the championship in the Tennessee High School Decathlon here Saturday with 6588 points.

A close runnerup and second in the mile event heat with Vollmer was Ted Potter, Clarksville, with 6533.

Tom Moore of Goodlettsville, leading in yesterday's events, failed to scratch in the pole vault and ended in third place with 6130.

It was the first time in the history of the meet that Memphis or Shelby county entries failed to take all first three places.

Other trophy winners were Cecil Smith, Memphis Treadwell, well, fourth with 5593; Tom Martin, Nashville East, fifth with 5541; and John Potts, Whitehaven, sixth, 5414.

In another mile run, Gene Palmer of Nashville's Isaac Litton set a new decathlon record with a run of 4:46.

Potter was leading with 6033 points to 6008 for Vollmer when the two competed in their heat of the mile run, the final event. Vollmer finished in 5:31, Potter in 5:40.

The summary:

120 high hurdles—Potter, Clarksville; Moore, Goodlettsville; Vollmer, Memphis Central, 15.8.

Discus—Peck, Whitehaven; Bailey, Nashville Central; Martin, Nashville East, 137.6 ft.

Pole Vault—Potter, Clarksville; tied for second Palmer, Nashville; Isaac Litton, Bailey, Nashville Central; Haley, Nashville Central; Smith, Memphis Treadwell; Hodge, Clarksville, 9 feet.

Hop-step-Jump—Smith, Memphis Treadwell; Potter, Clarksville; Martin, Nashville East, 41.2½ inches.

Mile—Vollmer, Memphis Central; Potts, Whitehaven; Herron, Memphis Treadwell, 5:31.

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Moore Leading Prep Decathlon

JACKSON — (P) — Husky Tom Moore of Goodlettsville, a virtual unknown in state track circles, took the lead yesterday at the halfway point of the fifth annual Tennessee high school decathlon.

After the first five events, Moore had compiled 3818 points. He had a first in the high jump, a second in the 100-yard dash and a third in the shot put.

Close behind him was Richard Vollmer of Memphis Central with 3728. In third place was Ted Potter of Clarksville with 3375.

The standings after the first five events:

Tom Moore, Goodlettsville, 3818; Richard Vollmer, Memphis Central, 3728; Ted Potter, Clarksville, 3375; Cecil Smith, Memphis Treadwell, 3178; Tom Martin, Nashville East, 3170; Sid Peek, Whitehaven, 3144; John Potts, Whitehaven, 3102; Gene Palmer, Nashville Isaac Litton, 3090; Phillip Donavant, Nashville West, 3066; Gray Bailey, Nashville Central, 2922; Larry Hodge, Clarksville, 2848; Charles Novel, Whitehaven, 2763; Gary Copas, Isaac Litton, 2605; Jim Wiley, Memphis Central, 2553; Ronny Haley, Nashville Central, 2469; Jerry Peters, Memphis Central, 2072; Mitchell Herron, Memphis Treadwell, 1756.

The summary:

100—Vollmer, Memphis Central; Moore, Goodlettsville; Potter, Clarksville, :19.3½.

Broad jump—Vollmer; Smith, Treadwell; Potter, 21' 9½" (old record 21' 3").

Shot put—Peek, Whitehaven; Tom Martin, Nashville East; Moore, 41' 1".

High jump—Moore, tied for second; Palmer, Nashville Litton and Vollmer, Smith, 5' 6".

440—Donavant, Nashville West; Potts, Whitehaven; Vollmer :52.5