

1962 STATE DECATHLON

East High School - Nashville, TN

June 6-7, 1962

FINAL RESULTS

KNNOXVILLE South's David Alexander outscored Ronnie Ward of Nashville East by 80 points to win the TSSAA State decathlon yesterday at muddy Keyes Stadium.

ALEXANDER, the Eaststate regional decathlon winner, piled up 6,900 points to break a two-year hold on the state title by West Tennessee Winclads. Winston Wolfe of Memphis Central was the 1960 winner with a record 7,970 and David Hathcock of Kingsbury won with 7,716 last year.

Ward, the Midstate regional king, was the first day leader, but had to settle for 6,840 points and second place. As expected, he performed well yesterday only in the pole vault and hop, step and jump events.

It was the second time that a member of the Ward family has wound up in the No. 2 decathlon spot. The Eagle junior's older brother, Junior, was second to Wolfe in 1960.

Following Alexander and Ward were Memphis East's John Welch, 6,821; Knox South's Jay Cole, 6,818; and the Knox Karn's Harold Stancell, 6,805.

Besides Ward, Nashville's top

scorers in the meet were Jerry Sullivan, Father Ryan's 205-pound All-City football tackle, who was 14th; and Howard's William Tankersley, two places back.

David Alexander, Knox South, 6,900; Ronnie Ward, Nashville East, 6,840; John Welch, Memphis East, 6,821; Jay Cole, Knox South, 6,818; Harold Stancell, Knox Karns, 6,805; John Mays, Memphis Catholic, 6,612; Howard Finley, Dyersburg, 6,500; David McCaslin, Greeneville, 6,300; Frank Cantwell, Morristown, 6,236; James Garrett, Dyersburg, 6,184; Allen Klimek, Frayser, 5,978; Bill Mays, Memphis Catholic, 5,935; Ed Yendell, Union City, 5,782; Jerry Sullivan, Nashville Ryan, 5,698; Bill Canale, Memphis CBHS, 5,435; William Tankersley, Nashville Howard, 4,816; Bobby Graiz, Morristown, 4,730; Johnny Sleigh, Woodlawn, 4,286; Charlie Griffith, Nashville Ryan, 3,598, withdrew after eight events; Robert Galbraith, Knox Farragut, 2,357, withdrew after five events.

Results of individual events (top six with points in parentheses):

120 HIGH HURDLES: Bill Mays, Memphis Catholic, 15.5 (925); James Garrett, Dyersburg, 15.6 (910); David Alexander, Knox South, 17.3 (655); John Welch, Memphis East, 17.5 (625); Ed Yendell, Union City, 17.6 (610); Frank Cantwell, Morristown, 17.7 (595); John Mays, Memphis Catholic, 17.7.

MILE RUN: David McCaslin, Greeneville, 5:04.3 (830); Howard Finley, Dyersburg, 5:11.8 (786); Harold Stancell, Knox Karns, 5:17.2 (720); Allen Klimek, Frayser, 5:19.3 (700); W. Mays, Memphis Catholic, 5:19.8 (700); J. Mays, Memphis Catholic, 5:21.0 (600).

POLE VAULT: Jay Cole, Knox South, 10-3 (728); Welch, Memphis East, 10-3; McCaslin, Greeneville, 9-8 (632); Ronnie Ward, Nashville East, 9-6 (600); Finley, Dyersburg, 9-6; Alexander, Knox South, 9-3 (536).

DISCUS: Cole, Knox South, 133-10 (976); Bill Canale, Memphis CBHS, 131-0 (952); J. Mays, Memphis Catholic, 120-0 (870); Alexander, Knox South, 118-0 (796); Bobby Graiz, Morristown, 118-0; Stancell, Knox Karns, 117-0 (784).

HOP STEP and JUMP: J. Mays, Memphis Catholic, 41-2 (862); Ward, Nashville East, 40-2 (814); Garrett, Dyersburg, 40-1 (814); Alexander, Knox South, 39-0 (802); Stancell, Knox Karns, 39-4 (778); Klimek, Frayser, 38-4 (730).

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

NASHVILLE East's Ronnie Ward emerged as the midway leader in the TSSAA State decathlon yesterday, racking up 3,794 points at East's Keyes Stadium.

WARD, THE TSSAA State broad jump champion, had the superlative performance in his specialty. He leaped 21 feet, 9 inches and quit with the maximum 1,000 points without going for the record 22-9.

The East junior, high-jumping 5-8 and scoring strong in the 440 and 100-yard dashes, had only a 60-point bulge on Knox Karns' Harold Stancell at the end of five events.

Stancell scored 3,734 points to edge two regional champions in the first day scoring. Following were Memphis East's John Welch, the pre-meet favorite, with 3,666 points and Knox South's David Alexander, the Eaststate's big threat, with 3,631.

Ward's lead appears shaky in light of today's five-event program which gets underway at 1 p.m. The Eagle flash is strong in the hop-step-jump and the pole vault, but will have trouble scoring high in the other events—the high hurdles, discus and mile run.

THE DECATHLON record of 7,970 points posted in 1960 by Memphis Central's Winston Wolfe appears safe. But, Memphian Welch will score big in everything but the mile run today and could claim West Tennessee's eighth decathlon crown in 11 years. Last year's winner was David Hathcock of Memphis Kingsbury.

The only performance near a record yesterday was a 5-10 high jump by Knoxville South's Jay Cole, Cole, who shared the State high jump record until it was broken this spring, cleared the bar just a half-inch under the decathlon standard.

The scoring:

Ronnie Ward, Nashville East, 3,794; Harold Stancell, Knox Karns, 3,734; John Welch, Memphis East, 3,666; David Alexander, Knox South, 3,631; Jay Cole, Knox South, 3,614; Bill Canale, Memphis CBHS, 3,500; Howard Finley, Dyersburg, 3,419; Frank Cantwell, Morristown, 3,351; Allen Klimek, Frayser, 3,274; David McCaslin, Greenville, 3,273; John Mays, Memphis Catholic, 3,267; Jerry Sullivan, Father Ryan, 3,058; Bill Mays, Memphis Catholic, 3,036; Ed Yendell, Union City, 2,844; James Garrett, Dyersburg, 2,844; Bob Gratz, Morristown, 2,766; Charlie Griffith, Father Ryan, 2,672; Johnny Sleigh, Woodlawn, 2,535; William Tankersley, Nashville Howard, 2,485; Robert Galbraith, Farragut, Knox Farragut, 2,350; Kent Bewley, Greenville, withdrew because of an injury.