

1965 STATE BOYS' TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

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3 Midstaters Win Titles

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MEMPHIS — Three Midstate trackmen, East's Butch Stewart, BGA's Bobby Patterson and Cumberland's Howell Flatt,

wrote their names in the TSSAA State track record book here yesterday in perhaps the finest meet in Tennessee prep history.

Memphis Melrose, an all-Negro team competing in the state meet for the first time, captured the team title. There were nine records broken or tied.

STEWART successfully defended his TSSAA half mile crown, running a blistering 1:56.6 before a cheering crowd of 3,500 at the Memphis Fairgrounds. The run lowered his record of 1:56.9, set last year at Chattanooga.

Earlier in the day, Battle Ground's Patterson, a junior who placed fourth in the low hurdles, cleared 6-2½ to share the state high jump record with Kingsbury's Harry Peterson. Patterson won the event on fewer misses.

Cumberland's Flatt was the big surprise. The long-legged Indian senior won the high hurdles with a record-equalling time of 14.5 seconds, upsetting two of the finest hurdlers ever to enter this meet—Steve Keltner, of Memphis University School and Larry Brown, of Oak Ridge.

Flatt's time equalled the

clocking by Dupont's Ray Cooper in the 1959 state meet, which also stood until last night as a Nashville Inter-scholastic League record.

THANKS to Stewart's state and NIL record half mile, East finished with eight points to top all Midstate scoring.

Melrose, with Willie Dawson winning the 100 in a record-tying 9.8 and the 220 in 21.7, wound up with 21 points for the championship. Melrose finished in front of Memphis Catholic, with 16 points, and Oak Ridge, which had 10½.

The three record-breaking or record-tying events by Stewart,

Patterson and Flatt were the Midstate's only individual victories.

Patterson was the first winner of the day, breaking the record 6-2 high jump set in 1963 by Knoxville South's Jay Cole.

THE BGA jumper had been forced to pass his turn at 6-1 in order to run in the qualifying heat of the low hurdles. On returning to the jumping pit, he cleared the record height on his first jump while Peterson couldn't make it until hit third and last try.

When both missed with the bar an inch higher, Patterson was declared the champion.

It was a night for records on the rubber asphalt and in order they were:

Memphis Melrose's 42.7 in the 440 relay; Memphis Douglass' 1:29.7 in the 880 relay; Stewart's 880 yard time; and Douglass' blazing 3:21.7 in the mile relay.

In the morning field events, Memphis Catholic's George Bone broke his own record in

the discus with a heave of 176-7¼ and Keltner cracked the broad jump mark with a leap of 23-6½ feet. Keltner's distance broke the oldest record on the TSSAA books, a 1937 jump of 22-7 by Ed Smith, of Kingsport.

NASHVILLE and Middle Tennessee had several individuals to perform well, although not winning their events.

Litton's Jerry Ballou, only a junior, ran third in both the 100 and 220. In both races he trailed Dawson and Memphis Manassas' star William Hurd, who have consistently broken 10 seconds in the 100 this year.

East's Pete Cannon finished third in the discus with a throw of 163-8½; Dupont's Eddie Bush was fourth in the pole vault at 12-1; and Goodlettsville's Ray Metzgar was third in the mile run. From the Midstate area, sophomore Don Brigham, of Clarksville, finished fourth in the mile and Murfreesboro Holloway's 440 relay team placed fourth.

Biggest disappointment of the day came in the high jump where Dupont's Phillip Gardner, who scored 16 points in the Midstate meet last week went out at 6-1. This was after he had failed to make the finals in his other three events, two hurdles races and the broad jump.

TENNESSEE PREP'S two-mile relay team finished second for the second year in a row after a poor start and Maplewood's crack 880 relay team was eliminated when the baton was dropped on the first exchange.

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Team Totals

Memrose 21; Memphis Catholic 16; Oak Ridge 10½; Memphis University School 10; Memphis Douglass 10; Memphis Manassas 9; Memphis Kingsport and Nashville East 8; Battle Ground Academy and Oakhaven 6; Kingsport 5½; Millington, Memphis Frayser, Germantown, Cumberland and Memphis Treadwell 5; Nashville Litton and Chattanooga Howard 4; Knoxville Powell, East Ridge, Morristown, Woodstock, Knoxville Fulton and Tennessee Preparatory 3; Goodlettsville, Clarksville, Blountville and Union City 2; Whitehaven, Etowah, Brainerd, Nashville Dupont, Chattanooga City and Holloway 1.

Pole Vault—Russ Valentine (Germantown), 12 feet 5 inches; 2, Barker (Kingsport) and Robinson (Oak Ridge), tie, 12-5; 4, Bush (Dupont), 12-1. (Places determined on fewer misses).

Shot Put—Tom Pounds (Kingsbury), 51 feet 1¼ inches; 2 Glynn (Catholic), 54-4; 3, Viser (Catholic), 51-3¾; 4, Jennings (Brainerd), 51-1½ inches.

Discus—George Bone (Catholic), 17½ feet 7¼ inches; 2, Spitzer (Oak Ridge), 167-6¼; 3, Cannon (Nash. East), 163-8½; 4, Glynn (Catholic), 161-7. (Record, Old record 171-4½ by Bone, 1964).

High Jump—Bobby Patterson (BGA), 6 feet 2¼ inches; 2, Peterson (Kingsbury), 6-2¼ inches; 3, Stapleton (Blountville), 6-1; Smith (Melrose), 6-0. (Places determined on fewer misses). (Record, Old record 6-2 by Jay Cole of Knox, South, 1963).

Long Jump—Steve Keltner (MUS), 23 feet 6½ inches; 2, Dill (Knox. Fulton), 22-6¼; 3, Tate (Melrose), 22-2½; 4, Smith (Melrose), 22-½. (Record, Old record 22-7 by Smith, Kingsport, 1937).

High Hurdles—Howell Flatt, Cumberland, :14.5; 2, Keltner, Memphis University School; 3, Brown, Oak Ridge; 4, Lingerfelt, Chattanooga City. (Ties record).

440-yard Relay—Memphis Melrose (Randall, Rowan, Tate, Dawson), :42.7; 2, Chattanooga Howard, 3, Oak Ridge; 4, Murfreesboro Holloway. (Record).

Two Mile Relay—Memphis Treadwell (Alkins, Toler, Gilbert, Buford) 8:09.4; 2, Nashville TPS; 3, Union City; 4, Kingsport.

100 Yard Dash—Willie Dawson, Memphis Melrose, :09.8; 2, Hurd, Memphis Manassas; 3, Ballou, Nashville Litton; 4, Graham, Howard. (Ties record).

1 Mile Run—Gordon Wilson, Millington, 4:23.3; 2, Haddock, East Ridge; 3, Metzgar, Goodlettsville; 4, Brigham, Clarksville.

880 Yard Relay—Memphis Douglass (Sims, Mask, Phillips, Jones) 1:29.7; 2, Memphis Oakhaven; 3, Kingsport; 4, Oak Ridge. (Record).

440 Yard Dash—Barry Reno, Memphis Frazier, :49.5; 2, Shoun, Morristown; 3, Evans, Melrose; 4, Howard, Chattanooga Howard.

Low Hurdles—Ray Deangelis, Memphis Catholic, :20.3; 2, Hurd, Manassas; 3, Keltner, MUS; 4, Patterson, BGA.

880-Yard Run—Butch Stewart, Nashville East, 1:56.6; 2, Rodgers, Woodstock; 3, Halliburton, Clarksville; 4, Stonecipher, Elizabethton. (Record).

220 Yard Dash—Dawson, Memphis Melrose, :21.7; 2, Hurd, Manassas; 3, Ballou, Nashville Litton; 4, Billions, Whitehaven.

1 Mile Relay—Memphis Douglass (Sims, Phillips, A. Jones, L. Jones); 2, Oakhaven; 3, Knox Powell; 4, Nashville East.