

**1971 STATE DECATHLON**  
 East High School - Nashville, TN  
 June 2-3, 1971  
**FINAL RESULTS**

# Steve Freeman Breaks Mark, Wins Decathlon

**M**EMPHIS Whitehaven's Steve Freeman set a new record by amassing 8,437 points to capture the TSSAA State Decathlon championship yesterday at East High.

FREEMAN picked up his second and third wins of the two-day meet in yesterday's first two events — the high hurdles and triple jump.

His 14.9 clocking in the hurdles earned him a maximum 1,000 points. His triple jump mark of 42-6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> was good enough for 934 more.

Freeman, the first-day leader, was also second in the discus and ran a 5:15.8 mile in the final event that pushed him over the old mark of 8,338 set in 1966 by Notre Dame's Stan Sumrell.

FREEMAN finished more than 400 points ahead of Murfreesboro's Donnie Bratton, who won two events on Wednesday and finished with 7,904.

Eaststate champion Bill Murray of Chattanooga Baylor wound up third with 7,827 points and Bellevue's Ronnie Richardson, the Midstate king, was fourth at 7,694.

Hillwood's John Barbero had a good shot at the runnerup spot until he strained a muscle in his leg during the triple jump and had to withdraw.

BARBERO GOT his second win of the meet yesterday when he took the discus with a throw of 139-8.

Overton's Lewis Cobb, Wayne Scroggins of Wooddale, and Murray all got 1,000 points by clearing 11-7 in the pole vault.

Robert Cobb of Knox Bearden was the only other event winner yesterday. He won the mile run in 4:55.1.

## FINAL STANDINGS

Steve Freeman (Whitehaven), 8,437; Donnie Bratton (Murfreesboro), 7,904; Billy Murray (Baylor), 7,827; Ronnie Richardson (Bellevue), 7,694; Bill Briggs (Harding Academy), 7,642; Steve Beeler (Knox Hall), 7,341; George Williams (Brownsville), 7,310; Robert Cobb (Bearden), 7,178; Wayne Scroggins (Wooddale), 6,819; Lewis Cobb (Overton), 6,870; John Barbero (Hillwood), 4,500; Rex Sentell (Knox Young), 4,489; Edward Jeter (Treadwell), 4,467; David Petty (Franklin), 4,466; Eddie Bankston (Knox West), 4,078.

## EVENT FINALS

High Hurdles — Freeman (Whitehaven), 14.9; Scroggins (Wooddale), 15.6; Briggs (Harding Academy), 15.9; Richardson (Bellevue), 16.1; Murray (Baylor), 16.2.

Triple Jump — Freeman (Whitehaven), 42-6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; Richardson (Bellevue), 41-1; Bratton (Murfreesboro), 41-2; Briggs (Harding), 40-10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Murray (Baylor), 39-9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Discus — Barbero (Hillwood), 139-8; Freeman (Whitehaven), 116-11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Briggs (Harding), 113-4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; Murray (Baylor), 112-10; Cobb (Overton), 107-10.

Pole Vault — Scroggins (Wooddale), Murray (Baylor), Cobb (Overton), all cleared 11-7; Beeler (Knox Hall), 10-9; Briggs (Harding) and Bratton (Murfreesboro) cleared 10-6.

Mile Run — Cobb (Bearden), 4:55.1; Petty (Franklin), 5:01.8; Freeman (Whitehaven), 5:15.8; Richardson (Bellevue), 5:16.5; Bratton (Murfreesboro), 5:17.1.

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### FIRST DAY RESULTS

# Freeman Tops Decathlon

**S**TEVE FREEMAN OF Memphis Whitehaven, the Weststate regional champion, jumped out to the first-day lead of the TSSAA State Decathlon yesterday at East High.

The muscular senior racked up 4,391 points for a 57-point lead over Murfreesboro's Donnie Bratton, who was the first-day leader in last year's event.

**FREEMAN** picked up a maximum 1,000 in the broad jump with a leap of 21-7. He added 950 more in the 100-yard dash, which he won in 10 seconds flat. He got 800 more with a second-place toss of 40-10 in the shot.

**Bratton and Steve Beeler of Knox Halls also got 1,000 points apiece in the broad jump. Bratton had the best at 21-11 $\frac{3}{4}$ , about 10 inches better than Beeler.**

Bratton, a senior who starred for Murfreesboro's State champion football team, also won the 440. He was timed in 51.0 for 925 points.

**HILLWOOD'S John Barbero, who holds down third place with 4,313 points, got a victory in the shot and was third in both the 100 and 440.**

**Overton's Lewis Cobb and Bill Briggs of Memphis Hard-**

**ing Academy both cleared 5-10 in the high jump for a maximum 1,000 points.**

Midstate champion Ronnie Richardson of Bellevue and Eaststate king Bill Murray of Baylor found the going rough in the first five events. They are sixth and seventh, respectively, in the standings.

**THE DECATHLON** continues this morning at 10 a.m. with the high hurdles, discus, triple, jump, pole vault, and mile run.

#### POINT STANDINGS

Steve Freeman, Whitehaven, 4,391; Donnie Bratton, Murfreesboro, 4,344; John Barbero, Hillwood, 4,313; George Williams, Brownsville, 4,219; Steve Beeler, Knox Halls, 3,997; Ronnie Richardson, Bellevue, 3,875; Bill Murray, Baylor, 3,811; Robert Cobb, Knox Bearden, 3,773; Bill Briggs, Mem. Harding Academy, 3,709; Edward Jeter, irrelevant, 3,689; Ted Bankston, Knox West, 3,510; Wayne Scroggins, Mem. Wooddale, 3,439; Rex Senfoll, Knox Young, 3,311; Lewis Cobb, Overton, 3,169; David Petty, Franklin, 3,123.

#### EVENT FINALS

100 — Freeman (Whitehaven) 10.0; Beeler (Knox Halls) 10.2; Barbero (Hillwood) 10.2.

Broad Jump — Bratton (Murfreesboro) 21-11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Freeman (Whitehaven) 21-7; Beeler (Knox Halls) 21-11 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Shot — Barbero (Hillwood) 42-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Freeman (Whitehaven) 40-10; Murray (Baylor) 40-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

High Jump — Cobb (Overton) and Briggs (Mem. Harding) 5-10; Williams (Brownsville) 5-9.

440 — Bratton (Murfreesboro) 51.0; Cobb (Knox Bearden) 51.5; Barbero (Hillwood) 51.7.