

1975 STATE DECATHLON

East High School - Nashville, TN

June 4-5, 1975

FINAL RESULTS

Chandler Wins State Decathlon

By LARRY WOODY

East High school was struck by two storms yesterday.

One was a rain storm, which held up the TSSAA state decathlon by some 25 minutes. The other was in the form of Overton senior Jack Chandler, who stormed his way to the decathlon championship, outdistancing second-place John Harris of Bishop Byrne by 859 points.

Chandler, who had trailed Chattanooga Notre Dame's Mike Bruce by 17 points entering yesterday's second and final round, compiled 8,277 points. Harris had 7,368, with Hendersonville's

Lou McBee finishing third with 7,368.

BRUCE, RUNNING into trouble with the pole vault, finished ninth with 6,828.

Chandler, bound for Vanderbilt this fall on a football grant-in-aid, won the mile run with a time of 5:04.1, and tied Frank Winkle of Daniel Boone in the pole vault with a height of 11-7.

Harris won the discus with a throw of 120-9. Bruce was first in the high hurdles with 14-7, and Marwarrior Mackey of B.T. Washington captured the triple jump with a 43-8 $\frac{3}{4}$.

IN WEDNESDAY'S events, Chandler had won

the 440 dash (51.5) and shot put (40-4 $\frac{3}{4}$).

"He had a good, steady two-day performance," said Overton coach Nick Coutras. "Going into the decathlon, there had been some worry that a bruised heel might slow him down. But if it affected him any, it didn't

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show up too much in the results."

The battle for second place turned into a scramble between Harris and McBee. Harris beat McBee by one second in the mile run, a finish worth 10 points. McBee had been leading Harris by two points going into the mile.

Bruce, appearing off-stride yesterday compared to his first day's showing, met his downfall in the pole vault. He passed up vaulting until the 9-6 mark, then failed to clear the height, getting no points.

Chandler, a third-place finisher last year, had entered as the decathlon favorite.

DECATHALON STANDINGS

1. Jack Chandler (Overton)—8,227
2. John Harris (Bishop Byrne)—7,368
3. Lou McBee (Hendersonville)—7,360
4. John Watts (M. Overton)—7,170
5. David Sheidler (Erwin)—7,115
6. Marwarrior Mackey (B.T. Washington)—7,089
7. Les Marshall (Bellevue)—7,046
8. Bruce Cutler (Bearden)—6,909
9. Mike Bruce (N.Dame)—6,828
10. Randy Singleton (Bellevue)—6,597
11. Stewart Currie (Knox. Young)—6,440
12. Frank Winkle (Daniel Boone)—6,437
13. David Lanier (Germantown)—6,037
14. Eddie Jones (Bishop Byrne)—4,905

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

High Hurdles—Mike Bruce (ND) 14-7.
Triple Jump—Marwarrior Mackey (BTW) 43-8 $\frac{3}{4}$.

Discus—John Harris (BB) 120-9
Pole Vault—Frank Winkle (DB) and Jack Chandler (Overton) 11-7.
Mile Run—Jack Chandler (Overton) 5:04.1

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Bruce Leads In Decathlon

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Chattanooga Notre Dame's Mike Bruce slipped into the lead of the state decathlon yesterday at East High School, compiling 3,934 points at the half-way point of the two-day meet.

OVERTON SENIOR Jack Chandler, a third-place finisher last year, remains well in the running with 3,917 points, good for second place.

Lew McBee of Hendersonville is a more distant third, with 3,870 points, leading many observers to feel that the state championship will narrow down to a Bruce-Chandler affair today.

"Jack is behind 17 points," said Overton coach Nick Coutras. "That's about like being behind one or two points at the halftime of a basketball game. In other words, he is in real good shape entering the second half of the decathlon; he's behind, but not enough to worry about."

CHANDLER won the shot put with a toss of 40-4 $\frac{3}{4}$, and finished first in the 440 dash with a time of 51.5.

Bruce tied for first in two events. He shared the top 100 yard dash time of 10.4 with McBee, and was involved in a four-way tie in the high jump with a leap of 5-10. Tying with Bruce were John Harris of Bishop Byrns, David Sheidler of Ewin, and Narwarrior Mackey of

McBee won the long jump with a distance of 21-3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

"MCBEE REALLY looked impressive," said Coutras. "I think he may have surprised some today, if he keeps doing as well as he did yesterday."

The Overton coach said a bruised heel suffered by Chandler earlier in the spring apparently was not having a drastic effect on the youngster's performance.

"Oh, I'm sure it may be bothering him a little men-

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Bruce

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tally, maybe in the jumping events," he said. "But Jack says his heel has passed from the really sore stage to the tender stage, and he doesn't think it's going to be a factor."

Today's second-half events are the hurdles, pole vault, discus, mile run and triple jump.

DECATHLON STANDINGS:

Mike Bruce (Notre Dame) 3,934; Jack Chandler (Overton) 3,917; Lew McBee (Hendersonville) 3,870; Narwarrior Mackey (T. Washington) 3,796; David Sheidler (Ewin) 3,646; John Harris (Bishop Byrns) 3,640; Bruce Cutler (Bearden) 3,629; John Watts (M. Overton) 3,524; Les Marshall (Bellevue) 3,455; Randy Singleton (Bellevue) 3,262; Frank Winkle (Daniel Boone) 3,171; Stewart Currie (Knox Young) 3,033; David Lanier (Germantown) 2,864; Eddie Jones (Bishop Byrns) 2,757.

Event Winners:

100 dash: McBee (Hend), Bruce (ND) 10.4.

long jump: McBee (Hend) 21-3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

shot put—Chandler (Over.) 40-4 $\frac{3}{4}$.

high jump—Sheidler (Erwin), Harris (BB), Bruce (ND), Mackey (BTW) 5-10.

440 dash: Chandler (Over.) 51.5.