

1979 STATE DECATHLON
McGavock High School - Nashville, TN
May 29-30, 1979
FINAL RESULTS

Gary Rose, Judy Pollion Grab Titles

Gary Rose of David Crockett High stormed from behind yesterday to take the state decathlon title away from defending champion Steve Poe at the McGavock track.

If Rose accomplished an upset, then Judy Pollion of Memphis Kingsbury confirmed everyone's high expectations, winning four of five events to claim the state pentathlon title.

Rose (9,195) racked up a new state record point total in claiming his title, bettering Poe's 1978 performance by more than 650 points.

He picked up first places in the discus and pole vault yesterday, then topped it off with a strong showing in the mile run. Rose, first day leader in the decathlon, suffered a poor pole vault and fell out of contention before the mile.

Pollion, who has signed with Tennessee State's legendary Tigerbelles, swept the hurdles, high jump, long jump and 880 run. Second-place finisher Alma Cobb of Knoxville Bearden won the shot put and finished 300 points behind.

Middle Tennessee regional champ Lynn Casity of Murfreesboro Oakland finished sixth.

DECATHLON

Gary Rose (David Crockett) 9,195 (new record); Steve Poe (Sullivan Central) 8,584; Bob Forsythe (Skyview) 8,346; Bill Crowder (Jackson Co.) 7,728; Richard Hartley (Bearden) 7,695; Nevin Trammell (Bellevue) 7,563; Alan Campbell (Millington) 7,534; Jim Nelson (Ridgeway) 7,505; Steve Johnson (TPS) 7,401; Tim Tabor (M'boro Oakland) 7,343; Erick Quist (Oak Ridge) 6,715; Andy Brooks (Knox Central) 6,042; James Church (Overton) 5,109; Johnny Collins (Memphis Central) 4,994.

TOP PERFORMANCES

Triple jump-Crowder 922; Discus-Rose, Poe 1,000; 120 hurdles-Poe 1,000; Pole Vault-Rose, Tabor 1000; Mile-Nelson, Forsythe 1,000.

PENTATHLON

Judy Pollion (Kingsbury) 3,820; Alma Cobb (Bearden) 3,520; Sharriffa Barksdale (Harriman) 3,320; Lisa Jones (Clinton) 3,200; Betsy Baymiller (Knox, Farragut) 2,950; Lynn Casity (Oakland) 2,840; Ann McPherson (Chatt. Central) 2,760; Katherine Miller (Whites Creek) 2,620; Carmen Dawson (Bellevue) 2,470; Deborah Granberry (Covington) 2,310; Kim Premeaux (Bellevue) 2,260; Melissa Jansen (Bishop Byrne) 2,180; Allison Langley (Ripley) 2,120; Pam Crabtree (Nash. Christian) 2,100.

TOP SCORERS

Hurdles-Pollion, 940; High Jump-Pollion, 820; Long Jump-Pollion, 850; 880 run-Pollion, 700; Shotput-Cobb, 820.

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Poe Determined To Keep His Title

By CINDY SMITH

Steve Poe of Sullivan-Central, the defending state champion in the decathlon, has no intention of giving up his title.

Poe scored 4,726 points yesterday at McGavock High School track to take the first day lead in the two-day event.

"There's one thing about 4,726 points," said Overton coach Randall Tidwell at the meet with regional champion James Church. "Out of a possible 5,000, it sure doesn't leave many out."

Poe won the 100 yard dash, the high jump and took the shot put with one throw. He was second behind Church in the long jump and was third in the 440.

Gary Rose of David Crockett High School is in second place with 4,422 points which isn't a bad showing either. Rose defeated Poe in the Eastern Regionals last week. Bellevue's Nevin Trammell is holding his own at third with 4,179 points. Trammell was second in the Midstate Regionals.

In the second day of competition, the boys face the triple jump, the discus, pole vault, 120 high hurdles and the mile run.

"Poe's most difficult event is the mile run," said McGavock's Fred Rigsby, "so the race could become close between Poe and Rose."

The girls' pentathlon, a one-day event, starts this morning at 9:30 along with the decathlon's second day events. Judy Pollion of Memphis Kingsbury, is the defending state champion in the pentathlon.

Pollion, who recently signed with Tennessee State, will be facing tough competition from Knoxville Bearden's Alma Cobb and Murfreesboro Oakland's Lynn Castidy.

TOTAL POINTS

Steve Poe (Sullivan-Central) 4,726; Gary Rose (David Crockett) 4,422; Nevin Trammell (Bell) 4,179; Jim Nelson (M. Ridgeway) 4,171; Bob Foryste (Skyview) 4,127; James Church (Overton) 4,930; Allen Campbell (Millington) 4,006; Richard Hartley (K. Bearden) 4,003; Andy Brooks (K. Central) 3,899; Bill Crowder (Jackson Co.) 3,870; Steve Johnson (TPS) 3,850; Johnny Collins (M. Central) 3,720; Tim Taber (Oakland) 3,497; Eric Quist (Oak Ridge) 3,338.