

1980 STATE PENTATHLON
McGavock High School - Nashville, TN
May 28, 1980
FINAL RESULTS

Church Wins In Decathlon

Overton's James Church is the new TSSAA State Decathlon champion.

The senior Bobcat made it official yesterday at McGavock with an impressive second-day total of 3,890 for a cumulative 8,365 points, 565 ahead of runner-up Doug Derryberry of MBA, who was in third place going into yesterday's competition.

Church, a 5-10, 165-pounder, was the first day leader in the 10-event meet with 4,475, good enough for a 405-point lead.

Sevier County's Charles Coleman was a distant third with 7,090. Whites Creek's James Bates was fourth with 7,055.

Rita Story of Greeneville and Regina Troupe of Oak Ridge finished a surprising 1-2 in the pentathlon. Story had 4,010 points, 560 more than she amassed in winning the East Tennessee regional meet last weekend.

Middle Tennessee's top two finishers were Lynn Casidy of Murfreesboro Oakland and

Katherine Miller of Whites Creek. They finished in a three-way tie for third with Ruth Ann Forsythe of Memphis Skyview Baptist with 3,685.

Cassidy, favored in the state meet, managed only 4-feet, 6 inches in the high jump, costing her 360 from her region total. Those points would have given the Lady Patriot senior the state title.

Final Decathlon Finish

1—James Church (Overton) 8,365; 2—Doug Derryberry (MBA) 7,800; 3—Charles Coleman (Sevier Co.) 7,090; 4—James Bates (Whites Creek) 7,055; 5—Tommy Rittenhouse (Oak Ridge) 7,015; 6—Glen Boyd (Mem. Mitchell) 6,910; 7—Steve Osborn (Mem. Prep) 6,780; 8—Johnny Burgess (Oak Ridge) 6,535; 9—Ronnie Kinser (Sullivan Cen.) 6,400; 10—Eddie Pirtle (Overton) 6,340; 11—Calvin Davis (Mem. Central) 6,115.

Final Pentathlon Finish

1—Rita Story (Greeneville) 4,010; 2—Regina Troupe (Oak Ridge) 3,730; 3—Lynn Casidy (Mur. Oakland), Katherine Miller (Whites Creek), Ruth Ann Forsythe (Mem. Skyview Baptist Aca.) 3,685; 6—Jan Watkins (Knox. Bearden) 3,665; 7—Dana King (Bellevue) 3,610; 8—Sandra Beason (Collierville) 3,858; 9—Lynne Ridenhour (Knox. Bearden) 3,453; 10—Angie Leonard (Sullivan Cen.) 3,290; 11—Donna Davis (Overton) 3,140; 12—Lisa Coleman (McGavock) 2,990; 13—Tammy Jamison (Millington) 2,695.