

1984 STATE DECATHLON
Montgomery Bell Academy - Nashville, TN
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FINAL RESULTS

Hunt Survives In Decathlon

By CINDY SMITH

Chattanooga McCallie's Peter Hunt sneaked up on the TSSAA state decathlon championship yesterday while Memphis Northside's Terkeler Shogog ran away with the penthalon.

Competing yesterday at Montgomery Bell Academy, Hunt outscored Tennessee High's Pete Vandebroke by a slim 10 points, 8,385 to 8,375, to win the two-day, 10-event test of stamina and skill.

In the five-event penthalon, Shogog won the title for the second year in a row and set a new state record with 4,745 points. Shogog won three events outright, tied for first in the high jump and was second in the shot put.

McGAVOCK HIGH junior Jan Sadler finished second overall with 3,745 points and tied with Shogog in the high jump. Both cleared 5-1.

Sadler was the lone Metro area athlete to win a medal. Overton's Chuck Sorrow missed the second day of the decathlon due to tonsillitis. Brentwood High's Scott Hartman had to withdraw after a hip injury sustained during the high hurdles. MBA junior Steve Rollins was seventh with 6,780.

While Shogog was leaving the field behind in the penthalon, McCallie's Hunt and Tennessee High's Pete Vandebroke, the first day leader, were in a heated battle in the decathlon.

HEADING INTO the final event, the 1600 meter run, Vandebroke

was in the lead by 70 points. For Hunt to win, he had to defeat Vandebroke by seven seconds in the 1600 meter run.

The two were paired in the last heat along with Memphis Mitchell's Nico Perkins who wound up third overall. Hunt started out strong while Vandebroke, who only been competing in decathlon competition for three weeks, began to fade.

Both began their kicks on the final curve, and Hunt wound up winning by just those much-needed seven seconds. "I knew what I had to do," said Hunt. "The 1600 meter turned out to be my secret weapon. I've never been good in the mile until the this year."

HUNT'S 4:58.7 was not the best time in the 1600; Jackson County's Tim Pennington ran a 4:56.3 in an earlier heat. Hunt and Perkins tied for the best time in the hurdles with 14.7. Vandebroke turned in the best finish in the triple jump (43-2) while Hunt and Northside's Danor Wilson took the pole vault at 12-6.

Brentwood High sophomore Hartman had the best discus throw with a 147-4 and was in the thick of the race before his injury.

The LSU-bound Shogog was pleased with her showing. "I wanted to leave something behind for the girls at Northside to strive for," she said. "I didn't have to come back this year, but I think a girl who is good at something has to be a role model."

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Decathlon Results: Hunt (McCallie) 8,385, Vandebroke (Tenn High) 8,375, Perkins (Memphis Mitchell) 7,720, Wilson (Memphis Northside) 7,550, Rentenbach (Knox Bearden) 7,170, Adams (Fairley) 6,845, Rollins (MBA) 6,780, Bacon (Daniel Boone) 6,100, Hartman (Brentwood High) 5,740, Watson (Westside) 5,190, Pennington (Jackson County) 4,815, Anderson (Jackson County) 3,715, Sorrow (Overton) 2,935 (did not compete second day).

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Vandebrake Has Decathlon Lead

Pete Vandebrake of Tennessee High School in Bristol won two events and shared first place in a third event yesterday to take the lead halfway through the TSSAA State Decathlon Championships at Montgomery Bell Academy.

Vandebrake won the 100-meter dash and the long jump and tied for first in the high jump to tally 4,150 points. Runner-up Nico Perkins of Memphis Mitchell has 4,070 points going into today's final five events.

Steven Rollins of MBA was the top local competitor. He is in fourth place with 3,675 points, just ahead of Brentwood High's Scott Hartman, who is fifth with 3,500 points.

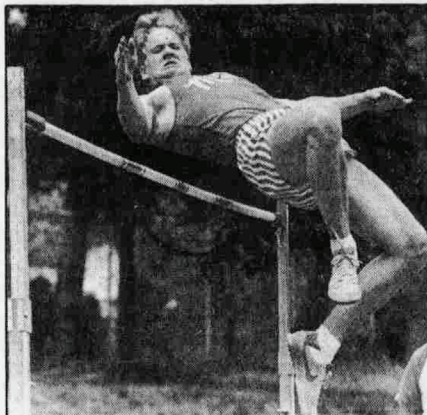
OVERTON'S Chuck Sorrow,

who finished sixth last year and won the Region 3 decathlon title on Saturday with 6,690 points, had been expected to be Nashville's top contender for the title. But he woke up yesterday morning feeling sick and by midday he had a 102-degree temperature.

Sorrow managed to tie Vandebrake and Peter Hunt of McCallie for the best high jump with a 6-foot leap, but he finished the first five events in just 11th place with 2,935 points.

Five local girls, including reigning Region 3 champion Jan Sadler of McGavock, will compete in the TSSAA Pentathlon Championships, which will also be today at MBA.

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—Staff photo by J.T. Phillips

Steven Rollins of MBA heads over the high jump bar during the first day of the TSSAA state decathlon at Montgomery Bell Academy. Rollins had the highest standing among local competitors — fourth place — after five events.

Standings after the opening five events of the TSSAA Decathlon Championships at Montgomery Bell Academy:

1, Pete Vandebrake, Tennessee High, 4,150 points; 2, Nico Perkins, Memphis Mitchell, 4,070 points; 3, Peter Hunt, McCallie, 3,995 points; 4, Steven Rollins, Montgomery Bell, 3,675 points; 5, Scott Hartman, Brentwood High, 3,500 points; 6, Danor Wilson, Memphis Nortsides, 3,445 points; 7, Tom Rentendach, Knoxville Bearden, 3,440 points; 8, Rennard Adams, Memphis Fairley, 3,300 points; 9, Robbie Bacon, Daniel Boone, 2,970 points; 10, Keith Watson, Memphis Westside, 2,955 points; 11, Chuck Sorrow, Overton, 2,935 points; 12, Greg Anderson, Jackson Co., 2,740 points; 13, Kim Pennington, Jackson Co., 2,390 points.

Top Performances

100-meter dash—Vandebrake 11.4 seconds. Long jump—Vandebrake 20-7 1/2. Shot put—Perkins 41-9. High jump—tie, Sorrow, Hunt, Vandebrake 6-0. 400-meter run—tie, Perkins, Adams 51.8 seconds.