

1968 STATE DECATHLON

East High School - Nashville, TN

June 4-5, 1968

FINAL RESULTS

Dick Hopper, Vandy Signee, Wins Crown

MEMPHIS White Station's Dick Hopper won the State Decathlon yesterday at East High's track edging out Alto-Jones of Memphis Douglas by a narrow 11-point margin.

Both West Tennesseans finished in a dead heat for second in yesterday's final event—the mile run—for one of the closest finishes in the history of the meet.

Hopper, headed for Vanderbilt on a football grant-in-aid, didn't lead an event although he and Knox Young's Mike Fleming both cleared 5-10 in the high jump to pick up 1,000 points apiece Tuesday.

FIRST-DAY leader Wallace Hughes, who held a 300 point margin, started off yesterday's action by winning the discus with a throw of 146 feet. But the senior from Tennessee School for the Deaf couldn't hold off the charges of Hopper and Jones and had to settle for third—125 points off the pace.

Jones won his second and third events of the meet yesterday capturing the high hurdles in 15.5 seconds and the hop-step-jump with a distance of 42 feet.

Other winners yesterday included Oak Ridge's Ken Bell in the mile (4:56.3), his second victory of the meet, and James Johnson of Bellevue in the pole vault (12-1).

Glenciff's Richard Roberts finished fifth in the meet while sophomore Jeff Woodcock of Maplewood was seventh.

FINAL POINT STANDINGS

Dick Hopper, White Station 7,834; Alto Jones, Douglas 7,823; Wallace Hughes, TSD 7,709; Ralph Allen, Memphis Tech 7,253; Richard Roberts, Glenciff 7,112; Bobby Dukes, Knox South 6,892; Jeff Woodcock, Maplewood 6,886; Larry Johnson, Chatt. East Ridge 6,816; Mike Fleming, Knox Young 6,523; Ken Bell, Oak Ridge 6,427; John Keese, MUS 6,218; Mike Chatham, Mem. Westwood 6,165; David Pindzola, Tullahoma, 5,800; James Johnson, Bellevue 5,290.

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Hughes Wins Two Events

WALLACE HUGHES of the Tennessee School for the Deaf compiled nearly 4,000 points and holds a 300-point lead after the first day's action of the state decathlon at East High's track.

Wallace, a senior, won two of the four events held yesterday with four more remaining.

Hughes captured the 100-yard dash with a time of 10.4 and had the winning throw in the shot put with a distance of 47 feet and five inches.

ALTON JONES of Douglas, top qualifier from West Tennessee, won the broad jump with a leap of 21-1½. Oak Ridge's Ken Bell was the other victor running the 440 in 54.2 seconds.

Mike Fleming of Knoxville Young and Memphis White Station's Dick Hopper both cleared 5-10 in the high jump and received 1,000 points.

Memphis Tech's Ralph

Allen is currently runnerup to Hughes with 3,663 points. Hopper follows with 3,653, 12 more than Glencliff's Richard Roberts. Jones rounds out the top five with 3,624.

T O U R N A M E N T Director Vic Varallo has scheduled the high jump, discus, pole vault, hop-step-jump, and mile run for today. The meet will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the first three leaders—Hughes, Allen, and Hopper—will run in the same heat.