

# 1934 STATE BOYS' TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Dudley Stadium - Nashville, TN

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Three records were shattered Saturday as Knoxville High school retained the title the Trojans won last year in the annual Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association track and field carnival held in Dudley stadium.

Knoxville rolled up 31 points to win with two other East Tennessee schools, Morristown and Johnson City, placing second and third, respectively, with 24 and 20 points. Nashville Central was fourth with 15 and Memphis Central fifth with 13.

Other schools among the 20 participating in the meet that scored were: Memphis Tech, 10; East Nashville, 9; 1-4; Maury City, 9; Murfreesboro Central, 5; Messick of Memphis, 4; Tullahoma, one; Millington, one; Cookeville Central one; and Hume-Fogg 3-4. The other six did not score.

### Ray Shatters Record

Buford (Baby) Ray, the 250-pound, six foot, 6 inch giant of Nashville Central high, cracked the discus mark with a gigantic heave of 123 feet, 6 inches. That bettered the state high school record by a foot and a half. Pounders of Messick held the mark which was 122 feet.

Charley Fleming of Johnson City clipped a tenth of a second off the 120-yard low hurdles mark when he did it in 14.6. The old record was held by John Lee Murrell of Kingsport.

The meet was climaxed by a brilliant performance by Petey Silar's Morristown team in the mile relay which was run in two heats because of nine teams being entered. Faced with the task of better 3:38.8, set by Knoxville in the first heat, the Morristown team of John Payne, Cecil Stephens, Gauley Clark and Ralph Overholt,

streaked around the Vandy oval four and a half times to cover the mile in 3:37. That bettered by 7-10 of a second the record made in 1932 by the Messick team.

### All Times Are Good

The times in practically every event were very good for the Vandy track. Harold Huffine of East, won the century in 10.4 after running it in 10.2 in the preliminaries and semi-finals. Bill McCarren of Johnson City, turned in the best time of the day in the 220, doing it in 23 flat in the semi-finals. But he failed to place in the finals, C. A. Henry, Jr., of Knoxville, winning in 23.3.

### Overholt Wins Twice

Ralph Overholt, of Morristown, holder of the state half-mile mark of 2:02.5, turned in a performance of 2:04.4 after winning the 440-yard dash 30 minutes earlier with a 52.7 exhibition. The state record for the four-forty is 52.4 made by Wolfe of Morristown. Overholt, also a member of the record-breaking relay team, was the only man to win two first places.

Buster Robertson of Maury City High, West Tennessee, won the pole vault and tied with Bill Tucker of Messick for first, in the high jump. Single-handed he put Maury City in eighth place.

Cauley Clark of Morristown won the javelin with a heave of 157 feet, 9 inches or seven feet, three inches short of his own state mark. Clark was second in the discus and fourth in the shot.

Perry Ward of Knoxville took the mile in 4:47.6. Ward was also second in the half-mile. Warren Prewitt of Memphis Central, annexed the first place medal in the broad jump.

Pat Cureton of Knoxville won the shot with the second longest heave ever made in Dudley stadium and the longest for high or prep school competition. His winning distance was 44 feet, 11 3-4 inches.

The most spectacular race of the day was the finals in the century. Harold Huffine won by less than two inches while fractions of an inch separated Bill McCarren of Johnson City; C. A. Henry, Jr., of Knoxville; Don Grenshaw of Millington; and Jameson of Johnson City. All five boys had previously run the hundred twice but the time for Jameson, in fifth place, was only 10.6 as compared to Huffine in first with 10.4.

### Summaries:

100 yard dash—Huffine, East, first; McCarren, Johnson City, second; Henry, Knoxville, third; Grenshaw, Millington, fourth. Time 10.2.

220 yard dash—Henry, Knoxville, first; Jamison, Johnson City, second; Huffine, East, third; Leech, Knoxville, fourth. Time 23.3.

440 yard dash—Overholt, Morristown, first; Foster, Nashville Central, second; Hunt, Knoxville, third; McKnight, Memphis Central, fourth. Time 52.7.

880 yard run—Overholt, Morristown, first; Ward, Knoxville, second; Watson, Memphis Central, third; Huddleston, Cookeville, fourth. Time 2:04.4.

Mile run—Ward, Knoxville, first; Ellett, Tech, second; Darden, Nashville Central, third; Muse, Tullahoma, fourth. Time 4:47.6.

120-yard hurdles—Fleming, Johnson City, first; McCarren, Johnson City, second; Dickson, Memphis Central, third; Jennings, Tech, fourth. Time 14.6 (new record).

Pole vault—Robertson, Maury City, first; Cottrell, Knoxville, second; Wells, Tech, third; Burleson, Johnson City fourth. Height 11 feet, 2 inches.

High jump—Robertson, Maury City and Tucker, Messick, tied for first; Curtis, Allen and West, all of East, and J. O'Connor, Hume-Fogg, tied for third. Height, 5 feet, 10 inches.

Broad jump—Prewitt, Memphis Central, first; McCarren, Johnson City, second; S. O'Connor, Nashville Central, third; Anderson, Knoxville, fourth. Distance, 20 feet, 10 inches.

Shot put—Cureton, Knoxville, first; Clark, Morristown, second; Williamson, Nashville Central, third; Cureton, Knoxville, fourth. Distance, 123 feet, 6 inches (new record).

Javelin—Clark, Morristown, first; Hume, Murfreesboro, second; Cowell, Johnson City, third; S. O'Connor, Nashville Central, fourth. Distance, 157 feet, 9 inches.

Relay, won by Morristown (Payne, Stevens, Clark, Overholt); Knoxville, second; Memphis Central, third; Tech, of Memphis, fourth. Time 3:37 (new record).