

1935 STATE BOYS' TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

Dudley Stadium - Nashville, TN

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Five records were hung up Saturday as Johnson City won the annual Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association track and field carnival held in Dudley stadium.

The Johnson City school registered 47 6-10 points to top Knoxville High, winner of the meet for the two previous years, by 20 points. The Trojans collected 27 6-10 points. Fayette was third with 15 points; Memphis Central fourth, with 12 6-10; East Nashville fifth with 12 points and Nashville Central sixth with 11 6-10 points.

Fifteen of the 16 schools which took part in the carnival scored one or more points. In addition to the six leaders, the others were: Messicks of Memphis, 5; Central of Memphis, 5; Cookeville Central, 4 6-10; Whitehaven, 3; Bartlett, 3; Collierville, 3; Hume-Fogg, 2; Tullahoma, 1; Murfreesboro, 1, and Franklin, none.

Charley Fleming, a modest, bronzed youth from Johnson City, was credited with two of the five new marks, setting records in the low and high hurdles. He skimmed over the 120-yard high hurdles in the fine time of 15.8 seconds for his first mark. Then after a little rest, he topped the cross bars in 26.1 seconds in the 220-yard low hurdles.

The third track record to topple was the mile relay. Wilson, Kelly, Elliott and Jennings of Memphis Tech covered the distance in 3:24.7 to clip three full seconds from the mark which was formerly held by another Memphis school, Messick.

Two new marks were established for the field events. Jimmy Cowell of Johnson City, threw the javelin 168 feet, six inches to add three feet to the record which was held by Clark of Morristown.

Winfrey, of Fayette county, tossed the shot 49 feet 1-3 inch to hoist this mark nearly two feet. It was almost seven feet better than any scholastic performer had ever done in Dudley stadium.

In addition to setting two records, Fleming took the individual scoring honors for the meet. He won both hurdles events and the 100-yard dash. Fleming's grace and ease in skimming over the hurdles caused many tongues to wag and predict a great future for the youngster.

Perry Ward of Knoxville took the half-mile and mile while Winfrey of Fayette county won the shot put and discus as they tied for second place honors.

Frank Foster of Nashville Central was the only local boy to take a first place medal. He romped off with honors in the 440-yard dash.

Considering the slow condition of the track, the times in all running events were considered exceptionally good. Many were of the opinion that Ward could have clipped off from three to five seconds from his time for the mile had he been extended.

Summaries:

100-yard dash—Fleming, Johnson City, first; McCarren, Johnson City, second; Huffine, East, third; Moore, East, fourth. Time, 10.3 seconds.

120-yard high hurdles—Fleming, Johnson City, first; Wallin, Johnson City, second; Tucker, Knoxville, third; Moore, East, fourth. Time, 15.1 seconds.

220-yard dash—McCarren, Johnson City, first; Poston, Knoxville, second; Lusky, Hume-Fogg, third; Romeo, Memphis Central, fourth. Time, 23.2 seconds.

220-yard low hurdles—Fleming, Johnson City, first; Foster, Knoxville, second; Curtis, East, third (only three starters.) Time, 26.1 seconds.

440-yard dash—Foster, Nashville Central, first; Jones, Bartlett, second; Plunkett, Memphis Central,

third; Hill, Knoxville, fourth. Time, 53.1 seconds.

Mile run—Ward, Knoxville, first; Trotter, Johnson City, second; Gentry, Collierville, third; Rogers, Tullahoma, fourth. Time, 4:47.8.

Half mile—Ward, Knoxville, first; Huddleston, Cookeville, second; Herron, Knoxville, third; Hale, Johnson City, fourth. Time, 2:05.8.

Relay—Memphis Tech (Wilson, Kelly, Elliott and Jennings), first; Knoxville, second; Memphis Central, third; Johnson City, fourth. Time, 3:34.7.

Pole vault—McClellan, Johnson City, first; Beals, Fayette, second; J. Cowell, Johnson City; Bullington, Cookeville; Cottrell, Knoxville; Witherspoon, Nashville Central, and Bains, Memphis Central, tied for third. Height, 11 feet, 6 inches.

Shot put—Winfrey, Fayette, first; J. D. Smith, Nashville Central, second; Warden, Johnson City, third; Pitts, Johnson City, fourth. Distance, 49 feet, 1-2 inch.

High jump—Tucker, Messick, first; Allen, East, second; Foster, Knoxville, and Cottrell, Knoxville, tied for third. Height, 5 feet, 8 inches.

Javelin—J. Cowell, Johnson City, first; Allen, East, second; E. Cowell, Johnson City, third; McCarren, Murfreesboro, fourth. Distance, 168 feet, 6 inches.

Broad jump—Venn, Memphis Central, first; Closs, Whitehaven, second; Crawford, Fayette, third; Thompson, Cookeville, fourth. Distance, 20 feet, 4 1-2 inches.

Discus—Winfrey, Fayette, first; D. Smith, Nashville Central, second; Barnes, Memphis Central, third; Warden, Johnson City, fourth. Distance, 109 feet, 4 inches.