

1970 STATE DECATHLON

East High School - Nashville, TN

June 4-5, 1970

FINAL RESULTS

By TOM SQUIRES

MAPLEWOOD'S Jeff Woodcock gave the NIL its first State Decathlon champion since 1963 as he came from fifth place to win the meet yesterday at East High.

WOODCOCK, WHO was the NIL co-Back of the Year in football and Trackman of the Year, won three out of five events yesterday to total four wins in the two-day event.

The Maplewood senior captured the high hurdles in 15.5 seconds, the discus with a heave of 127-8; and the triple jump with a leap of 40-11. He won the long jump Wednesday.

"He did a tremendous job," said Maplewood track Coach Phil Grammer. "This is quite an accomplishment — two days of hard work and competition."

"JEFF HAD HIS sights set on a record at the start of the meet, but he lost all hope of that after a poor perfor-



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mance in the high jump. But, he thinks he'll be a lot prouder in the long run of how he came back to win.

"He's an exceptional athlete, very deserving, and we're certainly going to miss him next year," concluded the Panther coach.

Jeff had usually cleared 5-8 in the high jump, but could manage only 4-10 Wednesday. It cost him between 500 and 600 points, but he still managed to accumulate 7,888, more than 600 ahead of his nearest competitor.

Runnerup in the meet was Jackson's James Richardson, who like Woodcock was also an all-state quarterback. The future Tennessee Vol gridder racked up 7,271 points, 51 better than Fred Rohrdanz.

ROHRDANZ, KNOX South's Paul White, and Allan Robertson of Lake County all tied for first place in the pole vault, clearing 11-7.

Tommy Bigham of Memphis Hillcrest, who finished seventh, won the mile run with a time of 4:57.4.

FINAL STANDINGS

Jeff Woodcock (Maplewood) 7,888; James Richardson (Jackson) 7,271; Fred Rohrdanz (Brainerd) 7,220; Allan Robertson (Lake County) 7,218; Paul White (Knoxville South) 7,001; Tom West (Brainerd) 6,996; Tommy Bigham (Memphis Hillcrest) 6,945; Donny Bratton (Murfreesboro) 6,941; Mike Harbor (Memphis Hillcrest) 6,689; Ronnie Richardson (Bellvue) 6,621; Lonnie Sadler (Madison) 6,585; John Collins (Knoxville Catholic) 6,409; Thurman Bryant (Maplewood) 5,792; Steve Beeier (Knoxville Halls) 5,746.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS

High hurdles—Woodcock 15.5; Discus—Woodcock 127.8; Pole vault—Fred Rohrdanz, White, Robertson (tied) 11-7; Triple jump—Woodcock 40-11; Mile run—Bigham 4:57.4.

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FIRST DAY RESULTS

Don Bratton Leads In State Decathlon

MURFREESBORO'S Donnie Bratton surprised the 15-man State Decathlon field yesterday by racking up 3,889 points to take the lead after five events at East High.

BRATTON, A junior who starred on the Tigers' championship football team last fall, won the 100-yard dash in 10.5 seconds.

James Richardson of Jackson, who has signed a football scholarship with Tennessee, is second with 3,880 points, although he didn't win an event yesterday.

Mike Harbor of Memphis Hillcrest, Maplewood's Jeff Woodcock, and Tommy Bigham of Hillcrest are third,

fourth, and fifth, respectively.

WOODCOCK, THE runner-up a year ago, won the long jump with a leap of 21 feet, 4½ inches. He faces his three strongest events today — the high hurdles, discus, and triple jump.

Madison's Lonnie Sadler won

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Don Bratton

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the shot put yesterday with a heave of 40 feet, three inches. Tom West of Chattanooga Brainerd won the high jump, clearing 5-10 while Harbor took the 440 dash in 51.5.

Besides the Hurdles, discus, and triple jump, the mile run and pole vault will also be held today in closing out the two-day meet. Action begins at 9:30 a.m.

THE LEADERS

Donnie Bratton, Murfreesboro, 3,889 points; James Richardson, Jackson, 3,880; Mike Harbor, Memphis Hillcrest, 3,811; Jeff Woodcock, Maplewood, 3,795; Tommy Bigham, Memphis Hillcrest, 3,776; Fred Rohrdenz, Chattanooga Brainerd, 3,695; Tom West, Chattanooga Brainerd, 3,673; Lonnie Sadler, Madison, 3,659; Allen Robertson, Lake County, 3,402; Ronnie, Ronnie Richardson, Bellevue, 3,261; John Collins, Knoxville Catholic, 3,244; Paul White, Knoxville South, 3,217; Steve Beeler, Knox Halls, 3,002; Thurman Bryant, Maplewood, 2,940.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

100 — Donnie Bratton, Murfreesboro, 10.5; Long jump—Jeff Woodcock, Maplewood, 21-4½; Shot put—Lonnie Sadler, Madison, 40-3; High jump—Tom West, Chattanooga Brainerd, 5-10; 440 —Mike Harbor, Memphis Hillcrest, 51.4 seconds.