

1981 STATE PENTATHLON
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McCallie's Lee Pride Wins State Decathlon

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Chattanooga McCallie's Lee Pride captured the decathlon yesterday at McGavock High with two superior performances in the triple jump and the pole vault.

Jackie House of Memphis Fairley took the girls' pentathlon crown with a record 4,405-point performance. House outdistanced second-place finisher Catherine Miller of Whites Creek who scored 4,120 points for the day's work.

PRIDE TRIPLE JUMPED 43-11 on the first jump of the first flight to earn 1,000 points for that event. "I learned to triple jump in Illinois in ninth grade," he said. "There are not too many meets in Tennessee that have a triple jump. I've only triple jumped two or three times this year."

In the pole vault, Pride bested the field with a 13-0, and then came back to clear 13-3 to pick up another 1,000 points. "I was hurt in the regionals and didn't make it to the state in the pole vault," he said. "So, I decided to really concentrate on the decathlon."

Memphis Prep School's Steve Osborne was the first-day leader and finished second in the meet with 8,115 points. Osborne was the top hurdler, running 15.0, but a cracked pole in the pole vault knocked him out of the contest with an 11-6. Osborne and Pride both scored 710 points in the 1600-meter, the last event, to give Pride the edge in the final totals.

HOUSE WAS one of three girls to break the old pentathlon record of 4,010 set last year by Greenville's Rita Story. Miller and Memphis Bishop Byrne's Catherine Dixon, with 4,015, bettered the old record.

House long-jumped 19-2 $\frac{3}{4}$ and was fastest in the hurdles with 14.6 for two top performanc-

es. Miller missed a 1,000-point score in the long jump by only a quarter of an inch with a leap of 17-11 $\frac{3}{4}$. "I had a good day," said Miller. "But, Jackie was just super."

Whites Creek's Jackie Cowan had the best high jump, clearing 5-2 to place eighth in the pentathlon. Other Nashville Interscholastic League and Midstate participants to place were: Hillwood's Dana King in 10th, Harpeth Hall's Elizabeth Cochran in 11th, and Murfreesboro Oakland's Dana Daffer in 13th position.

IN THE decathlon, Danny White of Clarksville Northwest placed highest among Middle Tennesseans with 6,785 points, finishing eighth. Teammate Brian Brown placed ninth with 6,660 points.

Brooks Corzine of Montgomery Bell Academy placed 11th with his teammate Mitchum Warren coming in 12th. Clarksville Northwest's Billy Largin was 15th, including a top discus throw of 138-7.

McCallie coach Richard Bohner, a graduate of Donelson High School, was delighted with the win of Pride. "This is my last year to coach and this is a great way to go out," he said.

Decathlon

Pride (McCallie) 8,305; Osborne (Mem. Prep) 8,115; Wright (Greenville) 7,300; Thomas (Jonesboro Crockett) 6,945; Cecil (Knox. Central) 6,915; Porter (Mem. Wooddale) 6,910; Hoggard (Mem. Evangelical Christian) 6,865; White (Cla. NW) 6,785; Brown (Cla. NW) 6,660; Kinser (Sull. Central) 6,645; Corzine (MBA) 6,640; Warren (MBA) 6,530; Holt (Mem. Fairley) 6,285; Carpenter (Mem. Wooddale) 5,985; Largin (Cla. NW) 5,810.

Pentathlon

House (Mem. Fairley) 4,405; C. Miller (Whites Creek) 4,120; Dixon (Mem. BB) 4,015; Davidson (Oak Ridge) 3,995; Beason (Collierville) 3,830; Forsythe (Mem. Skyview) 3,825; Troup (Oak Ridge) 3,640; Cowan (Whites Creek) 3,540; D. Miller (Knox. Farragut) 3,510; King (Hillwood) 3,395; Cochran (Harpeth Hall) 3,320; Peak (Mem. Prep) 3,195; Daffer (Mur. Oakland) 2,690; Anderson (Rogersville Volunteer); Watkin (Knox. Bearden) scratched.