

Myers Park Dominates Track Meet

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RALEIGH — Favored Myers Park of Charlotte successfully defended its state high school track championship by winning six first places and scoring 36½ points here yesterday.

The hard-charging Mustangs completely outshined all other entries. Another Charlotte school, East Mecklenburg was second with 16.

Entries from the Central section fared poorly. Only Mount Airy's Billy Taylor, a redheaded junior, captured a blue ribbon of all the Central entries. Taylor won the high jump with a leap of six feet. That's four inches more than his height of 5-8.

Stuart Peters was the only one of six Winston-Salem Reynolds entries to place. Peters finished second in the 120-yard high hurdles behind Jeff Howser of Myers Park. Howser broke the record in the event with a time of 14.4 seconds.

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Winston-Salem Reynolds scored only three points at the state high school track meet Friday at Raleigh, but Coach Bill Webster wasn't too surprised.

"We did just about the way we thought we would," Webster said. "I'm not disappointed."

Of the six boys who represented Reynolds in seven events at the state meet, only Stuart Peters placed. Peters, who ran in both hurdles events, finished second in the 120-yard high hurdles, earning the Demons' three points. He did not qualify in the 180-yard low hurdles.

Any other year, Peters might have won the high hurdles instead of placing second, but he was the victim of a

record-breaking run by Charlotte Myers Park's Jeff Howser, whose time of 14.4 seconds broke the old record of 14.8 set last year.

Two other Demons were victims of record performances. Randy Phillips and Ron Clithrow, Reynolds' two milers, didn't place in the mile which was won by Truett Goodwin of Durham in 4:22.0, breaking the old record of 4:23.0 set in 1960.

None of the entries from the three other Forsyth County schools which participated in the meet — West Forsyth, North Forsyth and East Forsyth — placed in any event.

Three Charlotte schools, including Myers Park, East Mecklenburg and West Mecklenburg, dominated the meet. Webster had special praise for Myers Park, which won six first places and ran away from the rest of the field with 36½ points.

"Myers Park has a great track program," Webster said, "and their kids are always at their best at the state meet."

Webster thinks that Reynolds may be "hurting" next year.

"David Beavers, our 440-yard man, is the only non-senior whom I consider an outstanding track man," he said. Beavers, a junior, ran at the state meet but didn't place.

Three others from the Central section besides Peters placed at the state. Billy Taylor, Mount Airy's 5-8 junior jumping jack, won the high jump with a 6-foot effort; Bob Albright of Greensboro Grimsley placed third in the 880-yard run; Mike Garrison of Burlington Williams finished fourth in the 220-yard dash.

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