

Decathlon Begins Today at North Forsyth

Three of the top five finishers in last year's decathlon are eligible to return as the 1967 decathlon opens today at North Forsyth.

Since no advance entry is required, it is not known whether the boys will compete.

Dennis Lewis of Paisley was last year's winner and is eligible. Ronnie Jenkins of North Forsyth finished fourth and he has said he plans to compete. Timothy Jones of Paisley was fifth last year and he is still in school.

Terry Duggins of West Forsyth, the runnerup last year, and Hiawatha Gist of Paisley, the third-place finisher, graduated.

Scott Brent of North Forsyth is directing the decathlon. Dan Crowe of East Forsyth started the idea in 1964 but he left the county this year to coach track at a school in Tennessee.

The decathlon will run today and Thursday. Each contestant must compete in nine of the 10 events. If he at least makes a try at all 10, he will get a better score.

Five events will be run today and five will be run Thursday. A standard of performance has been set up and points are awarded to each individual on the basis of his performance. The highest points awarded are 1,000.

Today's events include: 100-yard dash, broad jump, shot, high jump and 440-yard run. Each boy is timed in the running events and his best distance is measured in the field events.

On Thursday, the boys will try the high hurdles, triple jump, discus, pole vault and mile run.

Records in the events are:

100-Yard Dash—Roger Staley, Children's Home, :10.3 (1964).

Broad Jump—Roger Staley, Children's Home, 20 feet, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (1964).

Shot—Ronnie Short, Reynolds, 50 feet (1964).

High Jump—Ray Warden, East Forsyth, 5 feet, 9 in. (1964).

High Hurdles—John Stewart, West Forsyth, :15.3 (1965).

Discus—Ronnie Short, Reynolds, 132 feet (1965).

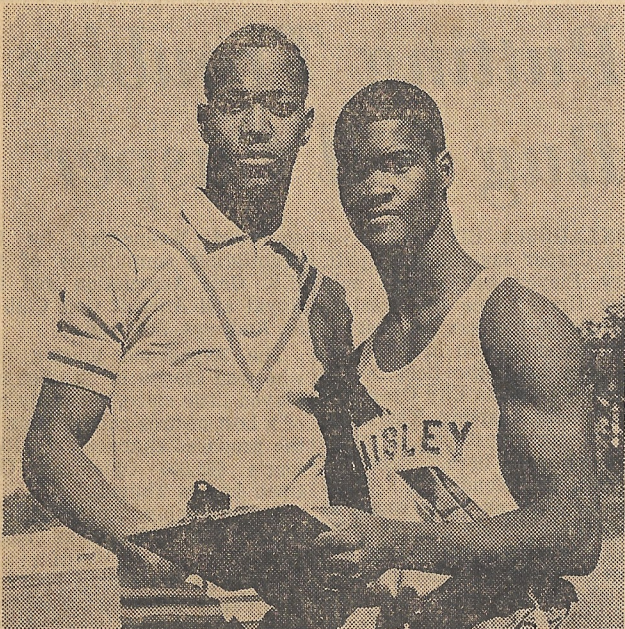
Pole Vault—Joe Testo, Reynolds, 11 feet, 7 in. (1964).

Triple Jump—Terry Duggins, West Forsyth, 41 feet, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (1966).

Mile—Barry Quinn, West Forsyth, 5:01 (1965).

440-Yard Run—Hiawatha Gist, Paisley, :52 (1966).

Ronnie Jenkins of North Forsyth Takes Lead in Decathlon Meet



Staff Photo

Dennis Lewis (left), defending champion in the decathlon checks his score with Michael Keit, who broke the broad jump record. Both are from Paisley.

Ronnie Jenkins of North Forsyth took the lead in the Forsyth County decathlon after five events yesterday. The decathlon will end today at North Forsyth. Jenkins had 3,600 points in the five events held yesterday. These included: 100-yard dash, broad jump, shot, high jump and 440-yard run.

The athletes will take part in the discus, mile run, pole vault, triple jump and high hurdles today.

Jenkins tossed the shot 39 feet 9 1/2 inches for the best mark of the day in that event.

Two records fell.

Michael Keit of Paisley broad jumped 20 feet 4 1/2 inches, breaking the record by 1/4 inch. The broad jump record was one of the oldest in the decathlon. It was set in 1964 by Roger Staley of Children's Home.

Doug Linville of East Forsyth broke the 440 mark with a :51.4 time. The record was :52 set last year by Hiawatha Gist of Paisley.

Dennis Lewis, winner of last year's decathlon, was in second place with 3,510 point after the first day's competition. James Parker of Paisley was third with 3,042. Timothy Jones of

Paisley was fourth with 3,007 and David Enochs of Reynolds was fifth with 2,949.

Linville and Timothy Jones tied for best time in the 100-yard dash with :10.6. Lewis was tops in the high jump with 5

DECATHLON LEADERS

Ronnie Jenkins, North Forsyth, 3,600; Dennis Lewis, Paisley, 3,510; James Paisley, 3,042; Timothy Jones, Paisley, 2,949.

Individual Leaders

100-yard dash—1. (tie) Doug Linville (EF) and Jones, :10.6.
Broad jump—Michael Keit (P) 20 feet, 4 1/2 inches (record).
Shot put—Ronnie Jenkins (NF) 39 ft., 9 and 3/8 inches.
High jump—Dennis Lewis (P) 5 ft., 8 inches.
440—Doug Linville, :51.4 (record).

feet 8 inches. Thirteen boys from four schools are in the decathlon.

The record most likely to go today is the mile. The record is 5:01 and Marty Beeson of East Forsyth, one of the competitors, has consistently done better than that.

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Knee Brace No Handicap In Decathlon

Ronnie Jenkins had his knee in a brace, but it did not seem to slow him down yesterday in the first day of the decathlon at North Forsyth.

Jenkins scored 3600 points in the first day of competition to lead a 13-man field in the fourth annual event.

Ronnie, who is a senior at North, injured his knee late in the track season.

"I couldn't jump in the sectional meet," said Jenkins. "One morning when I started to get up, I just fell out of bed. My knee buckled under me."

Ronnie had a canvas brace on his leg yesterday but he still managed to broad jump 19 feet, 3¾ inches and to throw the shot 39 feet, 9⅝ inches. It was better than any of the other contestants.

Several of the events today will put a strain on Ronnie's knee. He must run the high hurdles, throw the discus, do the triple jump and run the mile.

Dennis Lewis of Paisley was last year's winner and Lewis would like to be the first boy to win the event two years straight.

He is in second place after the first day with 3,510 points.

Lewis was at his best in the high jump with 5 feet, 8 inches. This is an inch under then decathlon record.

Two records fell yesterday.

Doug Linville of East Forsyth broke the 440-yard run record with a time of :51.4. Hiwatha Gist had set the record last year with :52.

Michael Keit of Paisley broke the broad jump record with 20

feet, 4½ inches. This is one-fourth inch better than Roger Staley's mark set in 1964.

As usual, the decathlon was conducted in a relaxed and easy-going atmosphere. There was much kidding among the participants.

Every boy must compete in at least nine of the 10 events. This means that almost every one is trying something new. Keit, who is a hurdler, had trouble in the high jump.

"Try it like a hurdle," suggested someone. Keit did and got high enough to score some points.

The sprinters had the edge yesterday in the 100 and 440. But Marty Beeson and Steve Whicker of East Forsyth will have the advantage today. The mile will be run this afternoon. Then the distance runners will show up well and the sprinters will be panting. James Parker of Paisley should also do well in the distance events.

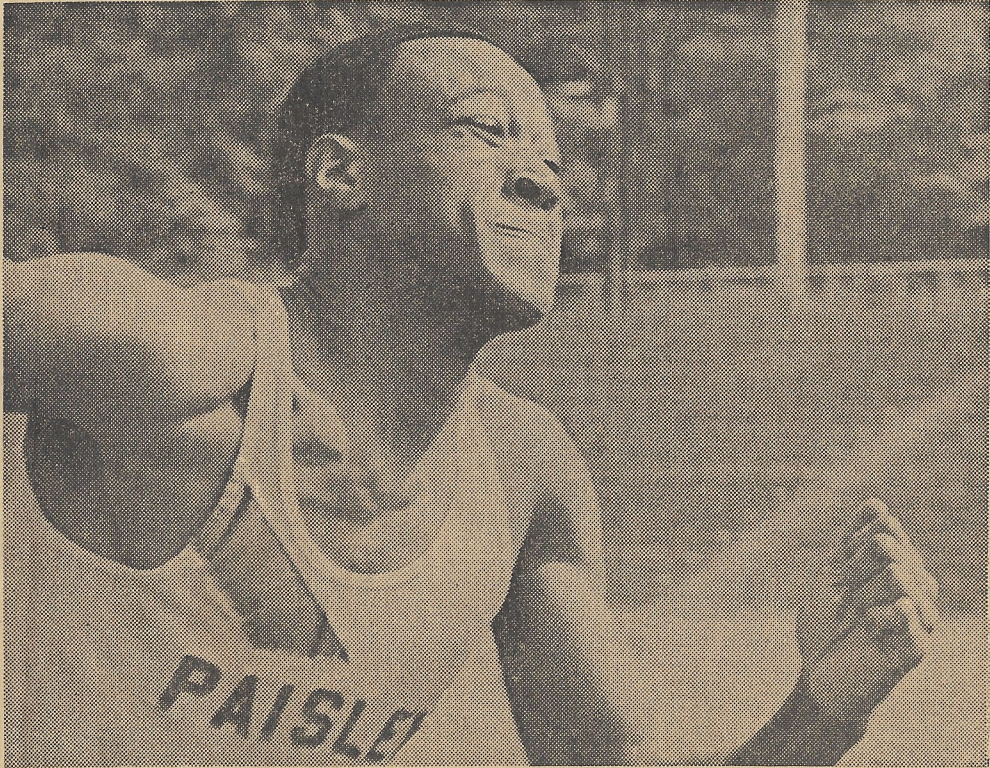
David Enochs of Reynolds, Keit, Whicker and Jesse Stitt are hurdlers, though Whicker usually runs the lows and not the highs.

Matson to Compete

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI)—Officials of the San Diego invitation track meet announced Wednesday that Randy Matson would be on hand for the June 10th meet to compete in his two strongest events, the shot put and discus.

Matson is the world recorder in the shot with a heave of 71-5¼ and his discus throw of 213-9 is the American standard.

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Dennis Lewis of Paisley grimaces on way to hurdles victory.

Paisley's Lewis Retains Forsyth Decathlon Title

Dennis Lewis of Paisley won the Forsyth County decathlon for the second straight year yesterday at North Forsyth.

Lewis scored 6,591 points in the two-day competition, coming through well in the second day to nose out first-day leader, Ronnie Jenkins of North Forsyth. Jenkins was second with 5,808 points.

Lewis won the decathlon last year with 6,368 points. Jenkins was fourth last year.

Timothy Jones of Paisley finished third with 5,308 points. David Enochs of Reynolds was fourth with 4,904 and James Parker of Paisley was fifth with 4,821.

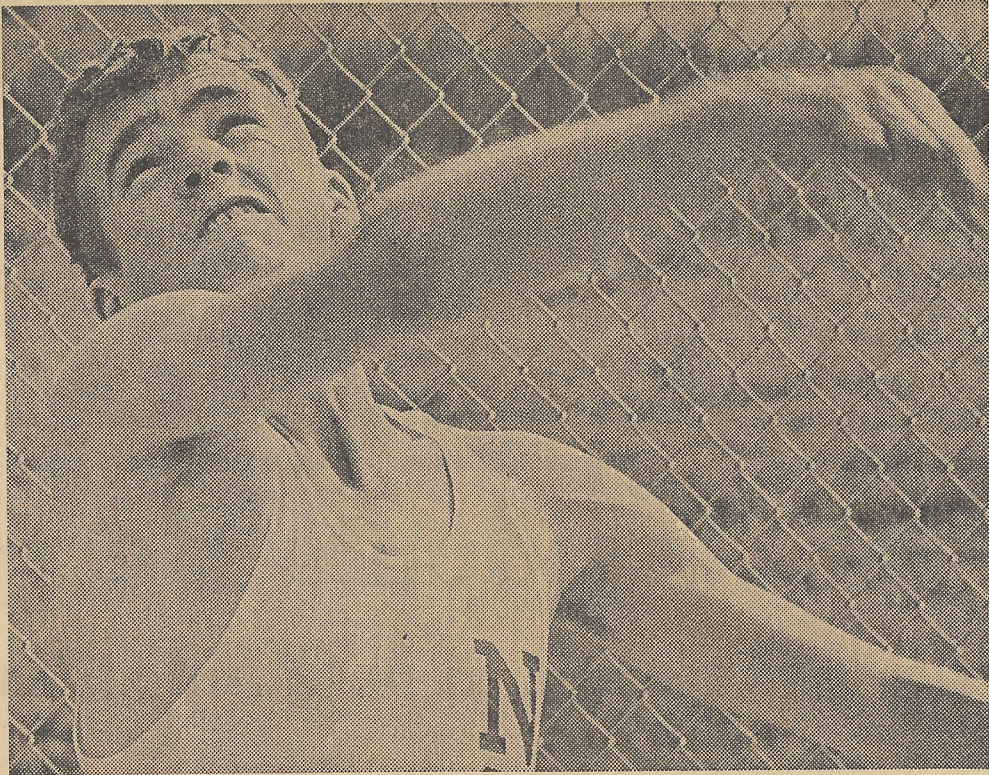
This is the second year that

Paisley has taken three of the top five spots.

Marty Beeson of East Forsyth smashed the mile record with a time of 4:48.7, which is far slower than his usual running of the event. But Marty was running with little competition and had a hard time pacing himself. The mile record for the decathlon was 5:01.

In the decathlon, points are awarded according to performance and the best performance on the rating sheet gets 1,000 points. Beeson's time in the mile gave him 1,000 points. He was the only contestant to score 1,000 points in the competition this year.

Lewis won two events yesterday. He threw the discus 115 feet, 8 7/8 inches, the best of the



Staff Photos by Jim Keith

Ronnie Jenkins of North Forsyth follows through on discus throw.

group. He pole vaulted 9 feet, tops in that event.

Jenkins won the triple jump with a leap of 36 feet, 10 inches.

Jesse Stitt of North Forsyth ran the high hurdles in :16.6 to win top honors in that event.

SUMMARIES

Final Individual Scores

Dennis Lewis, Paisley, 6591; Ronnie Jenkins, North Forsyth, 5808; Timothy Jones, Paisley, 5308; David Enochs, Reynolds, 4904; James Parker, Paisley, 4821; Michael Keif, Paisley, 4601; Steve Whicker, East Forsyth, 4327; Doug Linville, East Forsyth, 4239; Jesse Stitt, North Forsyth, 3710; Brad Chinlund, Reynolds, 2571; Marty Beeson, East Forsyth, 2482; Joe Griffin, North Forsyth, 2283.

Winners of Yesterday's Events

Discus—Dennis Lewis, Paisley, 115 feet, 8⁷/₈ in.

Pole Vault—Lewis, Paisley, 9 feet.

Triple Jump—Ronnie Jenkins, North Forsyth, 36 feet, 10 inches.

High Hurdles—Jesse Stitt, North Forsyth, :16.6.

Mile—Marty Beeson, East Forsyth, 4:48.7 decathlon record. Record was 5:01 by Barry Quinn, West Forsyth, 1965.



Lewis Is Champ For Second Time

Dennis Lewis of Paisley has won half the decathlons held in Winston-Salem.

Lewis won the 1967 decathlon at North Forsyth yesterday with a two-day score of 6,591. He won the decathlon last year with 6,368 points. Since this is the fourth year of the decathlon, Lewis has won exactly half of the first-place trophies.

But someone else will have a chance next year. Lewis is a senior.

Lewis won this year in much the same way that he did last year. He trailed on the first day as Ronnie Jenkins of North Forsyth led. But Lewis came back strong in the last day's events to win. Last year, he was in

third place after the first day and won.

Lewis won the discus yesterday with a toss of 115 feet, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches and the pole vault with 9 feet. Leadership in these two events helped him to win.

Jenkins won the triple jump with 36 feet, 10 inches.

Marty Beeson, East Forsyth's fine little miler, broke the decathlon mile record with a 4:48.7, but Marty was not exactly pleased. His mile times have been far better this season.

One problem for Marty was that he ran in a heat of three where his two opponents could not keep pace with him.