



Staff Photo by Mary Garber

Steve Mock (right) and Joe Bridges finished one-two in the decathlon.

Steve Mock Wins Title in Decathlon

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Joe Bridges made a valiant effort but was outdueled yesterday by Steve Mock in the final day of the Winston-Salem Decathlon.

The competition was keen and the race tight between the two, and the outcome was in doubt until the final tally. Mock, from Parkland High School, squeaked by with a two-day total of 5,576 points — 62 more than Bridges, who is from Children's Home.

Points are awarded on the basis of either time or distance, with the maximum number of points in any one event being 1,000.

The difference was actually decided after the first day. At the end of Wednesday's events, Mock had an advantage of 975 points.

Bridges quickly closed that

gap yesterday in two of his favorite events—the 120-yard high hurdles and the pole vault. In those two events, Bridges outscored Mock, 1,456 to 793.

Bridges ran the hurdles in 16.6 seconds, and Mock ran them in 19.1 seconds, a difference of 375 points.

In the pole vault, Bridges cleared 10 feet — a foot and a half better than Mock, for a gain of another 286 points.

The only event yesterday in which Mock outscored Bridges

was in the discus throw, where he had a heave of 90 feet, 11 inches against 75 feet, 2½ inches for Bridges, regaining 180 points.

Mike Bennett, Denny Clodfelter, and Dennis Carroll also turned in fine performances, finishing third, fourth and fifth over-all, respectively.

Marty Beeson of East Forsyth set a record for the mile run with a time of 4:43.3. The effort bettered the meet record of 4:48.7 which he set last year.

Steve Mock, Parkland, 5,576; Jim Bridges, Children's Home, 5,514; Mike Bennett, Parkland, 5,504; Denny Clodfelter, East Forsyth, 5,051; Dennis Carroll, North Forsyth, 4,596.

120-yard high hurdles—1. Joe Bridges, Children's Home, :16.6; 2. Danny Robertson, East Forsyth :19.0; 3. Terry Dull, West Forsyth :19.2.

Discus—1. Dennis Carroll, North Forsyth 129 feet, 1 inch; 2. Ronnie Helper, North Forsyth, 113 — 7/4; 3. Sammy Crews, East Forsyth 109—8.

Pole Vault—1. Joe Bridges, Children's Home, 10 feet; 2. Sammy Crews, East Forsyth, 9-0; 3. Terry Reavis, North Forsyth, 8-6; 4. Steve Mock, Parkland, 8-6.

Triple jump—1. Steve Mock, Parkland, 39 feet, 4 inches; 2. Terry Reavis, Forsyth, 38-4; 3. Joe Bridges, Children's Home, 36-8.

Mile—Marty Beeson, East Forsyth, 4:43.3 (meet record). 2. Steve Whicker, East Forsyth, 4:55.6; 3. Mike Bennett, Parkland, 5:00.

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Steve Mock Wins Decathlon Title After Being Persuaded to Compete

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Steve Mock had not intended to enter the Forsyth County decathlon meet. But the day before it started, Coach John Davis suggested he enter and Steve did.

Now he is glad. Mock scored 5,576 points in the two-day competition to win first place. The decathlon was at North Forsyth.

It was Mock's first attempt at the decathlon and he has a new respect for the track events some of his teammates compete in all year.

He liked the high jump best and did best in that, jumping five feet, eight inches. And he liked the pole vault, too. He did 8-6.

"It's the first time I've tried to pole-vault," said Steve. He did a lot better than most of the first-timers. Several of them never even got over the bar at all.

Joe Bridges of Children's Home was second and Joe made a fine comeback yesterday. Bridges had 5,514 points.

"I was just getting ready for the Junior Olympics," said Joe, "and I thought this



STEVE MOCK
... Parkland athlete ...

would help. I did better today because I was doing the pole vault and high hurdles, two events I like. The shot and discus gave me the most trouble."

Joe is a junior and promises to be back in 1969 to try for first place.

Mike Bennett of Parkland took third with 5,504 points. He had to compete with a burned chest from too much sun-tanning yesterday.

Mike's best events were the 100-yard dash and the mile. He picked up 900 points in the mile, running it in five minutes.

Denny Clodfelter of East Forsyth was fourth with 5,051 points. Clodfelter had his best times in the 100-yard dash and the 440.

Dennis Carroll of North Forsyth was fifth with 4,596 points. Carroll scored 1,000 points in the shot for his best performance.

Marty Beeson of East Forsyth got 1,000 points in the mile yesterday and lowered the record he already had. Beeson ran the mile in 4:43.3. The record was 4:48.7.

The best time in the 100-yard dash this year was :10.5 with Mock, David Hawkins of West Forsyth and Terry Reavis of North Forsyth having this time. The record is :10.3 in this event.

Hawkins broad-jumped 20 feet, 6½ inches to set a record.

Carroll led the shot putters with 47 feet, 7½ inches. This is below the record of 50 feet but still second best in the five-year history of the meet.

Mock's high jump of 5-8 led that event and was an inch off the record of 5-9, set in 1964.

Steve Whicker of East Forsyth topped the 440 with :53, but this was not up the usual level of the event. Two other years the quarter mile

has been run in under :52.

Bridges led the hurdlers with a :16.6. This matched last year's time but was slower than the other years. Bridges was disappointed as he has done much better in regular meets.

Carroll topped the discus with a throw of 129 feet, 1 inch. This ranks second in the history of the decathlon. The record is 132 feet.

Bridges was best in the pole vault with 10 feet and this ranked third in the overall scoring.

Mock's triple jump of 39 feet, 4 inches also rated third. Beeson's mile was a record.

But the overall scoring was the lowest in the five-year history of the event. Part of this was due to a few lower-than-average performances and part to a different scoring table used.