

COOKEVILLE, Tenn., May 20—Murray State won an unprecedented fourth straight Ohio Valley Conference Track championship here Saturday on the strength of its strong middle-distance runners.

The Racers piled up 75 points to easily outdistance the seven-team conference field.

Middle Tennessee was second with 55 points followed by Tennessee Tech, with 50 and Morehead with 38. Other point totals were: Eastern Kentucky 38, East Tennessee 5 and Western Kentucky 1.

Captain Russ Dawson, who headed Murray's 1-2-3 finish in the 880-yard run, tied for high point honors with Tech's Jim Shaffer with 11½ points each.

Murray won eight first places, a record for the meet and set four new records while tying one.

The Racers set new conference marks in the 880-yard run, 440-yard relays, mile relay and pole vault. The Racers tied a conference record in the 40-yard run.

Other events in which the Racers finished with a first were in the shot put and high jump.

The victory gives Coach Bill Furgerson a record of four OVC titles in five years as the Racers' head coach.

SUMMARY

100 YARD DASH—9.8 —Murphy, Morehead; Shaffer, Tech; Cross, Tech; Banks, Morehead; Sprouse, Eastern.

220-YARD DASH— 22.0— Banks, Morehead; Schmittou, Tech; Shaffer, Tech; Murphy, Morehead; Barden, Murray.

440-YARD DASH— 49.6— Wilson, Murray; Schmittou, Tech; Scott, Eastern; Barden, Murray; Cheaney, Murray.

880-YARD RUN—1:57.9— Dawson, Murray; Tweedie, Murray; Fults, Murray; Lee, Tech; Williams, Middle.

MILE RUN—4:25.5—Cannon, Middle; Maxwell, Middle; Sanders, Murray; Whitley, Morehead; Roberts, Western.

TWO MILE RUN—9:59.4—Sanders, Murray; Norris, Tech; Maxwell, Middle; Thomas, Eastern; Whitley, Morehead.

HIGH HURDLES— 15.1— Cooper, Middle; Swain, Middle; Morton, Morehead; Dawlin, Tech; Smith, Eastern. Tech; Smith, Eastern.

LOW HURDLES— 25.4— Cooper, Middle; Emmons, Eastern; Feabee, Morehead; Asmus, Murray; Kincer, Eastern.

440-YARD RELAY— 43.0— Murray, Eastern, Tech, Middle, Morehead. (Murray team composed of Bill Rodgers, Tommy Cheaney, George Hollowell, Dennis Barden).

MILE RELAY—3:21.8—Murray, Middle, Tech, Morehead (Murray team composed of Barden, Wilson, Cheaney, and Dawson.)

POLE VAULT—13' 7½"— Voyles, Murray; Wettenkamp, Eastern; Webb of Murray, Swain of Middle and Sims of Tech, tied for third.

HIGH JUMP—6' 2"—Lassiter, Murray; Malliburton, Middle; Wells, Morehead; Master of Murray, Dykes of Middle and Piatt of East Tennessee, tied for third.

BROAD JUMP—22' 6½"— Dalton, Eastern; Mason, Tech; Shaffer, Tech; Wells, Morehead; Halliburton, Middle.

SHOT PUT—46' 6"—Hamilton, Murray; Roberts, East Tennessee; Adikilis, Morehead; Watson, Middle; Webb, Tech.

DISCUS—133' 7½"—Adikilis, Morehead; York, Tech; Gipson, Middle; Williams, Murray; and Fletcher, Morehead.

JAVELIN—202' 5"—Fletcher, Morehead; Dawson, Murray; Foste, Middle; Dykes, Middle; Dalton, Eastern.