

# MTSU Out To Dethrone



**FIRST SCORE** — Ricky Mosby, pitching star for Riverdale in that District championship game at Shelbyville Thursday, crosses the plate in the first inning for the first of the Warriors five scores.



## Tommy

All-American Tommy Haynes will lead the Middle Tennessee State track team this week-end as they attempt to dethrone long-time champion Western Kentucky in the Ohio Valley Conference Championships at Murray, Kentucky.

"Realistically, Western is probably untouchable, but we finished second last year, and I'd like to think we could do at least as well this time," declared Blue Raider track coach Dean Hayes.

MTSU will defend the titles won in four events last season, plus try to pick up a couple more first places.

Haynes is the defending champion in the long jump, and has the best jump again this spring, a 26-2 1/2 leap at the Dogwood Relays which ranks as one of the two or three best jumps in the nation this season.

Haynes will also be the favorite in the triple jump, won last year by another Blue Raider Barry McClure. Haynes is the NCAA record holder (indoors) in this event, and has a leap of 55-3 1/4 to his credit outdoors this spring.

MTSU is also the defending champ in both the 440 and mile

## To District Baseball Crown Ricky Mosby Leads Warriors

Ricky Mosby has Shelbyville's number and it's TWO. The crafty little righthander faced the Golden Eagles twice this week in District 16 playoff action and twice Rick shot the Eagles down.

The first time was Monday in a 2-1 shutout. The second was Thursday in the title game at Shelbyville and this time Rick cooled the Eagles 5-2 giving the Warriors the district championship.

After the game was over Riverdale Coach Gary Draper and Oakland Coach Jack Jolly, also district chairman, discussed jokingly Riverdale's winning the title and having only an overall record of 7-11.

"But we won in the district," Draper and his sidekick Al Notgrass pointed out.

Jolly, who presented championship and runnerup trophies to

each team, also informed the Warriors they face rugged opposition when they open play in the regional tournament at Tullahoma next Thursday.

As could best be decided at this point, it appears the Warriors will catch Chattanooga Red Bank right off the bat. Favored Franklin county was a surprise upset victim earlier this week.

So much for the future, now about that championship game in which Ricky Mosby was joined in the hero's circle by third baseman Randall Turner.

Turner started the Warriors first rally in the opening inning by singling in Mosby who had reached first on a walk.

The second inning went scoreless, but in the third Eagle Gary Gordon made the same mistake again, walking Mosby, and made an even bigger miscue when he put one on the outside corner to Turner.

This time Turner really cracked the baseball and it went far and high over the 310-leftfield fence, making the score 3-0.

Shelbyville called for Mike Price to replace Gary Gordon and Price managed to get out of the inning without any additional scores.

Enjoying good back and excellent control, Mosby was waltzing along toward another possible shutout until the third inning when Doug Agnew let a dribbler through his legs into right that started a 2-run Eagle uprising.

But the error didn't shake Mosby. He settled back down and closed the doors the rest of the way although his 3-0 lead was shaved to one run 3-2.

The Warriors got him another run in the fourth when Don Embry walked and made it all the way home on sacrifice fly balls by

Eddie Puckett and Mike Sams. Adding one more for good measure, Donnie Johnson reached first safely on an Eagle error at second, stole all the way to third and came home on a single by Doug Agnew.

In the bottom of the seventh, Mosby faced four batters, walked one and was never in trouble.

This was his only walk. He hit a batter earlier in the game, struck out nine batters and gained his fifth win of the season against two losses.

Mosby gave up only four hits to the Eagles. Seven hits and two runs in two playoff games speaks well for Mosby.

And just in case you have forgotten, the Warriors got in the District playoff after locking in a 3-way tie with Smyrna and Warren County and winning by a draw out of a hat.

## Warriors Go For Region Honors

The Riverdale track and field team enters the Midstate Regional meet at Clarksville Saturday with high hopes of winning some individual championships and qualifying several persons for the state meet the following Friday at Memphis.

Coach Ken Riley is working his team out this week, mostly on fundamentals, but keeping

East Tennessee is two feet better than Dennis.

The Riverdale 440-yard relay team, composed of David Johnson, Dale Gaines, Donnie Smith and Michael Webb.

The 880-relay team has three of these same members with the exception of Clinton Johnson who is inserted for David Johnson.

Distant man Terry Hoover won both the mile and the 2-mile in the district. He is given a chance of winning the 2-mile and coming close to Antioch's Jon Slaughter in the mile run.

Riverdale also has Dale Gaines qualified in the long jump, Michael Webb in the 220-yard dash and David Johnson in the 100-yard dash.

However, Oakland with the only Rutherford County team competing in TSSAA tennis, has some high hopes in district playoffs now underway at Franklin.

The Short brothers, Senior David and Sophomore Dale, are in the heat of the competition today. Dale Short is favored to win his two matches today and advance to the Semifinals.

## Sm Willard C

Sam Willard, using the week off caused by last weekend's rain-out, will have his Maverick car running again at Smyrna Raceway this Saturday night, and will be going for his third win of the season.

Willard won six features at Smyrna last season, and has stated that his goal is to double that total this season.

"I'm going for an even dozen, if my car holds out," declared the easy-going driver from Nashville.

Willard's career was launched four years ago when he drove his brother's car in a heat race and finished second.

"I got the bug for sure that night," he recalls. "It was more fun than drag racing, and I thought that was the most fun I'd ever had."

Winning Maverick features at Smyrna Raceway isn't as easy as it was the past couple of year's however. There are a lot of new, faster cars, and any one of a dozen drivers is capable of winning a feature race.

Right now, Willard is third in points, behind James Williams and Andy Cartwright, and just ahead of Thomas Mount. He was leading until he had engine trouble two weeks ago, and finished 17th.

That was just the beginning of his problems, however, as he got his car fixed just in time for the Circle 8 feature. He entered the Circle 8, hoping to salvage something from the evening, and was struck broadside at the "X", suffering heavy body damage to his car. He was not hurt.