

# Between The Sport Lines

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There are a lot of people who know very little about the track and field sport. Many think the pole vault is a foreign event but practically all reading sport fans realize USC beat California in a track meet Saturday for the umpty umptieth time.

Don't get the idea the Golden Bears are any particular weaklings in the sport. The Trojans probably will hand out the same treatment to Stanford and the rest of their rivals.

## Hill Explains

We asked Jess Hill, USC football coach, about the Trojans' track supremacy during his visit here last week. Jess understands track as an athlete and also as head coach of the BVD brigade before he stepped up to the football job.

"Our track and field supremacy is a strange thing," said Jess. "Everyone in the country believes we go out and 'buy' the best material available each year.

"That is about as far from the truth as you can get. We have only nine annual grants in aid for trackmen. That would not get you very far when you are trying to build a national championship team.

"Our success comes from the fact the good high school tracksters know we will be first, second or third every year in the national track picture. Naturally, they want to be on a championship squad.

## Seek Quality

"Our object at USC is to get quality and hope that the quantity will follow."

Jess told about the case of Steve Turner, the ace prep hurdler from Los Angeles who competed in the state meet here two years ago.

"We heard he was set on going to Stanford," said Jess. "So we laid off. We do not want to interfere with any lad who had his heart set on a particular college.

"Then we heard he had deserted Stanford and entered California. I wish we had worked on him a little more, because he is an outstanding athlete."

Jess predicted the score of the Cal-USC meet would be about 80 to 40. It turned out to be 76 to 54, which was below his estimate but still on the right side of the ledger.