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Trojans Top NCAA Prelims:

By a Times Correspondent ANN ARBOR, Mich., June II.—Southern California's track team suffered only one casualty here on historic Ferry Field this evening as they led the way into the finals of the Na-tional Collegiate Track and Field Championships. Nine Trojans competed in to-day's NCAA preliminaries and

eight of them worked their way successfully into tomorrow's finals Michigan State came up with a surprising five qualifiers, but

still does not figure to give Coach Jess Mortensen's boys much of a struggle in their bid for their 18th NCAA title. Cali-fornia, Stanford, Illinois, Michigan and Yale each had four qualifiers.

Oxy Qualifier
Sophomore Eddie Shinn was
Occidental's only qualifier,
while UCLA's sole entrent,
Hurdler Jim Ball, ran out of the money in both high and low hurdles. Whittier's entry, Miler Russ Bonham, goes in the mile final tomorrow, Two other Oxy runners will perform to-morrow also, Jim Terrill in the mile and Claude Fiddler in the

Standouts for Troy were Co-captains Jim Lea and Will Wright and Strong Man Des Koch. Koch stayed out of the

shot and javelin to concentrate on his pet event, the discus. Flis excellent throw of 169ft 4½in. made him a close second to Olympian Jim Dillion of Auburn at the end of the discus preliminary rounds.

Turns on Speed

Lea breezed to an easy 48.6 heat and then ran a 48.0 semifinal only to be nipped at the tape as he eased up at the fin-ish. He appears to be the class for the quarter-mile field and should defend his title easily if he doesn't catch a crab or bow a tendon.

Wright ran 14.8 in his heat and then turned a little speed in his semifinal to win easily in 14.4. He and Illinois' Willard Thomas should have a tight hattle in the final. Joe Graffio looked like another first-place possibility for SC as he went through two rounds of heats in 9.8 and 9.8 again.
Another Illini, Willie Williams,
took the other semifinal in 9.7.
Texas' fabled Dean Smith was

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misadvised as to the time schedule and was almost shut out in Williams' semifinal when he had to run 150 yards to get to the starting line in time. He got a tired third among four qualifiers in that semi. Two of SC's lesser lights looked very promising in the

220 and 440. Rod Wilger, a senior from Beverly Hills, won his 220 semifinal in 21.4 and should figure in a four-way bat-

tle with Texan Charley Thomas, Yale's Henry Thresher and Washington State's Bob Gary in the furlong final. Makes Grade Sophomore Mike Larrabee barely got into the 440 final with a 47.8 race, fastest of his 2.

young life Trojan Bill Taylor, who has a one-way ticket from Los Angeles since he is on his way to marine camp at Quantico. Va... was shut out in the loaded 880 field.

Taylor was sixth in the sec ond half-mile heat with only three men qualifying. Also shut out in this stanza was Fresno State's Dave Casper. Taylor's old junior college rival. Casper finished fifth in the heat in 1:56.3, five seconds slow-

er than his brilliant 1:51.3 race

at Compton last week behind Mal Whitfield Tough Field Shinn ran a fine 1:52.9 to fin ish second in the fast first heat sandwiched in between

nois' Gene Maynard and Ford ham's powerful Tom Courtney. Pittsburgh's Arnie Sowell took he third heat in 1:54.0, just

ahead of Cal's Lon Spurrier. Shinn thus becomes a part one of the toughest halfmile fields ever assembled in

meet.