Records Fall as Troy Wins Pole Vaulters Give SC

Slim Edge Over Bruins BY PAUL ZIMMERMAN, Sports Editor

Amid a shower of five broken records, Southern Call-

fornia emerged with its seventh straight National Collegiate track and field championship at Memorial Coliseum yesterday before 14,005 sun-soaked fans. It was the nineteenth win in the 35 years of the event, CHAMPIONS

with UCLA making a battle of it until the final competition in the pole vault. Coach Jess Mortensen's Trojans scored 42, the Bruins 34 for second and Kansas took third with 30, Oregon was fourth with 29.

The record breaking started early and finished late. Six spearmen bettered the former meet javelin mark to start the rash of record-shattering performances which ended when Don Bragg, a Villanova sophomore, cleared the pole vault bar at 15ft. 1in., and then barely missed 15ft. 2½ in. Close Brush

The world's record in the high jump also came in for a close brush when SC's Ernie Shelton missed seven feet by the thinnest possible margin after establishing a new rec-ord of 6ft. 11% in. He wept bitterly after failing in three

The meet records estab-lished in the 2-day meet were: Javelin-246ft. lin.: Bitner, Kansas. Half Mile — I:49.5;

Courtney, Fordham. High Jump — 6ft. 11%in.; nelton, SC.

Shelton, SC.
Pole Vault—15ft. 1in.; Don
Bragg, Villanova. 220 yards around a turn-20.9; Jim Golliday, North-

Bruins Lead

western.

In addition, Milt Campbell, 1952 Olympic team member from Indiana, tied the high hurdle mark of 13.9. Just by adding flavor to the record-shattering splurge, J. W. Mashburn of Oklahoma A&M ran the quarter mile in 46.6,

100, 220-Jim Golliday,

Northwestern. 440—J. W. Oklahoma A&M. Mashburn.

880-Tom Courtney, Fordham.

Mile-Jim Bailey, Oregon.

Two Mile - Ken Reiser, Oregon.

120 High Hurdles-Milt Campbell, Indiana.

220 Low Hurdles—Char-ley Pratt, Manhattan. Shot-put — Bill Nieder, Discus-Des Koch, SC

High Jump-Ernie Shel-ton, SC.

Broad Jump-Joel Shankle. Duke. Pole Vault-Don Bragg,

Villanova. Javelin-Les Bitner, Kan-

clipping two-tenths off his own Coliseum mark. Southern California's 42 points was the smallest total

for a winning team since 1927. The Bruins were leading, 33 to 32, going into the pole vault

with each school having two men over 14 feet.

Coach Ducky Drake's two youths Mel Hill and Lindy Kell, missed at the next height while Troy's Walt Levack and Ron Morris came through, clinching a tie for second place.

The turning point in the team scoring came for the Trojans in the low hurdles when Leon Clarke, big end on the football team, turned in a slashing effort to get third behind Charley Pratt of

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Clarke's Third Spurs SC to Victory in NCAA Meet

though UCLA's Bruins just things."

Trojans.

Particularly after the twoway mark and finished a badmile where Troy's Fernandolly beaten seventh. Ledesma
Ledesma, one of the race's top isadid he was suffering from a
favorites, finished out of the
money.

Evens the Score

But a come-through per- wore on. 10 points between them to not slewfoots. clinch matters.

Come-Through Kid

High who was the real come-lost to outsiders this year. through kid vesterday.

runaway truck on the down- third at 4:06.9. Another Ore-

"Man, I was working awfully hard," the big Trojan big thing going.'

Tabbed by Coach

SC's coach, Jess Mortensen, could run another 4:01, he'd told Clarke before the race, win, But if he didn't go that "If you run 23.5, you'll get fast, I thought I could win.

Asked if he was worried Seaman was exhausted aftabout the meet's outcome, er the race and was lying in Jess retorted

ried." Then he pulled off his track. There was a trickle of hat. "What do you think hap- blood on his left shin where pened to my hair?" he asked. he'd caught a spike.

would score more than the 42 headache," the obviously ailit tallied to beat UCLA's 34. ing Bruin sophomore said. "I

snatch the NCAA track title ning 8:56.4 was the fastest of took a whiff of his ammonia from SC's heavily favored began to labor about the half- and said, "That Bailey's pret-

hurdles, eased the strain and two in the mile and first in SCs vaulting twins, Ron Morris and Walt Levack, scored ing that the Webfoots were drew a big grin from North-

Beaten by Others

But it was Clarke, the 6ft. each other, none of Coach sprinter's muscular shoul-4in. 215-pounder from Venice Bill Bowerman's Ducks have ders and said, "You're a darn

Bailey, a happy-go-lucky Manhattan's husky Charley Australian from Sydney, was and the 220 in 21.1. All told, Pratt won the race in 23.1 understandably exultant after he ran up six wins, three in with Iowa's Jack Mathews his 4:05.6 victory in the mile, each sprint, counting heats leg edged the bar off. After second at 23.3. Then came six-tenths ahead of his second, and semis. All this after he'd his final miss, he lay huddled Clarke in 23.5, lumbering place teammate, Bill Dellin had a toenail removed Friday in the sawdust pit for a modown the straightaway like a ger. UCLA's Bob Seaman was morning.

gonian, Ken Reiser, won the 8-lapper in 9:04.5. and it takes time to get this plans. Just to keep away from On all three

the leader and not to get too record height, Ernie's back going 6ft.8in., a personal best. third." Which is exactly what Well, he didn't and I did."

happened.

"He's run that clocking 4:05 is the "absolute maxithree times in a row," Jess mum" he could ever hope to said. "And that'll beat a lot of reach.

Seaman Exhausted

the tiny tunnel which goes "Worried, I'm always wor- from the rubdown area to the Jess said he did think SC "I'm tired and I've got a

"I figured us for between felt all right before, but I'm 45 and 55 points," Jess admit-sick now. It was a rough race,

ited, "But when Ledesma got a lot more shoving than any For a half-hour or so yes-terday afternoon it looked as yesterday, that changed yesterday, that changed to kick the last 330 yards. might squeeze through and Ledesma, whose nonwin- but I just couldn't do it." He

"That makes up for last 1 Among the meet's many time," he laughed, referring formance by giant Leon Among the meet's many time," he laughed, referring Clarke, who rambled to third place and six points in the low distance men who took one-be was disqualified after when the control of the contr Starter Willard Greim 3

western's double sprint winner, Jim Golliday, when he Although they've beaten placed his arm over the good runner, son,'

Golliday took the 100 in 9.6 (UCLA) 161

Shelton Disappointed SC's Ernie Shelton didn't "I don't think I'll ever make

have a miss until he ticked it.

On all three tries at the screamed with delight after

"This was my fastest mile the bar at 7ft. 1/2 in. He'd Quick to argue the point said. "Coach said you gotta ever," smiled Jim, whose pre-cleared 6ft. 111/sin. and then was Notre Dame's Bernie Alsaid. "Coach said you gotta vious best was a 4:12 in Janu- he had three close ones at the lard, who gave the crowd a

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ment, his shoulders shaking with sobs of disappointment. "That proves it," he cried,

laugh earlier when he