

Wolfe New Track Coach at USC

Verne Wolfe, former USC pole vaulter and current coach at Foothill JC, has been appointed head track and field coach at USC, it was announced Saturday by director of athletics, Jess Hill.

Wolfe, 39, will take over as successor to Hill in 1963. Hill has been serving as interim coach since the death of Jess Mortensen early in the 1962 season.

Wolfe, who earned letters at USC in 1946-47, gained fame as a coach at North Phoenix High, where he developed pole vaulter Jim Brewer and shot putter Dallas Long, both national interscholastic record holders.

The ex-pole vaulter becomes only the fourth head track coach at USC since 1909. Dean Cromwell held the post from 1909 to 1948, with Hill taking the team in 1949-50. Mortensen took over in 1951 and coached until his sudden death.

Frosh Gridder

Following a football and track career at Gardena High, Wolfe entered USC in 1941, where he played freshman football before being called into the service.

After serving with the paratroops for three and one-half years, Wolfe returned to USC and won varsity track letters in 1946-47. He graduated in 1949.

Wolfe's first coaching job was at Torrance High in 1952, where he stayed for three years before moving to



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North Phoenix High in 1955. It was during his six years in Arizona that Wolfe gained a reputation as one of the nation's most successful prep coaches.

The new Trojan coach moved to San Jose in 1961 as head frosh and varsity field event coach. While at San Jose he helped coach a trio of his pole vaulters become the first three collegiate vaulters from the same school to clear 15-ft. or better in the same meet.

Samuels Ace

Wolfe moved to the newly established Foothill JC in Los Altos for the 1962 season. Although in its first year of track, Foothill won the Coast Conference track title and placed fifth in the state junior college meet Saturday.

Among his athletes at Foothill were Mahoney Samuels, national JC record holder in the hop, step and jump; Allan Chapman, a 4:13.2 miler; Clayton Anderson, a 6-7 $\frac{3}{4}$ high jumper; and Dan Washer, a 14-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ pole vaulter.

Wolfe and his wife, Marilyn, who currently reside in Los Altos, have two boys, Corey, 9, and Dean, 6. Dean was named for Dean Cromwell, Wolfe's track coach at USC.

AAU Track Meet Tickets Go on Sale

Reserved seat tickets for the 74th annual National AAU track and field championships June 22-23 at Mt. San Antonio College Stadium are now obtainable by mail and at the college ticket office, it was announced Saturday by meet director Hilmer Lodge.

The entire 15,000-seat stadium is reserved and all seats are priced at \$5.50, which includes both days of