

# Trojans' Track Crown Wobbles

USC's national championship track and field team leaves today for the weekend's Federation meet at Oregon State, then moves on to Oregon U. for the defense of its NCAA crown, June 18-20.

Barring a miracle, the Trojans will be ex-champs when they come home.

Vern Wolfe's 1963 combine tallied 61 points for a very substantial NCAA triumph, second-place Stanford finishing far back with 42.

But the current squad is so injury-ridden that the situation couldn't be much worse if practices had been held on the nearby Harbor Freeway. Moreover, four athletes aren't eligible for the NCAA.

## Brave Words

"We're going up expecting to win," Wolfe said very bravely Wednesday.

"But we won't even be in contention the way we are right now," he admitted, in the next breath. "Some of our injured boys are going to have to heal quickly and some of the others are going to have to run wild for their best efforts of the year.

"It shouldn't take too many points to win this year—maybe even 40 will do it—because it figures to be such a free-for-all.

"Oregon, I suppose, has to be favored, particularly because the meet is right there in Eugene. The home-town crowd is really something there. They'll really inspire the Webfoots.

## Many Contenders

"But the winner could be California, Fresno State, San Jose State, Arizona State—especially if Ullis Williams is able to resume running—Villanova or USC.

"We'll surely miss our ineligible — Les Mills in the shot and discus, Mahoney Samuels in the



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triple jump, Roy Williams in the high hurdles and triple jump and Sterling Jenkins in distance running.

"But that's only a beginning.

"Dick Cortese definitely is out of the 220 because of his bad back and may not be able to go in the 100, either. That also kills us in the 440 relay—and we're not even entering the mile relay.

"Larry Stuart is wearing a back brace and it's doubtful whether he'll throw the javelin.

## Faust Lost

"Joe Faust definitely is out of the high jump because of a knee injury, and while Lew Hoyt has about recovered from his miseries, he's missed so much of the season he may not be in very good form.

"Wellesley Clayton may get in only one broad jump or he may go all the way. You never know how he'll fare since suffering that groin injury.

"Our big hopes are Dave Morris in the sprints, Don Castle in the shot, Mike Flanagan in the vault, Bruce Bess in the 880 and Theo Viltz in the hurdles.

"Flanagan could be the decider. He's been so inconsistent this season. He vaults 16 ft. in practice and sometimes only 14 ft. in meets.

"If Mike and a few others come through for us . . ."

## Ducks Withdraw Five Stars from Federation Meet

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — The University of Oregon withdrew five key perform-