USC Sets 440 Relay Record, Wins NCAA

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PROVO, Utah — Southern California's amazing sprint relay team made a shambles of the recognized world record for 440-yards Saturday night as the Trojans won their 24th NCAA track and field championship.

The fleet foursome clipped a full second off the recognized mark with a fantastic 38.6 performance, and ran four-tenths faster than their previous best posted only a week ago

at San Diego.

It was also a runaway meet victory for coach Vern Wolfe's maroon clad Trojans who piled up 86 points. Oregon finished second with 40 and defending champion UCLA was third with 27.

Set Nine Records

The quarter-mile relay smasher climaxed a three night stand at Brigham Young Stadium in which the college stars tied another world mark and posted nine meet records.

Troy's four speedsters, E ar 1 McCullouch, Fred Kuller, O. J. Simpson and Lennox Miller, were quick to say their baton exchanges in the relay left something to be desired, but there was no question about their speed, as they won by 15 vards over Tennesse.

"We actually had better hand offs at San Diego," said Simpson.

"We wanted to prove the performance last week as no fluke," said McCullouch. "I think the better competition accounted for the better time."

Under the circumstances the mile race and its world record holder, Jim Ryun of Kansas, had to take

a back seat.

The lean Jayhawker, who was not about to challenge the near mile high altitude, took it easy and then sprinted the last 200 yards to win as he pleased over Roscoe Divine of Oregon in 4:03.5.

Two double winners emerged

from the meet. Randy Matson hurled the discus 190 feet 4 inches, adding this to his shot put title.

After that, little Gerry Lindgren of Washington State chalked up an easy 3 mile win in 13 minutes 47.8 seconds, just as he had run away from all competition in the six mile

USC Runs Away With NCAA Title

Continued from First Page A beautiful pass from McCullouch to Kuller on the first baton exchange

put daylight between the Trojans and their pursuers to start the quartet off on its way to the amazing 440 relay record. It seemed Simpson had Thursday night.

Both Lindgren and Mat-son scored doubles in this meet a year ago.

Seagren Wins The Trojans won three first places in their drive

to the championship and made it 1-2 in the pole vault when Bob Seagren and Paul Wilson cleared 17 feet 4 inches. Seagren got the gold medal because of fewer misses.

After winning the event, they took three shots at a world record of 17-8, but neither could come up with the magic vault

Like Ryun, great world record breaker Tommie Smith of San Jose State had to take a back seat to the fleet Trojan baton team. Tommie was forced to come from behind to take Miller of USC in the stretch of the 220-yard dash in 20.2 — an NCAA record he set twice previ-

to slow up a bit to take the stick from Kuller, but he swung into high gear round the second turn. O. J. got a good pass to Miller, and the anchor man continued to widen the gap down the straightaway

and into the tape.

The USC foursome in running the distance in 38.6 turned in one of the most remarkable successions of performance in track history. It tied the world record of 39.6 in the Coliseum - Compton Invitational early this month and then cut the time to 39 flat just a week ago at San Diego.

Bruins Collapse

UCLA failed to finish when Don Domansky and Tom Jones fumbled away the baton on the second exchange. Tennessee, in second place, was clocked in 40.3, two tenths faster than third place Rice.

Ryun toyed with the mile field once he decided to turn it on. The Kansas sophomore made his move just before the field entered the final turn, after running in the pack most of the way.

In doing so he got a jump on Divine of Oregon, but it wouldn't have made any difference, the way Jim turned it on. Once he got a comfortable lead. the Javhawker eased off in the straightaway looking around to be sure he was vine was timed in 4:06.2 with Sam Bair of Kent State third in 4:06.7. Matson's second toss of

Matson's second toss of the evening put him ahead of the field in the discus but he improved to the winning distance of 190-4 on his third toss to accom-plish his second NCAA double victory in as many years. Randy was injured and did not compete as a

Bob Steele of Michigan State became the only Big Ten individual winner of the most when he retained the 440-hurdles title by winning with ease in 50.2

After viewing the fin-ish photo Geoff Vanderstock of USC was awarded second place in 50.7 over Andy Bell of American U. Roger Johnson of UCLA. second last year, had to settle for seventh.

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