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Wolfe Says USC Romp 'My Greatest Moment'

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PROVO, Utah — USC's 86-point total equalled the second highest ever scored in an NCAA track and field championships and coach Vern Wolfe was so excited about the victory that he had a hard time talking about it or the world record 440-yard relay performance of 38.6 seconds by his Trojans.

"This is the greatest moment of my life," the USC mentor kept repeating.

"The track was much better than last week (at San Diego)," said Earl McCullouch, leadoff man in the relay.

"I think the better competition accounted for the faster time and then again we wanted to prove the performance of last week wasn't a fluke.

"Next year all of us will be back and we'll have a real good starting point."

"We actually had better handoffs last week when we ran 39 seconds flat," said O. J. Simpson. "In tonight's race we had two bad handoffs and one of them was mine to Lennox (Miller). The track is softer and a little better on your feet. Last week the track was hard."

Both the BYU track and the one at Balboa Stadium in San Diego are all-weather, but the one here contains more rubber, making for better spring, the sprinters agreed.

Nash Clocks Pair of 9.5s

Paul Nash of South Africa won a pair of 9.5 100 yard dashes in an all-comers track meet Saturday at Pasadena City College. The race was run in heats, and Nash won both.

100—1. Nash (South Africa), 9.5; 2. Miller (Oklahoma State), 9.7; 3. Knebe (Striders), 9.9. 220—1. Nash, 21.1; 2. James (Striders), 21.5; 3. Toomey (Striders), 21.6. 440—1. Tesue (PAA), 48.2; 2. Miller (Striders), 48.4; 3. Williams (Striders), 49.1. 880—1. Newport (Hawaiian Sokesters), 1:47.9; 2. Deines (Occidental), 1:47.9. Shot—1. Davis (PAA), 61-10; 2. Dobrath (unat.), 47-7. Discus—1. Nevins (PAA), 187-9; 2. Horner (Striders), 184-3; 3. Swenson (PAA), 177-2. Javelin—1. Mann (PAA), 229-7; 2. Thurber (PAA), 207-0. High jump—Bruce (PAA), 6-2. Vault—Wiley (unat.), 15-0.

2,000 meter walk—Hanley (Striders), 8:57.8 (American record, old mark 9:04.1 by Bob Ramey, Athens AC, 1957).

Jerome Defeated Twice by Turner

VANCOUVER (CP) — Track stars Harry Jerome, a Vancouver schoolteacher, and Willie Turner, the 19-year-old Oregon State freshman, met twice Saturday in the 100 and 200 meter events of the Western Canadian track and field championship.

Turner won both races, each time only a tenth of a second ahead of Jerome. Although Jerome led most of each race, Turner put on a final burst a few meters ahead of the finish line and took both events, with times of 10.2 for the 100 and 21.2 in the 200.

Altitude OK

In talking about his 4:03.6 mile victory Jim Ryun (world record holder at 3:51.3) said he didn't particularly notice the near-mile altitude "but then I didn't go under four minutes, either."

"I think a sub-four minute mile can be run at this altitude but you can bet it would be a tough race. You can't think about running under four minutes every time out."

He ran his last lap in 52.4.

Bob Seagren, who won the pole vault at 17-4, then missed three times at 17-8 in an effort to better his 17-7 mark posted at San Diego a week ago, said conditions for his event were excellent.

"The weather was perfect and I was happy to see Paul (Wilson, his teammate) get over 17 feet. The fact that he went 17-4 means I'll have plenty of competition. I think I might eventually get up to the 18-foot mark."

"I had a difficult time recovering from the six-mile Thursday" said Gerry Lindgren after his three-mile victory." I was particularly tired in the last mile and that kind of surprised me because usually running at this altitude is not too difficult for me."

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