

Trojans Blaze 39.3 in Win Over Cougars

BY CHUCK GARRITY

Times Staff Writer

USC's 440-yard relay team started like a truck but finished like a Ferrari with the third fastest clocking in track history, 39.3 seconds, Saturday at the Coliseum.

That victory ignited the Trojans toward an easy 50-55 romp over Washington State in a Pacific Eight dual meet before 1,500 fans.

Oddly, it was Earl McCulloch, the hurdler with the explosive start, who couldn't smooth out on the opening leg that cost the Trojans a chance to dip closer to their own world record of 38.6.

"You can stay here forever and never see him get off as bad as that," said coach Vern Wolfe. "He ran the bad leg. If he had run his usual race, we surely would have been in the 38s."

Fred Kuller ran one of his best races in righting the Trojan foursome, then O. J. Simpson and Lennox Miller followed with strong efforts. The same quartet owns the world record and also the second fastest clocking of 39.0, both set last year. The 39.3 set a Coliseum mark.

Gerry Lindgren, Washington State's 5-6, 120-pound running machine, tried his first three-mile of the year and was a runaway 200-yard winner in 13:25.3.

That was enough to get the crowd in an uproar, but didn't satisfy the thickest Cougar.

"It was a bad time, but I felt good," Lindgren said, pointing out that he takes a slug of an antacid solution prior to a race to quiet his biggest problem—an ulcer.

Thirteen meet records were set and another tied on the perfect afternoon.

LONG JUMP—1. Earl McCulloch (USC), 20-10 1/2; 2. Bill Harris (Wash. St.), 19-11 1/2; 3. Barry Johnson (Wash. St.), 18-10.

POLE VAULT—1. Tom Bennett (Wash. St.), 10-0; 2. Paul Wilson (USC), 10-0 (meet record, old mark, 9-6); 3. Bill Lee (Wash. St.), 9-6; 4. Jim Frost (Wash. St.), 9-6.

SHOT PUT—1. John Van Buren (Wash. St.), 38-2 (meet record, old mark, 37-1); 2. Don Castle (USC), 36-10 1/2; 3. Tom Cohen (USC), 35-10 1/2; 4. Bill Harris (Wash. St.), 35-10.

JAVELIN—1. Ross Miller (Wash. St.), 164-4 (meet record, old mark, 163-10); 2. Dick Ryan (Wash. St.), 160-0; 3. Eric Christensen (USC), 158-0; 4. Len O'Rourke (Wash. St.), 154-0.

400 RELAY—1. USC (McCulloch, Fred Kuller, O. J. Simpson, Lennox Miller), 1:11.4 (meet record, old mark, 1:12.4); 2. Washington State (Lee, Wilson, Frost, Miller), 1:12.4.

800—1. Bill Dawson (USC), 4:04.4 (meet record, old mark, 4:10.4); 2. Vic Ross (Wash. St.), 4:04.0; 3. John Lee (USC), 4:04.0; 4. Gary Benson (Wash. St.), 4:10.4.

1500—1. McCulloch (USC), 4:14.4 (meet record, old mark, 4:18.4); 2. Dick Arnesen (Wash. St.), 4:18.4; 3. Bill Dawson (USC), 4:20.4; 4. Gary Benson (Wash. St.), 4:24.4.

5000—1. Larry Schauer (Wash. St.), 17:11.4 (meet record, old mark, 17:15.4); 2. Gary Cannon (USC), 17:11.4; 3. Howard Becker (USC), 17:11.4; 4. Rich Joyce (USC), 17:11.4.

10000—1. Mike Johnson (Wash. St.), 34:55.4 (meet record, old mark, 35:05.4); 2. Dave McMan (Wash. St.), 35:05.4; 3. Gene Fisher (USC), 35:15.4; 4. Jimmie Johnson (USC), 35:15.4.

HIGH JUMP—1. Greg West (USC), 4-8 1/2; 2. Bill Dawson (Wash. St.), 4-8 1/2; 3. Max Lane (USC), 4-8.

LOWER—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 19-2 1/2 (meet record, old mark, 18-6); 2. Gary Cannon (USC), 18-11 1/2; 3. Barry Johnson (USC), 18-11 1/2; 4. Bill Harris (Wash. St.), 18-11 1/2.

100—1. Carl Frenschke (USC), 1:48.1 (meet record, old mark, 1:50.1); 2. Bruce Ryan (USC), 1:48.1; 3. Art Sandness (Wash. St.), 1:48.1; 4. Larry West (USC), 1:50.1.

200—1. Vandenberg (USC), 31.1 (meet record, first time held); 2. Gerry Cannon (Wash. St.), 31.1; 3. Bill Harris (Wash. St.), 31.1.

400—1. Mike Johnson (USC), 1:14.1 (meet record, old mark, 1:15.1); 2. Art Sandness (Wash. St.), 1:14.1; 3. Larry West (USC), 1:14.1.

800—1. Gerry Lindgren (Wash. St.), 1:58.1 (meet record, first time held); 2. Don Castle (USC), 1:58.1; 3. Larry Schauer (Wash. St.), 1:58.1.

1500—1. McCulloch (USC), 4:14.4 (meet record, old mark, 4:18.4); 2. USC, 4:14.4; 3. USC, 4:14.4.

3000—1. Tom Bennett (USC), 11:41.4; 2. Tom Bennett (USC), 11:41.4; 3. Tom Bennett (USC), 11:41.4.

5000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 17:11.4 (meet record, old mark, 17:15.4); 2. USC, 17:11.4; 3. USC, 17:11.4.

10000—1. Mike Johnson (USC), 34:55.4; 2. Mike Johnson (USC), 34:55.4; 3. Mike Johnson (USC), 34:55.4.

20000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 39:11.4; 2. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 39:11.4; 3. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 39:11.4.

30000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 58:11.4; 2. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 58:11.4; 3. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 58:11.4.

40000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 1:37:11.4; 2. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 1:37:11.4; 3. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 1:37:11.4.

50000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 2:16:11.4; 2. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 2:16:11.4; 3. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 2:16:11.4.

60000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 2:55:11.4; 2. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 2:55:11.4; 3. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 2:55:11.4.

70000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 3:34:11.4; 2. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 3:34:11.4; 3. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 3:34:11.4.

80000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 4:13:11.4; 2. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 4:13:11.4; 3. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 4:13:11.4.

90000—1. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 4:52:11.4; 2. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 4:52:11.4; 3. Van Buren (Wash. St.), 4:52:11.4.