

Trojans Capture NCAA Track Title by a Single Point

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BERKELEY—USC won its 25th NCAA track and field title by inches and one point at Edwards Stadium Saturday.

It seemed insignificant at the time when Tim Barrett, the little triple jumper from the Bahamas, moved into third place with a leap of 51 feet on his last try, but his six points were the eventual difference as the Trojans beat surprisingly strong Washington State, 58-57. Villanova was third with 41, Brigham Young fourth with 31 and UCLA fifth with 30.

Five NCAA records were broken and two tied in the three-day meet that was a prelude to the final Olympic trials in Los Angeles June 29-30.

"We cut it a little tight," said coach Vern Wolfe after the final count. "Barrett is going back to the Bahamas a hero.

"Everything happened to us and we were lucky, but if it hadn't been for Tim coming through the way he did, we'd have been sunk."

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Actually, Barrett's final leap of 51 feet tied him with Eric Klein of Washington, but he had another that was seven inches better than the Husky jumper's and this broke the tie.

These were the new marks posted Saturday:

400-Meter Dash — Lee Evans, San Jose State, 45 seconds flat; 1,500 Meters — Dave Patrick, Villanova, 3:39.9; 5,000 Meters — Gerry Lindgren, Washington State, 13:57.2; High Jump — Dick Fosbury, Oregon State, 7-2 1/4; Triple Jump — Lennox Burgher, Nebraska, 53-1 1/4.

In addition, on Friday, Lennox Miller of USC tied the record of 10.1 in the 100 and Earl McCullough of the Trojans won the high hurdles in 13.4 seconds, which tied his own mark.

Pair of Upsets

Two major upsets, both of which mitigated against USC, marked an afternoon of torrid competition Saturday.

U. came blazing from behind to overtake Miller in the 200, winning by inches in 20.8.

Then Jon Vaughn of UCLA, clearing 17 feet, 3/4 inch on his first try (his best outdoor effort ever) won the pole vault as favored Bob Seagren of USC missed three times at that height.

Seagren had almost knocked himself out earlier in the day when while flexing a new pole, he let it slip from his hands. It hit him between the eyes, raising a large bump.

Wolfe Surprised

"That was just before he cleared 16-6 and the wonder is that he ever did that," said coach Wolfe.

Washington State was not without an injury problem, either. Foss Miller, who has a best of 258-2 this year in the javelin, fell on his shoulder, crippling it with three tosses left.

Miller had to settle for 227-10 and sixth while his

teammate, Cal O'Donnell, became the surprise winner at 258-11.

"Miller was our best man in the event going into the meet today," said coach Jack Mooberry, and his injury definitely hurt our chances, but you can't take anything away from USC. They won."

It was the closest Washington State ever came to the NCAA championship.

Cougars Lead

The Cougars outscored the Trojans in first places, 4-3, thanks to Lindgren's double. Gerry had also won the 10,000 Thursday.

The double gave him six NCAA triumphs in the distance races during his three years at Washington State, a performance bettered only by Jesse Owens of Ohio State, who had eight.

"I thought I was out of it when I dropped back with two laps to go," said the little runner, but he pulled back up with the leaders on the final lap, forged ahead 300 yards from the finish and turned in a 58.6 final lap as he won by 20 yards over his faltering opposition.

"I was tired from the 10,000 Thursday. I had blisters on my feet and an Achilles tendon was bothering me. It was hot to boot. The win was a miracle."

Fans Applaud

The 12,000 who saw it had another word. "Courageous." Steve Stageberg of Georgetown was second in 13:58.8. It had been a four-man race all the way with Kerry Pearce, the Australian from Texas (El Paso), who was third; and the Norwegian, Arne Kvalheim of Oregon, fourth.

Patrick's triumph in the 1,500 meters was a masterful performance. Pacing himself well, the Villanova star kept close to the leaders all the way and then moved out in front on the backstretch of the gun lap.

Evans, the powerful San Jose State sprinter, won the 400 meters with a great closing surge that Larry James of Villanova and Ron Freeman of Arizona State simply could not match. His 45 flat clocking was the fastest 400 in the world this year.

Fosbury Stars

Fosbury, the backwards high jumper, easily was the sensation of the field events. The Oregon State star cleared 7 feet on his first try, then went 7-1 and 7-2 1/4. Fosbury went for 7-3 1/4 but missed on three tries.

Southern California's world record holding sprint relay team again came up with two bad baton passes, but still won by six strides over San Jose State in 39.5 seconds.

Fred Kuller and O. J. Simpson almost missed connections on the second handoff, with O. J. grasping twice before he got his hand on the baton.

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NCAA Track Summaries

110-METER HURDLES

4 in Each Heat Qualify for Final

FIRST HEAT—1. McCullough (USC), 13.7; 2. Butler (Wisconsin), 13.8; 3. Hocker (Arizona State), 13.8; 4. Kelly (Florida State), 14.1. Others—3. Kirkman (California), 14.2.

SECOND HEAT—1. Hall (Villanova), 13.4; 2. Houser (Duke), 13.8; 3. Westford (Wisconsin), 13.8; 4. Simmons (Yale), 14.0. Disqualified—Bum (Oregon).

Final

1. McCullough, 13.4 (sets meet record, McCullough, and Richmond Flowers, Tennessee, 1951); 2. Hall, 13.4; 3. Butler, 13.7; 4. Houser, 13.8; 5. Kelly, 13.8; 6. Simmons, 13.8; 7. Hocker, 14.0; 8. Westford, 14.0.

400 METERS

4 in Each Heat Qualify for Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Freeman (Arizona State), 48.0; 2. James (Villanova), 48.0; 3. Evans (San Jose State), 48.2; 4. Schuler (Oregon), 48.4. Others—Brown (Occidental), 47.5.

SECOND HEAT—1. Turner (Oregon State), 48.1; 2. Hodson (Duke), 48.1; 3. McManey (Tennessee), 48.4; 4. Crawford (Michigan State), 48.4. Others—Olson (Kansas), 48.8; Morlon (Texas), 47.8.

100 METERS

4 in Each Heat Qualify for Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Miller (USC), 10.1; 2. Hood (Notre Dame), 10.4; 3. Davis (San Jose State), 10.4; 4. Randolph (Western Michigan), 10.4. Others—Green (Kentucky), 10.4; Hill (Arizona State), 10.4.

SECOND HEAT—1. Gleason (Trinity, Tex.), 10.1; 2. Turner (Oregon State), 10.4; 3. Bright (Arizona State), 10.5; 4. Vaughn (Georgia Tech), 10.5. Others—Swanson (USC), 10.5; Kuller (USC), 10.4.

Final

1. Miller, 10.1 (sets meet record, Harry Jerome, Oregon, 1940); 2. Gleason, 10.1; 3. Davis, 10.1; 4. Hood, 10.1; 5. Randolph, 10.1; 6. Bright, 10.5. Others—qualifier—7. Vaughn, 10.5; Turner did not finish.

800 METERS

4 in Each Heat Qualify for Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Thompson (Oregon State), 1:48.7; 2. Armstrong (Wisconsin), 1:48.1; 3. Tapp (Texas, El Paso), 1:48.0; 4. Bergeson (BYU), 1:48.4. Others—Trenshaw (USC), 1:48.8; Smith (California), 1:49.0; Eck (Cal State, Fullerton), 1:50.1.

SECOND HEAT—1. Dye (BYU), 1:48.0; 2. Damiani (Georgetown), 1:48.0; 3. Schultz (Northwestern), 1:48.7; Camp (Ariz), 1:48.7. Others—Lyle (Oregon State), 1:48.7.

40-METER HURDLES

4 in Each Heat Qualify for Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Hensley (Boston U.), 30.3; 2. Vanderhook (USC), 30.5; 3. Harwick (Oklahoma), 31.0; 4. Wells (San Jose State), 31.5.

SECOND HEAT—1. Giffin (Washington State), 30.1; 2. Bell (American U.), 30.4; 3. McCrery (California), 31.1; 4. Turman (BYU), 31.1.

HAMMER

Final

1. Hercules (Rhode Island), 50-0; 2. Kavanagh (Boston College), 49-1; 3. Dinger (Monmouth), 49-1; 4. Hart (Army), 48-0; 5. Peltz (Naval), 48-0; 6. Best (Stanford), 47-6.

LONG JUMP

Final

1. Paul (BYU), 24-7 1/2; 2. Johnson (UCLA), 24-7 1/2; 3. Marshall (BYU), 24-4; 4. Snyder (California), 24-3 1/2; 5. Whitey (Kansas), 24-1; 6. Hookins (Tulsa), 24-0 1/2. Olympic trials qualifier—7. Harty (Washington State), 24-0. Others—8. McCullough (USC), 24-0 1/2; 9. Hanchan (BYU), 23-11 1/2; 10. Vaughn (Stanford), 23-0 1/2.

SHOT PUT

Final

1. Marcus (UCLA), 42-7 1/2; 2. Van Rensselaer (Washington State), 40-7 1/2; 3. Hubbell (Washington), 40-0; 4. Mincer (Utah State), 39-7; 5. Burke (Harvard), 38-4 1/2; 6. Larson (Cal State, Hayward), 38-1. Olympic trials qualifiers—7. Hodge (UCLA), 38-0; 8. Coker (Arizona State), 37-7 1/2. Others—Cahn (USC), 37-0.

400 RELAY

4 in Each Heat Qualify for Final

FIRST HEAT—1. USC (McCullough, Kuller, Simpson, Miller), 3:28.2; 2. Oregon State, 40.0; 3. Rice, 41.0; 4. Minnesota, 41.0. Disqualified—California, Penn State.

SECOND HEAT—1. San Jose State (Davis, Dyer, Griffin, Evans), 40.0; 2. Western Michigan, 40.4; 3. Tennessee, 41.0; 4. Yale, 41.1.

300-METER STEEPCHASE

Final

1. France (Texas, El Paso), 1:30.8; 2. Conner (William & Mary), 1:31.0; 3. Carr (Mary), 1:31.0; 4. Donnelly (Villanova), 1:31.0; 5. Capps (Washington), 1:31.0; 6. DeWitt (New Mexico), 1:31.0. Olympic trials qualifier—7. Gibbons (Stanford), 1:30.0. Others—8. Telle (Stanford State), 1:30.0; 9. Peterson (Pepperdine), 1:30.0; 10. Best (San Jose State), 1:31.0.

TRIPLE JUMP

14 Qualify for Final

Jackson (Western Kentucky), 37-3 1/2; Paul (BYU), 37-0; Kinn (Washington), 37-0; Marks (Maryland), 36-1; 5. Burdette (Stanford), 36-0; Bennett (USC), 35-3 1/2; Gough (Seattle Pacific), 35-0; Vernon (Southern Illinois), 34-0; Ford (UCLA), 34-0; Beckwith (Penn State), 34-0; Hanchan (BYU), 34-0; Arnold (Stanford), 34-0; Best (Wisconsin), 34-0.

DISCUS

10 Qualify for Final

1. Van Rensselaer (Washington State), 184-0; Volmer (Oregon State), 184-0; Jarda (New Mexico), 178-7; Mast (Utah State), 178-0; Morlon (Florida), 175-0; Hart (Army), 173-0; Hayden (San Jose State), 171-0; Pugh (San Jose State), 170-0; Drecher (Maryland), 170-0; Swanson (Oregon State), 170-0; Kopp (Kansas), 170-0; Johnson (USC), 169-5. Non-qualifiers included—Peters (UCLA), 168-7.

400 RELAY

4 in Each Heat Qualify for Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Texas (McDaniel, Mathe, Canada, Norton), 3:07.7; 2. Ohio U., 3:08.1; 3. Rice, 3:08.7; 4. Tennessee, 3:09.4. Others—1. UC Santa Barbara, 3:08.7.

SECOND HEAT—1. California (J. Smith, D. Smith, Hand, Weather), 3:08.0; 2. Michigan State, 3:08.4; 3. Villanova, 3:08.4; 4. Iowa State, 3:09.1.

TEAM LEADERS

USC 10, UCLA and Washington State 10, BYU 10, Villanova 10, Rhode Island and Texas (El Paso) 10, Boston College, Colorado State, Duke, Navy, Trinity (Tex.), Washington and William & Mary 8, Minnesota, Missouri, San Jose State and Wisconsin 4.