

'WON'T BE PRESSURED'

McCullouch Still Not Decided on Olympics

BY SHAY GLICK

BERKELEY — Earl McCullouch, the actor, took a few days off from his movie-making to win the NCAA high hurdles Friday, but The Pearl still isn't talking or perhaps hasn't decided about his Olympic and/or pro football plans.

Earl had to come from dead last to pull out his semifinal heat in 15.7, then won a tight duel from Villanova's Erv Hall in a meet record-equalling 13.4 in the finals.

It was an amazing performance for a man who had not stepped over a hurdle in two weeks, since his 13.8 victory at the San Diego Champions meet on June 1.

"I've been too busy working at Universal Studios," casually explained the two-time NCAA champion. McCullouch has a "bit part" in a Western flick called "Fatch."

A 'Workout'
"This was really like a workout today," he joked as Hall listened unbelievably.

"I'm tired. I don't think I will run in the AAU meet next week. There really isn't any need to," McCullouch said. But on the question of the Olympics vs. pro football he was evasive.

"No one will decide anything except me. I won't be pressured into a decision . . . either way. I will say this, though. If I run in the trials at Los Angeles I'll go to the Olympics. If I don't run there, I'll be going to football camp."

With that, The Pearl pulled on his floppy Cardinal and Gold sailor's hat emblazoned with "USC" and headed for the showers.

Hall, who also was credited with 13.4, his lifetime best, was elated at finishing a half-step behind McCullouch.

"If I finish that close to him in the final trials, I'll be on the team," grinned the Villanova junior.

The other Trojan gold medalist, Lennox Miller, had to recover from what he described as "one of the

poorest starts in my career" to catch former prep sensation Clyde Glosion of Trinity in 10.1 for the 100 meters.

Miller, who is entered in so many races here (two Thursday, three Friday and three today) that he has the time schedule inked on his uniform, said his biggest worry at the start was that "the team was depending on me."

"I was just running to win and wasn't concerned with times," said Miller, although his 10.1 equaled Harry Jerome's meet record.

After the race Lennox had his tender right leg loaded as a precautionary measure for today's 400 relay finals and 200 meters semifinal and final. He suffered a strain at Modesto three weeks ago, but said it had no effect here.

Miller, the ideal team man, was more concerned with Fred Kuller's condition than he was with his own successes. Kuller felt a twinge in his leg during the sprint relay, pulling up slightly as he prepared to hand the baton to O. J. Simpson. He ran with a heavily-banded leg in the 100 semis and failed to place in 10.8.

He's Hopeful
Kuller, who placed fourth in the 100 finals a year ago, said he expected to be ready today in the relay.

"It didn't bother me physically, but I worried about it," Kuller said of his ailment. "It's not a pull, just a sprain. I felt it when I tried to catch Oregon State (Ernie Smith)."

UCLA coach Jim Bush, who has suffered through a harrowing year of injuries, sicknesses, disciplinary cases and poor performances, even took a blast when his shot putter, Steve Marcus, won first place.

"The coach told us that trials would be today and finals tomorrow," wailed Marcus after his winning throw of 61-7 3/4, well below his school record of 63-3 1/4. "That threw our practices off. I'm very flat and need some rest, so I plan to pass up the AAU meet."

An Undecided McCullouch

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