

USC LAGS IN PAC-8 PRELIMS; UCLA, OSU BOOST CHANCES

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CORVALLIS, Ore. — Vern Wolfe is still fearful . . . Jim Bush is satisfied . . . and host Oregon State is fired up after improving its title chances.

Otherwise, there were no shocking reversals of form here Friday when qualifying concluded for the Pacific-8 track and field championship meet today at Bell Field.

The blue chip point winners for USC and UCLA came through as expected, although Wolfe was concerned because two of his discus throwers, Dave Murphy and Tom Colich, failed to make the cut.

Moreover, Herman Franklin failed to qualify in the long jump and hurdler-vaulter Bob Seagren finished last in his heat of the 440 intermediates.

"We'll have to hit it big tomorrow like we didn't do today," said Wolfe following the trials on a balmy afternoon in the Northwest. "Oregon State is in good position to come on big in the finals. Washington State is in there, too, and UCLA is still a sleeper."

Bush Content

Bush was content with the way his "sleepers" performed, especially the shot putters. Mark Ostolch resides in second place with a mark of 61-9—only three-quarters of an inch shy of his lifetime best. Russ Hodge is holding down fourth place with a put of 60-11 — almost a foot farther than he's ever thrown before. However, the defending Pac-8 champion, Steve Marcus, lags in fifth at 60-10 1/4.

"He'll move up," smiled Bush knowingly.

Competition was so intense that six competitors had marks of 60 feet or better led by John Hubbell of Washington, who had a lifetime best of 62-11 1/4.

Hubbell was the CIF champion in 1965 and 1966 while competing for Long Beach Poly. Field event marks established Friday carry over to today's finals.

Only one final event was held, the 3,000 meter steeplechase, and Oregon's distance-minded Ducks didn't do as well as expected. Most experts figured the four Oregon runners to pick up at least 20 points but they had to settle for only 12. Larry Almberg of Washington State barely edged Oregon's Tom Morrow in a driving finish (both were timed in 8:51.6), while the Ducks' John Woodward salvaged a fourth.

The Trojans had the most number of qualifiers, 17, and they were followed by Oregon State, 14; UCLA, 13; California and

Washington, 10; Oregon, 9; Stanford, 7, and Washington, 4.

Oregon State is going to carry the fight to USC today in the half mile and sprints. Each school qualified three men for the 880 finals but the Beavers were much more impressive than the Trojans.

Defending champion Terry Thompson and John Lilly ran 1-2 in their heat (1:49.6 and 1:49.7) while Troy's Carl Trentadue, the pre-meet favorite, had to get out of a box and sprint the last 220 yards to slip in for a qualifying third place.

The Beavers are a definite threat to USC in the half mile, but if Oregon State's Willie Turner upsets Lennox Miller today in the 100, he'll probably have to run 9.3 or better to do it.

Miller, who is seeking his third consecutive sprint double in the conference meet, was smooth and poised as he glided to heat wins in the 100 (9.5) and 220 (21.0). Fred Kuller also captured his sprint heats in 9.6 and 20.7, the furlong time tying the stadium record. Turner was a runner-up to Kuller in the 220 and captured his 100 trial in 9.5.

The Bruins were in contention, too, as Andy Young and Wayne Collett won their 220 heats in 21.4 and 20.8 while Reggie Robinson qualified in the 100 (9.6).

FINAL

3,000-METER STEEPLCHASE — 1. Almberg (Washington State), 8:51.4; 2. Morrow (Oregon), 8:51.4; 3. Barkley (Oregon State), 8:54.4; Woodward (OSU), 9:04.3; 4. Thomas (Stanford), 9:08.4; 5. DePain (OSU), 9:14.4. Others — 12. Jones (USC), no time; Smith (UCLA) did not finish.

TEAM STANDINGS — Oregon 12; Washington State 10; Oregon State 7; Stanford 4.

QUALIFYING

100

2 in Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT — 1. Miller (USC), 9.3; 2. Masters (California), 9.4.
SECOND HEAT — 1. Turner (OSU), 9.5; 2. Robinson (UCLA), 9.6. Others — 2. Collett (USC), 9.7.
THIRD HEAT — 1. Davis (OSU), 9.7; 2. Tipton (SI), 9.8. Others — 2. Busby (UCLA), 9.8.
FOURTH HEAT — 1. Kuller (USC), 9.6; 2. Richards (SI), 9.8.

220

2 in Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT — 1. Miller (USC), 21.0; 2. Smith (OSU), 21.4. Others — 2. Busby (UCLA), 21.6.
SECOND HEAT — 1. Young (UCLA), 21.4; 2. Collett (USC), 21.4.
THIRD HEAT — 1. Kuller (USC), 20.7; 2. Turner (OSU), 21.1. Others — 2. Robinson (UCLA), 21.5.
FOURTH HEAT — 1. Collett (UCLA), 20.8; 2. Seagren (WSU), 21.2.

400

4 in Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT — 1. Collett (UCLA), 47.5; 2. Smith (SI), 48.2; 3. Turner (USC), 48.4; 4. Coaker (SI), 48.5.
SECOND HEAT — 1. Van Halbeek (UCLA), 47.8; 2. Young (UCLA), 48.4; 3. Morris (OSU), 48.7; 4. Pharris (USC), 49.1.

800

4 in Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT — 1. Thompson (OSU), 1:49.4; 2. Lilly (OSU), 1:49.7; 3. Trentadue (USC), 1:49.7; 4. Fairchild (SI), 1:50.3. Others — 4. Todd (USC), 1:50.3.
SECOND HEAT — 1. Sandison (WSU), 1:50.7; 2. Collins (OSU), 1:51.1; 3. Jere (USC), 1:52.3; 4. Becker (USC), 1:52.4.

1500

4 in Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT — 1. Franklin (USC), 3:19; 2. Tipton (SI), 3:20; 3. Johnson (OSU), 3:21; 4. Johnson (OSU), 3:22.
SECOND HEAT — 1. Knobe (OSU), 3:23; 2. Dumas (USC), 3:24; 3. Koser (UCLA), 3:24; 4. McLennan (SI), 3:24.

4000

4 in Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT — 1. Knobe (SI), 9:25; 2. Franklin (USC), 9:26; 3. McLennan (SI), 9:27; 4. Dumas (WSU), 9:28. Others — 2. Dumas (USC), 9:29.
SECOND HEAT — 1. White (SI), 9:29; 2. Giffins (WSU), 9:30; 3. Evans (OSU), 9:31; 4. Hoelling (WSU), 9:32. Others — 4. Seagren (USC), 9:33.

JAVELIN

7 Qualify For Final

1. Hutchinson (WSU), 257.8; 2. Pincus (SI), 256.10; 3. Miller (WSU), 255.10; 4. Voth (OSU), 255.10; 5. Fahn (WSU), 255.00; 6. Colby (SI), 255.00; 7. Brevard (WSU), 251.00.

LONG JUMP

7 Qualify For Final

1. Smith (SI), 24.9; 2. Fraser (SI), 24.7; 3. Olin (OSU), 24.7; 4. Whitaker (OSU), 24.7; 5. Henry (WSU), 24.7; 6. Rogaway (SI), 24.5; 7. Johnson (UCLA), 24.1; 8. Others — 11. Franklin (USC), 23.1; 9. Others — 11. Franklin (USC), 23.1.

TRIPLE JUMP

7 Qualify For Final

1. Massey (SI), 52.0; 2. Rogers (UCLA), 49.3; 3. Fraser (SI), 49.1; 4. Johnson (OSU), 48.9; 5. Pratt (USC), 47.9; 6. Stevenson (SI), 46.8; 7. Chan (SI), 46.4. Others — 12. Jackson (UCLA), 45.1; 11. Johnson (UCLA), 45.0.

DISCUS

7 Qualify For Final

1. Vollmer (OSU), 194.4; 2. Van Reenen (WSU), 192.4; 3. Struss (SI), 179.2; 4. Sapp (SI), 173.1; 5. Davis (SI), 170.2; 6. Ostolch (UCLA), 168.4; 7. Amundson (USC), 158.2. Others — 3. Murphy (USC), 143.2; 11. Marcus (UCLA), 132.1; 12. Colich (USC), 124.7; 14. Hedge (UCLA), 120.1.

SHOT PUT

7 Qualify For Final

1. Hubbell (WSU), 62.1; 2. Ostolch (UCLA), 61.9; 3. Van Reenen (WSU), 61.2; 4. Hodge (UCLA), 60.1; 5. Marcus (UCLA), 59.9; 6. Colich (USC), 59.3; 7. Murphy (USC), 58.1; 8. Others — 2. Busby (USC), 57.6.

Collett Shakes Off Injury, Lifts Bruins

Mile Relay Stint Sparks Upset Victory in Pacific-8

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CORVALLIS — The handsome man with the blond crew cut stood in the infield of Bell Field and quietly accepted congratulations from friends and rivals alike.

"It makes the whole season worthwhile," said UCLA track coach Jim Bush. "Moreover, this was the greatest conference meet I have ever seen. It was a meet for men."

The Bruins, never faltering, always pressing, had the men here Saturday afternoon as they upset favored USC to win the 10th annual Pacific-8 track and field championship meet before 6,772 fans in 75-degree weather.

UCLA, with a final spurt in the pole vault and high jump, finished with 98 points to barely edge Oregon (96). Washington State (87 3/4) finished third, while the Trojans, who failed miserably in some key events, were an embarrassing fourth (84).

Railsback Close

The Bruins almost made it a perfect afternoon as Dick Railsback, on one try, came close to scaling a world record 18 feet in the pole vault. He settled for a lifetime best of 17-6 1/4 as the Bruins picked up 16 points in the event.

But the clincher came in the high jump—the final event announced—and the mile relay that preceded it.

UCLA's Cary Ross gained a tie for fourth and five vital points in the high jump. His achievement was matched by Wayne Collett, the powerful sophomore who sparked the Bruins' mile relay team to victory with a brilliant second leg.

Bush wasn't even sure that Collett would be able to run after the 440-

yard relay. He suffered a pulled leg muscle but it didn't hamper his style.

"He told me, 'to have faith, coach,'" said Bush, "and I did."

Collett then proceeded to finish second in the 440 as the Bruins recorded a sweep, ran a close third behind Lennox Miller and Fred Kuller in the 220 and capped it all off with a dazzling 45.6 leg in the mile relay as UCLA won in 3:09.5.

"I wasn't sure we could win it after the long jump," said Bush.

This was the only event in which the charging Bruins stumbled. John Johnson, who was counted upon for a first or second, didn't score a point.

But his jumping partner, Denny Rogers, picked up the slack. Denny won the triple jump (50-10) on his last leap for 10 helpful points. "That seems to be my format," sighed Denny. "When I win, it's usually on the last try."

The Bruins also acquired a bundle of points in the shot put as Steve Marcus improved from fifth in the trials to second. Mark Ostoich moved down to third and Russ Hodge held on for fifth place.

It was a gratifying victory for Bush, whose Bruins were routed by USC, Kansas and Oregon State in dual meet competition.

"Well, this opened our eyes," said a dejected Herman Franklin, the Trojan hurdler. "The coach told us to relax and I guess we relaxed too much. Now we know how it is to lose and we don't like it."

The Trojans have only themselves to blame and they realize it. Here's the negative report:

—Franklin hit a pair of hurdles in the 120 highs and finished third. He did redeem himself by pulling into second in the 440 intermediates.

—The USC half-milers, with the exception of Rich Joyce, who salvaged a fourth, couldn't meet the Oregon State challenge. The Beavers (John Lilly, Pat Collins and Terry Thompson) carried away 16 points in the 880.

—Ole Oleson, USC's usually reliable distance runner, was never in the 3-mile run and was out of the money. "I had a pain in my side," said Oleson who was lapped and dropped out.

But there were other Trojans who performed in championship style, namely Miller and Kuller.

Miller, the smooth international competitor, was a double sprint winner in the conference meet for the third straight year. He edged Willie Turner and teammate Kuller in the 100 (they tied for second) in a wind-aided 9.3 and was an impressive victor

in the 220 in the meet record time of 20.5. Kuller finished second in 20.7.

LONG JUMP—1. Smith (Oregon), 25-8 $\frac{3}{4}$ (meet record, old mark, 25-4 $\frac{1}{4}$, Wellesley Clavton, USC, 1965); 2. Henry (Washington State), 25-6; 3. Olds (Oregon State), 25-2 $\frac{3}{4}$; 4. Whitaker (OS), 25-2 $\frac{1}{4}$; 5. Fraser (California), 24-7 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. Rogoway (C), 24-7 $\frac{1}{2}$. Others—7. Johnson (UCLA), 23-11.

SHOT PUT—1. Hubbell (Washington), 62-11 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2. Marcus (UCLA), 62-3 $\frac{3}{4}$; 3. Ostolch (UCLA), 61-9; 4. Van Reenen (WS), 60-11; 5. Hodge (UCLA), 60-11; 6. Colich (USC), 60-2. Others—7. Murphy (USC), 59-11.

440 RELAY—1. USC (Coulter, Kuller, Pharris, Miller), 39.8; 2. UCLA, 40.3; 3. California, 40.4; 4. Washington State, 40.6; 5. Oregon, 41.2; 6. Stanford, 41.3; Oregon State finished second in 39.9 but disqualified for running out of lane.

MILE—1. Divine (O), 4:06.7; 2. Smart (W), 4:07.3; 3. Sanford (S), 4:08.5; 4. Savage (O), 4:09.1; 5. Bowman (USC), 4:09.4; 6. Dooley (O), 4:09.6.

120HH—1. Tipton (S), 13.9; 2. Knoke (O), 14.1; 3. Franklin (USC), 14.1; 4. Dutton (USC), 14.2; 5. Johnson (O), 14.2; 6. Johnson (OS), 14.3. Others—8. Kaiser (UCLA), 14.5.

440—1. Van Hofwegen (UCLA), 46.4; 2. Collett (UCLA), 46.9; 3. Young (UCLA), 46.9; 4. Smith (C), 47.3; 5. Marks (OS), 47.5; 6. Turner (USC), 48.2. Others—Pharris (USC), did not run.

JAVELIN—1. Hunnings (WS), 257-8 (meet record, old mark, 243-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, Rafer Johnson, UCLA, 1958); 2. Colby (S), 253-1; 3. Pennington (C), 246-10; 4. Miller (WS), 239-10; 5. Voth (OS), 223-5; 6. Fate (W), 222-10.

100—1. Miller (USC), 9.3w; 2. tie between Turner (OS) and Kuller (USC), 9.3; 4. Masters (C), 9.5; 5. Robinson (UCLA), 9.5; 6. Davis (OS), 9.6.

880—1. Sandison (WS), 1:48.9; 2. Lilly (OS), 1:49.0; 3. Collins (OS), 1:49.1; 4. Joyce (USC), 1:49.2; 5. Thompson (OS), 1:49.2; 6. Fairchild (S), 1:49.4. Others—

7. Trentadue (USC), 1:49.4; 8. Becker (USC), no time.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Rogers (UCLA), 50-10; 2. Massey (S), 50-11 $\frac{1}{2}$; 3. Johnson (WS), 49-3 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. Fraser (C), 49-1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5. Pratt (USC), 48-8 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6. Chen Shul (O), 47-1 3/4.

220—1. Miller (USC), 20.5 (meet record, old mark, 20.6, Miller, 1967); 2. Kuller (USC), 20.7; 3. Collett (UCLA), 20.7; 4. Scheurer (WS), 20.8; 5. Turner (OS), 20.8; 6. Smith (OS), 20.8. Others—7. Coulter (USC), 21.0; 8. Young (UCLA), 21.7.

440IH—1. Knoke (O), 50.9; 2. Franklin (USC), 51.5; 3. White (S), 51.5; 4. Hoelting (W), 51.9; 5. Gittins (WS), 52.5; 6. McLennan (C), 52.7.

DISCUS—1. Van Reenen (WS), 194-1; 2. Volmer (OS), 193-6; 3. Strauts (O), 176-3; 4. Sagle (O), 172-11; 5. Davis (S), 170-11; 6. Ostolch (UCLA), 168-6. Others—7. Antunovich (USC), 168-2.

THREE MILE—1. Kvalheim (O), 13:39.4; 2. Trerise (O), 13:44.6; 3. Riley (WS), 13:49.4; 4. Lyons (O), 13:52.4; 5. Waldon (C), 13:58.0; 6. Herrity (USC), no time. Others—7. Marsee (USC), 14:26.6; Oleson (USC), did not finish.

MILE RELAY—1. UCLA (Rippinger, Collett, Young, Van Hofwegen), 3:09.5; 2. Oregon State, 3:10.5; 3. Stanford, 3:12.5; 4. Oregon, 3:13.1; 5. USC, 3:14.5; 6. Washington, 3:15.7; Washington State finished second in 3:09.9 but disqualified for bumping another runner.

HIGH JUMP—1. Fosbury (OS), 7-0 (equals meet record, Fosbury and Clarence Johnson, California, 1968); 2. Voss (WS), 6-10; 3. Tie between Ross (UCLA) and Johnson (C), 6-10; 5. Tie among Boyce (S), Kelly (OS), Radetich (OS) and Dalluse (WS), 6-8. Others—9. Kennedy (USC), 6-6.

POLE VAULT—1. Railsback (UCLA), 17-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ (meet record, old mark, 17-2 $\frac{1}{2}$, Bob Seagren, USC, 1968); 2. Seagren (USC), 17-0; 3. Vaughn (UCLA), 16-6; 4. Walp (OS), 16-0; 5. Miguel (C), 16-0; 6. Ernst (WS), 15-6.

TEAM SCORES—UCLA 98, Oregon 96, Washington State 87 $\frac{3}{4}$, USC 84, Oregon State 80 $\frac{1}{2}$, Stanford 50 $\frac{3}{4}$, California 37, Washington 24.