## USC TRACK HOPESS FADE: VAUGHN

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## RELAY TEAM OUT

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DES MOINES—The Bruins can still win it, but it's all uphill now after a dropped baton in the 440 relay and Jon Vaughn's failure to qualify in the pole vault Thursday in the NCAA track and field championships at Drake Stadium.

The relay team eliminated itself from today's semifinals when Ronnie Welch and Reggie Robinson failed to make connections on the first rass in their heat

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On The Times dope sheet, Vaughn was figured for first and the relay team for second. The loss in points drops UCLA's predicted total to 34 points and it's now anybody's meet.

"It looks awfully tough," said UCLA coach Jim Bush. "We're not out of it, but we lost our chance to really take command. We're certainly no longer the favorites."

Oregon, which was doped for 33 points, improved its potential when Tom Smith led the long jump quali-

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