

Collett (45.3) Leads UCLA to Pac-8 Track Title

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SEATTLE—Wayne Collett promised he'd be back, and Edesel Garrison believed him. The University of Oregon and 6,500 fans joined the believers Saturday as UCLA came from 43 points behind to win the Pacific 8 track and field championship in University of Washington Stadium.

Collett won the 440 in 45.3, best in the world this year, and anchored wins in both relays as the Bruins

scored 126 points to win their third straight championship.

Oregon, which held a 71-28 lead over UCLA after six of the 18 events, was second with 117 followed by USC with 102.

"I can't believe it," said UCLA coach Jim Bush afterward. "My dope sheet had Oregon winning by 19 points. I told my kids I didn't see how we could win it, but Wayne said, 'Coach, you just find a nice seat in the stands and relax. We'll get the job done.'

"I think what really won it for us was the loss to USC in the dual meet. Our kids felt that they were the better team."

In that meet, Garrison won the 440 in 45.4 as Collett finished far back in third. But afterward Collett told Garrison, "I'll be back." Garrison said, "I believe him."

Garrison got the message Saturday. He wound up a distant third as John Smith made it 1-2 for the Bruins by grabbing second at 45.5.

"I must be the most consistent 45.5

quarter-miler in the world," said Smith wryly. He had the identical clocking in finishing second in the dual meet.

James Butts, on his final effort in the triple jump, came through with a wind-aided 54-2½, best of his life, to overtake Oregon State's Robert Reader who still was celebrating his 53-10½ on the jump before.

Doug Huff and Rick Fletcher both cleared 6-10 to beat out the Oregon jumpers and finish 2-3 behind USC's Larry Hollins, who set a meet record

of 7-0 1/4. Huff, the day before, had been taken to the hospital with an inner ear infection and was told he couldn't compete, but he said, "Doc, just give me some medicine and let me out of here, I'm going to jump tomorrow."

Mark Ostoich, Roger Freberg and Dale Gordon all picked up points in the discus, and Smith, Warren Edmonson and Reggie Echols all scored in the 220. Actually, the Bruins had four place-winners in the 220, but

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Collett, who finished third, was disqualified for running out of his lane.

Francis Tracanelli, threatened with elimination in the pole vault, cleared 16-6 on his third try, then made 17-0 to get third. Washington southpaw Kirk Bryde was the winner with a Canadian record of 17-4.

The Trojans had their moments, too.

Willie Deckard, running against stiff winds in both races, won the sprints in 9.7 and 20.9, and Lance Babb, off to a spectacular start in the high hurdles, was a runaway winner in 13.8.

Joe Antonovich repeated as discus champion at 190-10 and Leon Brown, who came to USC in the same LACC package as Deckard and Babb, continued to surprise by placing fifth in the 100.

Oregon's Steve Prefontaine joined Deckard as a double winner taking the mile in 4:01.5, then almost collapsing from exhaustion after repeating in the three mile in 13:17.9.

Bush said it was UCLA's victory in the 410 relay that ignited the fire.

"That lit the fire," he said, "and then when Wayne and John went 1-2 in the 410 we were on our way."

The Trojans had the early lead in the relay but on the final pass Deckard had to hold up for Ron Pharris while Edmondson

was delivering a perfect pass to Collett.

Collett had three yards on Deckard—some claim it was as much as five—and it looked like Willie would get it all back but Collett had just enough at the wire and both teams finished in 39.9.

"I had started to relax," said Collett, "but then I saw Willie out of the corner of my eye and I leaned at the tape.

"You know, we were all kidding this week about these stories calling Deckard the world's fastest human. But, you know, they just might be right."

Track Notes

The weather, for the second straight day, was clear and warm... Garrison said, "After the 440 relay I didn't have any momentum. I just couldn't get started in the 440. But then people shouldn't be expecting me to beat Wayne and John every week. Wayne's going to win some, I'm going to win some and I'm going to win some. That's the way it's going to be all the way to Munich..." Collett said, "I didn't think I'd run that fast, and I was surprised when I heard the time. I went out quicker today than I normally do..." Collett, on the 220 disqualification: "They said I went inside the lane coming off the turn. They had warned me about it yesterday. I don't want to run any more 220's here."

... In the NCAA, also to be held here, June 17-19, Collett said he would run just the 440 and two relays.

Deckard had a close call in the 100, just nipping Edmondson in the last five yards, Deckard said, "the wind bothered everybody. I don't like a headwind. I got off to a slow start, but I used my arms as hard as I could. I thought I ran a good last 25 yards." The wind was 7 m.p.h. against in the 100 and 10 m.p.h. in the 220...

Butts, a former Fremont High longer jumper, said, "before the last jump I just told myself to relax. If I had tensed up I wouldn't have gone 50 feet..." Prefontaine said, "I knew I had my hands full in the three mile, and if (Don) Kardong had poured it on with three laps to go, I would have let him go. I was running on pure guts. My feet were really burning."

The discus was held outside the stadium and Antonovich said, "I feel the discus should be part of the track meet. It's tough to get up mentally when only 10 people are watching you. But now that I know the setup here, I think I'll do better in the nationals..." Bush said, "Collett suffered a cramp in the 220, but the trainer worked it out and he came back to run 45 seconds in the mile relay. This was the greatest team performance I've ever seen..."

In the last 12 events UCLA outscored Oregon, 98-46.

440 RELAY—1. UCLA (Echols, Robinson, Edmondson, Collett), 39.9; 2. USC, 39.9; 3. California, 40.8; 4. Washington State, 40.7; 5. Oregon, 40.7; 6. Washington, 40.8.

MILE—1. Prefontaine (O), 4:01.5; 2. Ritchie (O), 4:02.0; 3. Kvalheim (O), 4:02.4; 4. Carey (OS), 4:04.8; 5. MacDonald (S), 4:05.1; 6. West (C), 4:06.0; 400M—1. Seymour (W), 50.9; 2. White (S), 51.1; 3. Lee (C), 51.8; 4. Brosius

(C), 52.0; 5. Corval (UCLA), 52.7; 6. Long (S), 52.8.

1200M—1. Babb (USC), 13.8; 2. Tipton (S), 14.3; 3. Olsen (WS), 14.4; 4. Taylor (W), 14.4; 5. Harris (O), 14.4; 6. Brosius (C), 14.6.

100—1. Brown (C), 1:49.1; 2. Drew (C), 1:50.0; 3. Borden (OS), 1:50.3; 4. Mesmer (W), 1:50.3; 5. Emillion (O), 1:51.0; 6. Svoboda (OS), 1:51.8; Others included—7. Crane (USC), 1:51.8.

220—1. Deckard (USC), 20.9; 2. Smith (UCLA), 21.2; 3. Edmondson (UCLA), 21.3; 4. Garrison (WS), 21.3; 5. Echols (UCLA), 21.4; 6. Pharris (USC), 21.7. Collett (UCLA) finished third in 21.2 but was disqualified.

THREE MILE—1. Prefontaine (O), 13:17.9; 2. Kardong (S), 13:20.7; 3. Savage (O), 13:40.0; 4. Kretz (S), 13:45.7; 5. Murphy (WS), 6. Kvalheim (O), 14:01.2. Others included—8. Marsico (USC), 14:11.5.

100-1. Deckard (USC), 9.7; 2. Edmondson (UCLA), 9.7; 3. Curtis (C), 9.7; 4. Hearvey (O), 9.7; 5. Brown (USC), 9.7; 6. Robinson (UCLA), 9.8. Others included—7. Echols (UCLA), 9.8.

DISCUS—1. Antonovich (USC), 190-10; 2. Penrose (C), 185-0; 3. Ostochil (UCLA), 174-0; 4. Adams (C), 173-10; 5. Frebro (UCLA), 170-8; 6. Gordon (UCLA), 170-5.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Bulls (UCLA), 54-2; 2. Reader (OS), 53-10; 3. Hines (USC), 51-11; 4. Rogers (UCLA), 51-10; 5. Jackson (USC), 50-9; 6. Fraser (C), 50-8; Others included—9. Bendixen (UCLA), 48-3.

HIGH JUMP—1. Hollins (USC), 7-0 (Pacific 8 record, old mark 7-0, Dick Fosbury, OSU, 1968-69; Clarence Johnson, Cal, 1968; John Redelich, OSU, 1970); 2. Huff (UCLA), 6-10; 3. Fletcher (UCLA), 6-10; 4. Hill (O), 6-8; 5. Singleton (O), 6-8; 6. Erickson (USC), 6-8. Others included—Owens (USC), 6-6.

POLE VAULT—1. Bryde (W), 17-4; 2. Ernst (WS), 17-0; 3. Tracanelli (UCLA), 17-0; 4. Cryder (USC), 16-6; 5. Norris (OS), 16-0; 6. Cochran (USC), 16-0. Others included—7. Hardison (UCLA), 16-0; Pullard (USC), 15-6.

440-1. Collett (UCLA), 45.3 (Pacific 8 record, old mark 45.9, John Smith, UCLA, 1971); 2. Smith (UCLA), 45.3; 3. Garrison (USC), 46.8; 4. Vance (O), 47.1; 5. Blackman (O), 47.4; 6. Chapman (O), 47.5.

MILE RELAY—1. UCLA (Echols, Edmondson, Smith, Collett), 3:08.3; 2. Oregon, 3:08.9; 3. California, 3:10.7; 4. Stanford, 3:11.6; 5. Washington State, 3:12.4; 6-8. 9.

TEAM SCORES—UCLA 126, Oregon 117, USC 102, California 77, Washington State 45, Oregon State 37, Washington State 25.