# DECKARD PACES TROY IN NCAA TRACK

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SEATTLE - Willie Deckard gave the USC camp a scare in the 100. but the little fellow recov-Thursered handsomely Thurs-day and put the Trojans right on schedule in their quest for the school's 26th team title in the NCAA Track and Field Cham-

Deckard won his sprint heats in 9.4 and 20.5 after Henry Hines had led all long jump qualifiers at 25-111/4 and Lance Babb had established a lifetime close second to Southern University's Rod Milburn in the 120-yard high hurd-

Other Trojans to qualify included Doug Lane, 61-Brown, 9.6 in the 100; Rich Carr. 4:04.3 in the mile, and Larry Hollins, 6-11 in the high jump

The twilight affair, devoted entirely to preliminaries, was conducted in chilly, overcast weather in University of Washington Stadium. The forecast today calls for a 50% chance of rain.

Finals will be held today throw, long jump, shot put, high hurdles, 100 and the six mile. The remain-ing finals will be held Satin the preliminaries do not

carry over to the finals. UCLA, figured to be Troy's chief challenger for Troys chief challenger of the team title, had a rather quiet day but actually the Bruins didn't lose any ground. Mark Ostoich failed to qualify in the shot, throwing only 58-014, but he hadn't been doped for points anyway.

Warren Edmonson malified the 100 in 9.4; Finn Ben dixen made it in the long jump at 24-934; Francois Tracanelli cleared 16-0 to high jump qualifiers at

coach Jim Bush enid "USC looks awfully good, but there are going to be a lot of upsets before this meet is over. Our big guns will be going tomorin the triple jump, the 440 and the relays."

Deckard, who has been recovering from a cold he contracted last Sunday, was guilty of a jump in the 100 and then stumbled coming out of the blocks when the starter let them

go. Willie appeared to be in real trouble, but after spinning his wheels, he shifted into a gear the other fellows had never heard of, and simply destroyed the field in the last 50 yards.

After coming back to score another big win in

his 220 trial, he said, "I told the coach I could have broken the world record if he had really let me go. feel pretty good now. After a big meal and a good night's sleep, I'll be ready tomorrow. I don't say I'll win the 100, but I think I'll finish high."

Willie won't lack Defending champion Eddie Hart of California, who missed the Pacific 8 meet with injuries, made a surprising return to form, bursting out of the pack to win his heat in 9.3, fastest time of the dav

The Colorado flyer George Daniels and Cliff Branch, also were impres sive, Daniels ran 9.4 and 20.7 and Branch clocked 9.5 and 20.6.

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