## Deckard Last but Brown Helps USC Stay Alive in NCAA Meet

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SEATTLE—When Willie Deckard and Lance Babb transferred from L.A. City College to USC, the Trojans announced that the package also included a quarter-miler named Leon Brown. And everybody asked, "Who's Leon Brown?"

Leon Brown is a 5-10, 165-pound junior who, on the second day of the NCAA Track and Field Championships in rain-soaked University of Washington Stadium Friday, scored four more points than Deckard and two more than Babb.

If USC can pull this meet out, and it looks like several teams have a chance right now, Brown will be the man to thank.

Deckard finished dead last in the 100, won by Texas-El Paso's Harrington Jackson in 9.5, and Troy's hopes appeared to fall right in the grave with Willie-the-Wisp. But when the photos showed Brown had placed fourth in 9.6, the Trojans suddenly found new life.

USC still can score better than 40 points, which could win it, but in the same position are UCLA, Oregon, Texas (El Paso) and Brigham Young.

"There's no way you can figure it," said UCLA coach Jim Bush. "I'll bet there will be seven teams within seven points of each other. I'm going to quit worrying about it. I'm going back to the dorm and get a good night's sleep."

The Bruins also suffered a setback when for the second year in a row they blew a pass in the 440 relay and failed to qualify, but they got those points back when Finn Bendixen got a surprise third in the long jump at 25-2 and Warren Edmonson collected a fifth in the 100 in 9.6.

After seven final events Friday, Kent State led the team scoring with 18 points on a 1-2 by Jacques Accambray and Al Schoterman in the hammer throw. Accambray set a nation-

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