

Bruins 'Leap' to NCAA Track Title; USC 2nd

Tired Deckard Flops Once Again, Fails to Qualify for 220

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SEATTLE—Willie Deckard just plainly ran out of gas, and the stalled Trojans watched helplessly Saturday as redoubtable UCLA literally leaped over them to win the 50th NCAA track and field championships at University of Washington Stadium.

Scoring 18 points in the triple jump and pole vault, the final two events of the day, the Bruins wound up with 52 points to give UCLA its third team title in this championship.

USC, which didn't get a single point from Deckard in the 100 or 220, was second with 41 points, followed by Oregon with 38 and Brigham Young with 35.

When UCLA left Westwood for the meet the Bruins were told they couldn't take James McAlister, the man coach Jim Bush calls the greatest long jumper in the world. When they got here they blew a pass in the first event, the 440 relay trials, to throw away another bundle of points.

That's not exactly what you call momentum.

"But these kids," said Bush, "told me, 'Coach, don't you worry. We're going to win it.' I can't believe it. These kids are amazing. This takes some of the sting out of the McAlister loss."

What gave the Bruins their big lift?

Bush smiled and said, "Well, let's be honest. It was when Deckard failed to score in the 220."

Willie didn't even qualify for the final, running last in his semifinal heat after easing up at the finish.

He was off slowly, but when he made a move off the turn, it looked as if he would make it easily. When the real running started, however, there was nothing there when he went to the throttle.

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"I was tired, I was tired," said the gaunt 143-pounder. "I can't figure out why. I just didn't pick up coming down the straightaway. It was the slowest (23.1) 220 of my USC career. I was tired. I was just tired."

Former Olympic champion Mike Larrabee, up here as representative of a track shoe company, confided that Willie was suffering from hay fever, the same affliction that has handicapped Jim Ryan in his training in Eugene, Ore.

"His eyes were running real bad last night," said Larrabee.

Deckard never offered it as an excuse, however, and said he would go to the line next week in Eugene in the National AAU championships.

"I have to redeem myself," he said.

A crowd of 12,650, watching in weather that turned from cold and blustery to clear and warm, saw eight meet records, including a 53-7½ in the triple jump by UCLA's Denny Rogers.

Rogers finished third, but the two men ahead of him, Mohinder Gill of Cal Poly (SLO) and Barry McClure of Middle Tennessee State, both were aided by over-the-allowable winds. Gill's winning distance was 54-8½ as he successfully defended his title.

Villanova's Marty Liquiri, easily outdistancing the field on the final lap, made it three straight titles in the mile at 3:57.6, one-tenth of a second under the record he set two years ago in upsetting Ryan at Knoxville.

Reynaldo Brown of Cal Poly (SLO) established a meet record of 7.3 in the high jump, best in the world this year, and left-hander Dave Roberts of

Rice climbed 17-6½ in the pole vault, the top U.S. mark of 1971.

In the 440, the classic race of the afternoon, UCLA's John Smith overhauled USC's Edesel Garrison in the last 20 yards to win in 45.3, the same time teammate Wayne Collett ran in winning the Pacific 8 on the same track. Collett was fourth Saturday.

The race was a re-run of the USC-UCLA dual meet for the first 400 yards, Smith setting the early pace and Garrison jumping him as they came off the turn.

This time, however, Smith refused to let Garrison get away and he was the stronger of the two in the desperate surge to the wire.

"The last time I raced Edesel I panicked," said Smith. "This time I told myself to relax at the 330 when he was two or three steps ahead of me. I swung my arms, lifted my legs and just let loose. It was quite a thrill."

Garrison, who was timed in 45.4, said, "I thought I had it. I didn't even see John. One second he was there and the next second he was at the wire. I was looking for Tommie Turner on the other side."

"I really wanted this one because the team had been missing some sure points. It really hurts me. I thought it was mine."

Track Notes

In the first event, the discus, Mark Ostoch got the Bruins on the right track by getting a surprise fifth, overtaking USC's Joe Antunovich who was handicapped by a leg injury. Ostoch had disappointed in the shot, failing to qualify, but his comeback Saturday gave him three straight years of scoring in this meet, a notable achievement for a weightman who rarely gets a mention . . . Bush said, "The dual meet loss to USC was probably the greatest thing to happen to

this team. It got us fired up." . . . UCLA won its first NCAA in 1956 under Ducky Drake who, incidentally, was the honorary meet referee Saturday. Bush coached the Bruins to their second title in 1966, his second year as head coach.

Francois Tracaneli gave Bush a scare in the pole vault, missing his first two tries at 16-6, the first height he attempted. He eventually cleared 17-0 to place second, Washington's Kirk Bryde, the Pacific 8 champion, missed badly on all three tries at 16-0 . . . The 8:30.9 by Bowling Green's Sid Sink in winning the steeplechase is the second fastest in U.S. history, only three-tenths off George Young's record of 8:30.6 . . . Deckard's 220 trial came only 20 minutes after he had anchored USC to victory in the 440 relay. He was bucking a strong wind in the relay and apparently it took something out of him. The suspicion has to be now that Willie simply can't handle all the heats in championship meets.

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4 In Each Heat Qualify for Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Goodrich (Indiana), 21.4; 2. Harris (Ohio State), 21.5; 3. Branch (Colorado), 21.7; 4. Hart (California), 22.0. Others included—8. Deckard (USC), 23.1.

SECOND HEAT—1. Daniels (Colorado), 21.4; 2. Bick (New Jersey Central), 21.7; 3. Pettus (San Francisco State), 21.7; 4. Miller (Indiana), 21.8. Others included—5. Jackson (Texas El Paso), 21.8; 6. Moore (Cal State LB), 21.8.

Final

1. Black, 20.5; 2. Daniels, 20.9; 3. Hart, 20.9; 4. Goodrich, 21.0; 5. Pettus, 21.0; 6. Miller, 21.1.

440

FIRST HEAT—1. Smith (UCLA), 45.3; 2. Garrison (USC), 45.4; 3. Bond (Tennessee), 46.0; 4. Collett (UCLA), 46.2; 5. Alexander (Kansas State), 46.2; 6. Turner (Murray State), 46.5.

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FIRST HEAT—1. Winzenried (Wisconsin), 1:48.2; 2. Brown (California), 1:49.5; 3. Phillips (Illinois), 1:49.7; 4. Phillips (Ferdinand), 1:49.6; 5. Fabian (Ashland), 1:49.7; 6. Jones (Texas El Paso), 1:49.8. Others included—7. Drew (Illiffville), 1:50.3.

MILE

Final

1. Liquiri (Villanova), 3:57.4 (NCAA meet record, old mark, 3:57.7, Liquiri, 1967); 2. Wheeler (Duke), 3:59.9; 3. Munson (Oregon State), 4:00.7; 4. Mason (Villanova), 4:01.5; 5. Carberg (Nebraska), 4:01.2; 6. Ortiz (Western Kentucky), 4:01.4. Others included—8. Ritchie (Oregon), 4:07.5; 10. Carr (UCLA), 4:09.7.

THREE MILE

Final

1. Prefontaine (Oregon), 13:20.1 (NCAA meet record, old mark, 13:22.0, Prefontaine, 1970); 2. Fredericks (Penn State), 13:28.0; 3. Hilton (Houston), 13:31.6; 4. Mincy (Western Michigan), 13:39.7; 5. Sink (Bowling Green), 13:42.1; 6. Reid (VU), 13:44.6. Others included—8. Kardons (Stanford), 13:48.8.

3,000-METER STEEPLECHASE

Final

1. Sink (Bowling Green), 8:30.9 (NCAA meet and College record, old meet mark, 8:41.0, Sink, 1970); old collegiate mark, 8:38.2, Chris McCubbins, Oklahoma State, 1957; 2. Jerome Liebenberg (Western Michigan) has pending mark of 8:32.2; 3. Savase (Oregon), 8:33.9; 4. Liebenberg (Western Michigan), 8:37.1;

4. Timm (Minnesota), 8:39.0; 5. Sivilius (Eastern Kentucky), 8:49.0; 6. Lucas (Georgetown, DC), 8:51.3. Others included—9. Haver (UC Davis), 8:56.4; 11. Hutchison (Washington State), 9:08.8.

400 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Final

1. Mann (BYU), 49.4; 2. Bassett (North Carolina Central), 50.3; 3. Boddie (Oklahoma State), 50.4; 4. Seymour (Washington), 50.7; 5. Harwick (Michigan State), 51.4; 6. Cronhim (Rice), 51.8. Others included—7. White (Stanford), 51.6.

400 RELAY

Final

1. USC (Babb, Garrison, Brown, Deckard), 29.5; 2. Cal State (L.B.) (Biggers, London, Palmer, Moore), 40.0; 3. Indiana, 40.1; 4. Oregon, 40.2; 5. Kansas, 40.5; 6. Ohio State, 41.0. Others included—Cal Poly (SLO) (Hamer, Halev, Henry, Turner), 41.8; Colorado did not run.

MILE RELAY

Final

1. UCLA (Edmonson, 46.9; Echols, 47.2; Smith, 45.1; Collett, 45.2), 3:04.4; 2. Adelphi, 3:05.9; 3. Oregon, 3:06.4; 4. Tennessee, 3:07.9; 5. Abilene Christian, 3:08.7; 6. Rice, 3:09.2.

HIGH JUMP

Final

1. Brown (Cal Poly SLO), 7.3 (NCAA meet record, old mark, 7-2½, Dick Fosbury, Oregon State, 1968); 2. He again Allen (Arizona), Hollins (USC) and Henkila (Minnesota), 7-0; 5. Matzoff (Wisconsin), 7-0; 6. Mann (Michigan), 7-6. Others included—Wright (Washington), 6-10; 9. He between Huff (UCLA) and David (Marvland), 6-10.

JAVELIN

Final

1. Feldmann (Washington), 258.0; 2. Murra (Arizona State), 257.1; 3. Bacon (Maryland), 255.2; 4. Colson (Kansas), 249.7; 5. Kavalos (Pittsburgh), 242.0; 6. Morland (Kansas State), 240.0. Others included—8. Kennedy (California), 231.1; 9. Dole (San Jose State), 225.7; 12. Bedington (Central Washington), 215.4.

POLE VAULT

Final

1. Roberts (Rice), 17-5½; 2. Tracaneli (UCLA), 17-0; 3. Craig (Oklahoma), 16-6; 4. Richards (San Jose State), 16-1; 5. Dole (San Jose State), 15-11; 6. Penn, 14-6. Others included—7. Ernst (Washington State), 16-0; 11. Carrison (Stanford), 15-6; Bryde (Washington State) and Heston (Texas A&M) were unable to clear 16-0 after passing at 15-6.

DISCUS

Final

1. Louisiana (BYU), 194-10; 2. DeBernard (Texas El Paso), 193-11; 3. Pecar (BYU), 183-3; 4. Sals (Kansas), 182-7; 5. Ostoch (UCLA), 179-8; 6. Antunovich (USC), 178-0. Others included—8. Freher (UCLA), 174-11; 11. Walker (Washington), 164-9; 12. Penrose (California), 165-3.

TRIPLE JUMP

Final

1. Gill (Cal Poly SLO), 54-10½; 2. McClure (Middle Tennessee State), 53-8 1/4; 3. Rogers (UCLA), 53-7½; 4. Bufts (UCLA), 53-3½; 5. Reader (Oregon State), 52-6; 6. Valey (Texas El Paso), 51-3/4. Others included—7. Jackson (USC), 51-3/8.

TEAM SCORES

UCLA 52, USC 41, Oregon 38, BYU 35, Kansas 27, Texas (El Paso) 26, California 22, Minnesota 20, Kent State 19, Ohio State 17, Tennessee 16, Washington 14, Bowling Green, Rice, San Jose State and Wisconsin 12, Indiana 11, Colorado, Duke, and Penn 9, Arizona State, Cal State (LB), Middle Tennessee State, Oregon State, Penn State and SMU 8, Western Michigan 7, Arizona, Houston, Illinois, Maryland, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma 6, Connecticut, Ferdinand, Kentucky, Northwestern, Pittsburgh, San Diego State, Utah and Washington State 4, Kansas State 3, Abilene Christian, San Jose State (LA), Eastern Kentucky, Michigan State, Nebraska and Northern Arizona 2; Dartmouth, Georgetown, Texas Tech, Missouri State, Princeton, Western Kentucky and Wichita State 1.