

USC Sprinters Set 'Record' Again

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FRESNO — USC again bettered the world record in the 880 relay and UCLA's Warren Edmondson burst into the Olympic picture in the 100 meters Saturday night after some real fireworks threatened to capture the headlines in the Fresno Relays.

There was a parking lot shootout in the afternoon and a bomb scare at night. Nobody was hit in the pistol duel, and the telephoned bomb threat proved to be a dud.

The Trojan quartet of Edesel Garrison, Leon Brown, Willie Deckard and Don Quarrie blazed to a 1:20.7 clocking, a full second under the official world record of 1:21.7 set by Texas A&M in 1970.

The Trojans, who ran 1:21.1 earlier this season, will not get world record recognition since Quarrie is a Jamaican.

"We don't care," said assistant coach Ken Matuda. "We'll be the only school in the world with school records better than world records. We think we can break the 440 relay record, too."

Edmondson flashed to a 10.0 clocking in the 100 meter, only one-tenth of a second off the world record, as he won by 4 feet over USC's Willie Deckard and ex-California star Eddie Hart, both timed in 10.1. Hart and Edmondson also ran 10-flat in their heat, Hart winning narrowly.

Nobody has run faster than Edmondson since 1968 when Jimmy Hines, Charlie Greene and Ronnie Ray Smith all ran 9.9 to claim a share of the world record.

Russia's Valery Borzov is the future book favorite in the Olympic 100, but UCLA coach Jim Bush said before the season, "I'll bet he doesn't win. We'll find someone to beat him. Don't ask me who, but we'll find him."

It may turn out he doesn't have to look very far. Edmondson was the real goods Saturday night. He was first out of the blocks, steadily increased his margin and easily withstood

Deckard's closing challenge.

The 5-9, 145-pound senior came back to run a 45.5 leg in the mile relay in 3:04.4, their best of the year but considerably short of the world record of 3:02.8.

The Bruins had quite a night as they tuned up for next weekend's Pacific 8 championships at Stanford and the NCAA championships at Eugene, Ore. June 1-3.

Charlie Rich won the high hurdles in 13.6, handing the Striders' Tommie Lee White his first outdoor loss of the year, and Milan Tiff went 53-2 in the triple jump for third. Rick Fletcher cleared 7-0 again in the high jump to place second to Otis Burrell, who cleared the same height.

Al Feuerbach's anticipated explosion in the shot put, just like the bomb threat, failed to materialize. The Pacific Coast Club strongboy settled for 69-0, well under Randy Matson's world record of 71-5 1/2.

The night's most decisive winners were two men who are ineligible to compete at Munich, South Africa's Fanie Van Zijl and John Van Reenen.

Van Zijl, running his last lap in 53.4, won the 1,500 meters by 30 yards in 3:39.7, equivalent to a 3:57 mile. The massive Van Reenen beat world record holder Jay Silvester by almost 13 feet in the discus, setting a meet record of 206-1.

The meet, conducted on a warm, almost windless evening before 15,000 fans, produced some remarkable clockings. Lee Evans had a 44.6 leg in the mile relay and Hugh Brown and Wayne Collett of the Striders ran 44.8 and 45.0, respectively.

Evans earlier won the 440 in 45.2, easily overtaking early leader Collett, who gave up second to Brown at the wire.

All these fancy times came on good, old fashioned dirt, the sandy clay of Ratcliffe Stadium. In the age of synthetic tracks, there may still be hope for mother earth.

The bomb scare? The public address announcer told the crowd that a threat had been phoned to the stadium but that police had searched all public places and found nothing. He said fans were free to leave, but added:

"There will be no refunds on tickets."

Nobody left.

INVITATIONAL

200 Meters—Young (unat.), 8:47.2; Harrison (Club West), 8:53.3; Loris (New York AC), 8:44.4; Mason (Club West), 8:47.3.

400—Evans (BA Striders), 45.2 (meet record, old mark, 46.3; Evans, 1971); H. Brown (Striders), 45.9; Collett (Striders), 46.8; A. Faager (USU), 47.1.

TRIPLE JUMP—J. Gill (Calif. Int. TC), 53-10 1/2; R. Reader (BA Striders), 53-4; Tiff (UCLA), 53-2; A. Butts (UCLA), 52-10 1/2; S. Jackson (USC), 53-3.

1000 METERS—J. Van Zijl (South Africa), 3:39.7; F. Selby (Northern Arizona), 3:43.3; S. Smart (U. British Columbia), 3:42.4; A. Smith (unat.), 3:45.6.

OPEN INTERCOLLEGIATE

1000 METERS—J. Backus (Striders), 3:45.1; D. Brock (Club West), 4:12.0; S. Conner (unat.), 4:28.2; A. Thomas (Club West), 4:48.4.

500—J. Seymour (Striders), 50.8; S. Muska (Pacific Coast Club), 51.3; Penner (Fresno Pacific), 51.2; A. Whitener (Striders), 51.4.

100 METERS—J. Edmondson (UCLA), 10.0; T. Deckard (USC), 10.1; J. Hart (Bay Area Striders), 10.1; A. Miller (Striders), 10.1.

JAVELIN—L. Schmidt (U.S. Army), 265-0; D. Laville (Striders), 261-1; S. Stuart (PCC), 245-10; A. Bacon (New York AC), 245-1.

DISCUS—J. Van Reenen (California TC), 264-1 (meet record, old mark, 264-4); J. Silvester (unat.), 261-3; J. Volmer (U.S. Army), 198-4; K. Koller (Striders), 183-1.

PENTATHLON (final standings)—J. Warkentin (Striders), 2:03 (unat.); J. King (Club West), 2:17; Garret (Club West), did not finish. Top Marks: LJ—King, 22-10; JT—Warkentin, 265-3 1/2.

300 Meters—Garrett, 2:15. DT—Warkentin, 10:45. 1500 Meter—Dun, 4:53.2. HAMMER—J. Penn (PCC), 218-2; J. Hart (Armed Forces), 199-3; J. Shaw (Armed Forces), 195-4; A. Cairns (Vancouver CC), 190-3.

3000-METER STEEPCHASE — J. Price (Armed in Action), 8:45.2; J. Claret (Armed Forces), 8:53.3; J. Heaver (Armed in Action), 8:59.4; R. Kirk (Club West), 8:52.2.

5000 METER—J. Feuerbach (PCC), 18:02 (meet record, old mark, 18:10); R. Manan (unat.), 17.7; A. Wilson (Armed Forces), 18:17.3; B. Born (San Jose State), 18:18.4; C. Curfield (Club West), 18:30.

10 MILE JUMP—J. Robinson (Armed Forces), 38:34.2; J. Hines (USC), 39:01; S. Williams (UCLA), 39:23.4; A. McArthur (California TC), 39:40.

1500—J. Rich (UCLA), 1:04.2; J. White (Striders), 1:07; J. Whaley (San Jose State), 1:07.4; A. Callahan (USC), 1:12.

POLE VAULT—J. Diaz (PCC), 124-2; Carothers (Calif. Int. TC), 124-3; S. Sawyer (BA Striders), 124; J. Williamson (New York TC), 124.

HIGH JUMP—J. Burrell (BA Strider), 74; T. Fletcher (UCLA), 74; J. Hawkins (unat.), 74; A. Cole (Calif. Int. TC), 74. Note: Burrell won jumpoff with Fletcher after they tied at 6-1.

INTERCOLLEGIATE

400 RELAY—J. USC (Williams, Brown, Quirrie, Deckard), 1:20 (meet record, old mark, 1:27; Stanford, 1967; and San Jose State, 1969); J. UCLA, 48.3; J. in between Calif. Int. TC and U.S. Air Force, 48.3.

800 RELAY—J. USC (Garrison, Brown, Deckard, Quarrie), 1:30.7 (world and meet record, old world mark, 1:31.1; USC, 1971; did meet mark, 1:32.1; San Jose State, 1967); J. U.S. Armed Forces, 1:32.0; no third or fourth.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY—J. Nevada (Reed, Johnson, Seneal, Risby, Duff), 9:45.5; J. West Valley (TC), 9:53.3; J. Stanford, 9:54.9; J. Pacific Coast Club, 9:56.2.

TWO MILE RELAY—J. Pacific Coast Club, 9:56.2.

Club (Reed, 1:36.4; Scott, 1:33.4; Edm., 1:34.1; Van, 1:37.7; 1:37.8; 2. USC, 7:42.2; 3. San Jose State, 4:41.1; 4. High Sierra TC, 7:47.2.

800 RELAY—USC (Garrison, 47.5; Edmondson, 45.8; Brown, 45.8; Smith, 45.6); 2. SBA, 2. Striders, 3:05.2; 3. Pacific Coast Club, 3:08.4; 4. San Jose Striders, 3:25.2.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

100 METERS—J. Crouning (SJA Delta), 10.4; 2. Brennan (SD State), 10.4; 3. Ross (LACC), 10.5.

1500—J. Westington (LACC), 14:11; 2. Jackson (Sonoma), 14:11; 3. Kinnaman (Fairfield), 14:4.

400 RELAY—J. Bakersfield (Hawick, Menley, Wright, Nichols), 1:24.1; 2. LACC, 1:25.2; 3. Cameron, 1:26.1.

MILE RELAY—J. LACC (King, Dunlop, Lively, Baxter), 3:17.4; 2. Chaffin, 3:13.3; 3. West LA, 3:14.5.

TWO MILE RELAY—J. Bakersfield (Jackson, 1:31.8; Luzzani, 1:34.2; Foster, 1:34.2; Grinnell, 1:35.0), 7:04.2; 2. LACC, 7:04.5; 3. Duane Valley, 7:06.1.

DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY—J. Valley (Sawyer, 47.1; Kennedy, 1:05.1; Hamilton, 3:02.4; Bahracki, 4:09.3), 9:51.9 (National JC and meet record, old mark, 9:53.4; American River, 1967); 2. Bakersfield, 9:54.7; 3. West Valley, 10:00.2.

TWO MILE—J. Johnson (EI Camino), 9:01.5; 2. Baker (EI Camino), 9:09.3; 3. Patterson (EI Camino), 9:18.1.

400 YD—J. Todd (Int. Sac. 24-1), 3. Wright (Bakersfield), 34.6.

DISCUS—Anderson (SBA), 167-7; 2. Kirschbaum (American River), 161-1; 3. Yourek (SBA), 158-6.