

BRUINS, TROJANS TRIP IN NCAA; TEAMS 'EVEN'

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BATON ROUGE—USC's hopes of upsetting UCLA in the 52nd NCAA track and field championships appeared to crash Thursday night when defending high hurdles champion Jerry Wilson failed to qualify in his first round heat at rain-dampened Bernie Moore Stadium.

Before the night was over, however, the Trojans found themselves right back in the chase when UCLA's Francois Tracanelli failed to qualify in the pole vault.

On The Times dope sheet UCLA was picked with 59 points, followed by USC with 50. Wilson was picked fourth in the hurdles, Tracanelli second in the vault.

So, the projected totals now are UCLA 51, USC 46. You could even make it 48 for USC, moving Robert Pullard up in the vault. He was picked for fifth.

Pullard also had his troubles, however, requiring three vaults to clear 15-6 and two to make 16-0. Tracanelli passed until the bar reached 16-3, then missed all three times, although coming close in his second try.

"It makes me sick, losing our two vaulters," said UCLA coach Jim Bush who also watched Ron Mooers fail to qualify. "But we're still in pretty good shape teamwise with a lot of good athletes still coming.

"Tracanelli is so inconsistent that I only figured him for fourth. So we lost only four points. I figured USC would get six from Wilson so they lost more.

"Like I've always said, you've got to be lucky in this meet."

Wilson, the Pacific 8 champion who has been troubled all year with

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leg cramps, was running even with Randy Lightfoot of Texas when he lost his balance on the eighth hurdle. He rallied gamely but just missed qualifying with a fourth-place 13.8, only a tenth back of Lightfoot's winning 13.7.

Thursday's program was devoted exclusively to qualifying. Finals will be held today in six events: the 100, high hurdles, 6 mile, long jump, shot put and hammer. The remaining 14 finals will be held Saturday.

Olympic champion Randy Williams of USC led the long jump qualifiers at 26-2 and teammate Don Quarrie established himself as the favorite in both sprints with clockings of 9.3 and 20.8.

World record holder Red Milburn is odds-on in the high hurdles after breezing to a 13.4 in his prelim.

Milburn is a senior at Southern University, which is located only 15 miles from the Louisiana State campus, but he was making his first start in Bernie Moore Stadium.

Rich's Analysis

UCLA's Charlie Rich, winner of his heat in a breezing 13.6, said, "I didn't get a good start and I was cautious at the first hurdle. By the third hurdle I started putting it together and it felt good at the end."

"I'm looking forward to running against Milburn. I just hope I'm in ideal shape to run the race."

Rich also has had leg problems this year.

No rain fell during the evening but the meet was postponed 4½ hours by a torrential downpour that reached near-hurricane proportions. The storm turned out to be a blessing, turning what shaped up as a hot steamy afternoon into a balmy evening with temperatures in the low 70s.

Also several preliminaries already had been canceled because of a shortage of entries, so it was no problem compressing the program.

Track Notes

Bush had a scare in the long jump when Finn Bendixen, a two-time NCAA point-winner, came up limping after going only 23-¾ on his first jump in the trials. The Norwegian Olympian shook it off, however, and came back to qualify easily with a leap of 25-4 . . . Lawrence Jones of Northeast Missouri State, runnerup to John Smith in last year's NCAA, withdrew from the 440. No reason was given . . . Larry Horton of Purdue, defending champion in the 220, scratched from that event to concentrate on the 100. Trials in the 440, 440 relay and mile relay were reduced to only one round. This takes a load off UCLA's Benny Brown and USC's Ken Randle, centered in all three events . . . The rains came at 3:15 p.m. during the javelin trials. It turned out to be a pip of a storm, a real Southern blockbuster complete with hail, gale-force winds, lightning and ear-shattering thunder that felt like a salvo of 16-inch guns. Officials decided to combine the javelin trials with the finals. They did the

Turner (Kent St.), 2. Luke (Kent), finished second but disqualified for running out of lane.

100

4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final

FIRST HEAT—1. Cummings (BYU), 4:58.3; 2. Wolfe (Bowling Green), 4:59.5; 3. Felt (Ore.), 4:59.4; 4. Preece (Wash. St.), 4:59.8.

SECOND HEAT—1. Evelyn (Ore.), 4:54.4; 2. McKane (N.Carolina), 4:50.2; 3. Schuster (Missouri), 4:52.5; 4. Schilling (CSU), 4:50.1.

THIRD HEAT—1. Ebba (Ore. St.), 4:58.5; 2. Madison (N. Carolina), 4:54.5; 3. Cashman (CS Hayward), 4:54.4; 4. Althoff (Stanford), 4:54.4.

120 HIGH HURDLES

3 In Each Heat Qualify For Semis

FIRST HEAT—1. Sly (UCLA), 1:44.3; 2. Lewis (Penn.), 1:45.2; 3. Joubert (North Texas State), 1:41.1.

SECOND HEAT—1. Lightfoot (Texas), 1:37.1; 2. Robinson (Kansas), 1:37.2; 3. Hogue (Ore. St.), 1:38. Others included—4. Wilson (USC), 1:38.

THIRD HEAT—1. Smith (Florida St.), 1:33.1; 2. Stubb (La. Tech), 1:34.3; 3. Tilden (CSU), 1:34.

FOURTH HEAT—1. Foster (N. Carolina Central), 1:37.1; 2. Osborne (Wn. & Mary), 1:35.2; 3. Jackson (Emory), 1:35.1; 4. Johnson (UCLA), 1:35. Others included—Washington (USC), disqualified for two false starts.

THREE MILES

3 In Each Heat Qualify For Finals

FIRST HEAT—1. Callaneda (Colorado), 12:21.5; 2. Hanna (Wash. Univ.), 12:21.8; 3. Griffin (Penn. St.), 12:30.1; 4. Martin (Wn. & Mary), 12:28.5; 5. Moe (Georgetown), 12:31.4.

SECOND HEAT—1. Prelontaine (Ore.), 12:19.9 (equal record); 2. Leach (Stanford), 12:27.6; 3. Howard (WV), 12:29.6; 4. Gregorio (Colorado), 12:29.6; 5. Cohen (American), 12:32.4. Others included—10. Brown (USC), 12:56.4.

THIRD HEAT—1. Hartman (Villanova), 12:43.1; 2. Low (Wn. & Mary), 12:43.2; 3. Danforth (Bowling Green), 12:43.4; 4. Rose (Western Kentucky), 12:43.8; 5. Duffy (Nebraska), 12:44.8.

LONG JUMP

10 Qualify For Final

1. Williams (USC), 26-2; 2. Bae (Pittsburgh), 26-1 1/4; 3. McASHER (UCLA), 25-7 1/4; 4. Beaudoin (UCLA), 25-1 1/2; 5. Drum (Alabama), 25-4; 6. Lanier (Cincinnati), 25-1 1/4; 7. Greaser (Wash. St.), 24-8; 8. Brasham (Baylor), 24-1 1/2; 9. Adams (Colorado), 24-3 1/2; 10. Carter (Austin Peay), 24-7; 11. Boyd (Pitt), 24-7 1/2; 12. Geier (Tennessee), 24-1 1/4.

HIGH JUMP

10 Qualify For Final

Adams (Indiana), Altepko (BYU), Arnold (UCLA), Brown (Cal Poly SLO), Dole (BYU), Durrant (Indiana Kentucky), Hancock (Ga. Inst. Tech.), Mansbrough (Missouri), Joseph (Arkansas), Kohnen (UCLA), Nield (Wash. St.), Owens (USC), Schur (Kansas), Siler (Kansas St.), Smith (Kansas), Wynn (Ore. St.), 4-8.

POLE VAULT

9 Qualify For Final

Cotton (Florida), Danforth (Wash. St.), Roberts (Purdue), N.S. Kasper (Harvard), Porter (Kansas), Puland (USC), Rock (CSU), Sauer (Colorado), Winter (California), 14-6.