

BRUINS APPEAR SHOO-IN IN NCAA AS USC FALTERS

UCLA's Bendixen Surprise Long Jump Winner; Trojans' Williams Fourth; Quarrie Finishes Next to Last in 100

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BATON ROUGE—There's still 14 events to go today but the engraver already is inscribing UCLA on the team trophy for the 52nd NCAA track and field championship at Louisiana State University.

The Bruins all but locked up their third straight championship Friday with a stunning victory in the long jump by Finn Bendixen and equally stunning collapses by Trojan favorites Randy Williams in the long jump and Don Quarrie in the 100-yard dash.

Before 5,577 fans on a warm but comfortable evening at Bernie Moore Stadium, UCLA took the lead after seven events with 20 points. Texas (El Paso) was second with 18, followed by Brigham Young with 16.

USC, which had figured to score 16 or more Friday, was tied for 16th with 4 points.

"We've never had a worse day," said Trojan coach Vern Wolfe after watching Quarrie run seventh and next-to-last in the 100 and Williams settle for fourth in the long jump.

Before the day started, UCLA was tabbed for 51 points and USC for 48 in the final team totals. When the day ended, UCLA was figured for 54 and USC for 36.

The big switch came in the long jump, billed as a showdown between Williams and UCLA's James McAlister. It turned out to be a showdown for third place and McAlister won that battle, going 25-7 1/4 to 25-6 1/4 for the Olympic champion.

Bendixen, meanwhile, came from third place on his last jump to win it at 25-10 1/2.

"I can't believe it," said the 23-year-old Norwegian afterward. "This is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. It was my final jump for UCLA and I wanted to end it well."

Williams, who had only two fair jumps, said, "You can't say anybody jumped very well, can you? I had the wind against me and I'm light and I had trouble with my step. I don't think I ever touched the board. There's not much else to say."

Wolfe said, "Randy's last jump would have won it but he took off at least three inches behind the board which is eight inches wide. So, he lost about 10 inches."

Generally, the marks were so-so despite ideal weather conditions. The exception, and a big one, was

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BRUINS APPEAR A SHOOT

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Rod Milburn's 13.1 in the high hurdles, only one-tenth of a second off his world record and the second fastest race ever run. There was no wind during the race.

Ed Hammonds of Memphis State was an upset winner in the 100, a race which saw all six point-winners run 9.4. Quarrie, after winning his semifinal earlier in the evening at 9.4, was virtually left in his blocks in the final and never got back in it.

"I came out too low," said the senior from Jamaica. "I never got into my lift. Actually, my start wasn't any worse than it was in the semifinal."

In today's competition, which will be held in the afternoon, the Bruins figure to pick up big points in the triple jump, 440 and mile relay and could get some discus help from Dale Gordon and Roger Freberg.

Things are going so well the Bruins even managed to get the baton all the way around the track in the 440 relay. They didn't qualify, despite running a season best of 40.1, but it was improvement over the past four years when they failed to finish all four times.

Actually, over-cautiousness beat them. A slow exchange between Dotson Wilson and Benny Brown on the first pass put them in a hole and Gordon Pepsars had too much ground to make up on the anchor.

USC, meanwhile, won its heat in a season-best 39.6 as Quarrie made up five yards on Southwestern Louisiana anchor man Steve Gullick.

Brown was the fastest 440 qualifier at 45.9 and said today he'll take a shot at John Smith's world record of 44.5.

"I think I could have run in the 44s tonight," said Brown, "but I eased off the last 110. There was no point in pushing it."

Don Sturjal of Texas, a 45.9 performer, scratched from the 440 to concentrate on the mile relay in which the Longhorn's have the nation's fastest time at 3:05.7.

Sturjal recently was quoted in an Austin newspaper complaining about Track & Field News rat-

ings in the 440 which he said discriminated against whites.

"Maybe it's me that's prejudiced but I always like to beat the black guys in the quarter since they're supposed to be better than whites."

Track Notes

USC now has come up short in the sprints in three straight NCAA's. Two years ago in Seattle, favored Willie Deckard ran out of gas after an attack of asthma and went scoreless. Last year at Eugene, Quarrie pulled up lame in the semis and also failed to score.

Bendixen, a tremendous big-met competitor, has now scored in three straight NCAA's. He was third in 1971 and fourth last year. He failed, however, in last year's Olympics, losing out in the preliminaries. "I just choked," he said. "It was the worst day of my track career. But I love pressure meets. There was a lot of pressure on Randy. I guess this shows he's only human." Bendixen, 6-1 and 165, is a native of Lillestrand Norway. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate in physical education. "I told him," said Randy, "that this was my graduation present to him." But Randy couldn't laugh at his own joke.

Milburn, a 13th-round draft choice by the Rams as a wide receiver, said he still hasn't come to terms "but I don't think we're too far apart. I've been working up in both sports, so I'll be ready." The Olympic champion, who stands 6-1, said he now weighs 182. "That means I have to lose two pounds," said Milburn. "The Rams told me to come in at 180." Milburn will run in the National A A U championships next weekend in Bakersfield. . . USC now will be hard-pressed to save second place from Oregon. The Ducks improved their chances Friday when Mac Wilkins finished third in the shot at 63.81c, a lifetime best, and led the discus qualifiers at 204-6. Steve Prefontaine figures to win the 3-mile today and Kent Kvalheim could finish high in the mile. The Ducks could wind up with more than 40 points.

LONG JUMP

1. Bendixen (UCLA), 25-10 1/2; 2. Lanier (Cincinnati), 25-7 1/4; 3. McAllister (UCLA), 25-7 1/4; Lanier second on basis of second best jump, 25-6 1/2 to 25-3 1/2; 4. Williams (USC), 25-6 1/4; 5. Rea (Pittsburgh), 24-8; 6. Brabham (Baylor), 24-7 1/2; 7. Carter (Austin Peay), 24-3 1/4; 8. Boyd (Fisk), 24-3 1/4; 9. Gregory (Michigan State), 24-2 1/4.

400 RELAY

3 In Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT—1. Arizona State (Manning, McCullough, Cheving, Peeples), 39.7; 2. Texas, 39.9; 3. Norfolk State, 39.9. Others included: 4. UCLA (Wilson, Brown, Gadsin, Pepsars), 40.1.
SECOND HEAT—1. Memphis State (Knight, Fox, Taylor, Hammonds), 39.6; Texas (El Paso), 39.9; 3. SMU, 40.0.
THIRD HEAT—1. USC (Williams, Jones, Randia, Quarrrie), 39.4; 2. South-west Louisiana, 39.7; 3. Penn State, 40.0.

120 HIGH HURDLES

4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT—1. Foster (North Carolina Central), 13.5; 2. Shipe (LSU), 13.8; 3. Jackson (UCLA), 13.8; 4. Lightfoot (Texas), 13.9.
SECOND HEAT—1. Milburn (Southern), 13.3; 2. Shobe (Louisiana Tech), 13.4; 3. Rich (UCLA), 13.4; 4. Robinson (Kansas), 13.6.

Final

1. Milburn 13.1 (NCAA record, old mark); 12.5; 2. Shobe, Villanova, 13.0; 3. Foster, 13.4; 3. Shipe, 13.4; 4. Rich, 13.5; 5. Shipe, 13.6; 6. Lightfoot, 13.6; 7.

Jackson, 13.6; 8. Robinson, 14.0.

3 In Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT—1. Peoples (Arizona State), 48.3; 2. Parks (UCLA), 48.8; 3. Randle (USC), 48.8.
SECOND HEAT—1. Schultz (Oklahoma State), 48.1; 2. Lyles (Lincoln U.), 48.3; 3. Erickson (Southern Illinois), 48.9.

THIRD HEAT—1. Brown (UCLA), 48.2; 2. Bend (Tennessee), 48.5; 3. Sowerby (Murray State), 48.6. Others included—4. Cambell (USC), 47.6.

100
4 In Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT—1. Hammonds (Memphis State), 9.4; 2. Burton (Purdue), 9.5; 3. Porter (Southwest Louisiana), 9.5; 4. Lawson (Idaho State), 9.5.
SECOND HEAT—1. Quarrrie (USC), 9.4; 2. Tinker (Kent State), 9.4; 3. Whalley (Alabama), 9.4; 4. Riddick (Norfolk State), 9.4.

Final
1. Hammonds 9.4; 2. Riddick, 9.4; 3. Lawson, 9.4; 4. Tinker, 9.4; 5. Whalley, 9.4; 6. Burton, 9.4; 7. Quarrrie, 9.5; 8. Porter, 9.5.

MILE RELAY

3 In Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT — 1. Texas (Wright, Jackson, Lee, Sturjal), 3:06.2; 2. Alabama, 3:10.0; 3. Texas A&M, 3:10.7. Michigan finished second in 3:07.2 but disqualified for pushing; Oregon finished third in 3:09.9 but disqualified for running in the heat.
SECOND HEAT—1. Arizona State (Manning, Lewis, McCullough, Peeples), 3:08.3; 2. Norfolk State, 3:08.3; 3. USC, 3:08.5.

THIRD HEAT—1. UCLA (Gaddis 45.9, Pepsars 47.4, Parks 46.9, Brown 45.8, 3:05.9; 2. Tennessee, 3:06.3; 3. TCU, 3:07.4.

SIX MILE

Final
1. McGuire (Penn State), 28:14.2; 2. Mander (Indiana), 28:20.0; 3. Wiley (BYU), 28:21.3; 4. Stanley (Cincinnati), 28:27.1; 5. Ledy (East Tennessee), 28:34.8; 6. Fox (Minnesota), 28:33.8; 7. Slaben (Rutgers), 29:11.8; 8. Murphy (Washington State), 29:14.8; 9. Flanders (Northwestern), 29:20.8. Others included: 10. Martinez (CSLB), 29:57.6; Pryor (CSLB) and Covert (Cal St. Fullerton), did not finish.

DISCUS THROW

12 Qualify For Final
1. Wilkins (Oregon), 204-6 (NCAA record, old mark, 200-8); John Van Reenen, Washington State, 198.9; 3. Smith (Colorado State), 185-8; 3. Stadel (Rice), 184-4; 4. Dolezewicz (Texas), 180-7; 5. Gordon (UCLA), 182-1; 6. Miller (Washington State), 182-1; 7. Freberg (UCLA), 180-5; 8. Gunzel (Arizona), 180-2; 9. Kieftes (Western Maryland), 177-8; 10. Pecar (BYU), 176-1; 11. Thomas (Texas), 175-8; 12. Ennix (Western Kentucky), 174-1.

TRIPLE JUMP

12 Qualify For Final
1. McClure (Middle Tennessee), 54-13 1/4 (NCAA record, old mark, 53-7 1/2); Denny Rogers, UCLA, 1971; 3. Freeman (UCLA), 52-9 3/4; 4. TH (UCLA), 53-2; 4. McBride (Manhattan), 51-11 1/4; 5. He between Kelly (North Carolina) and Tucker (CSLB), 51-8; 7. Perbens (Mississippi State), 51-7 1/2; 8. Lanier (Cincinnati), 50-10 1/4; 9. Dupree (CSLB), 50-9 1/4; 10. Davenport (East Carolina), 50-8 1/4; 11. Briggs (Western Kentucky), 50-7 1/2; 12. Haines (Middle Tennessee), 50-6 3/4. Others included: 16. Washington (USC), 49-7 1/4; 26. Coche (USC), 47-18.

3 In Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT—1. Kent (Wisconsin), 1:47.3; 2. Scott (Washington State), 1:47.9; 3. Bence (Oregon), 1:48.1.
SECOND HEAT—1. Monro (Illinois), 1:48.7; 2. Garrison (Tennessee), 1:49.2; 3. McElroy (Villanova), 1:49.2.

THIRD HEAT—1. Brown (California), 1:47.8; 2. Schapper (Villanova), 1:48.1; 3. Clark (Williams & Mary), 1:48.6. Others included: 4. Baxter (USC), 1:48.6; 5. Vevry (UCLA), 1:49.9.

SHOT PUT

Final
1. Housh (Texas El Paso), 64-3 3/4; 2. Jesse Stuart (Western Kentucky), 64-3; 3. Wilkins (Oregon), 63-0; 4. Walker (SMU), 63-3 1/2; 5. Semkiv (Arizona State), 63-3; 6. Dolezewicz (Texas), 63-1 1/2; 7. Miller (Southern Illinois), 61-6; 8. Anderson (Minnesota), 60-10 1/2; 9. Haney (Navy), 60-3 3/4.

400 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES
3 In Each Heat Qualify For Final
FIRST HEAT—1. Gisson (Lamar),

51.1; 2. Jackson (Eastern Illinois), 51.4; 3. Faulstich (Illinois), 51.7. Others included: 4. Guerrero (UCLA), 61.4.

SECOND HEAT — 1. Prinsault (Texas), 58.4; 2. Collins (Penn), 58.5; 3. Sullivan (Alabama), 58.9. Others included: 6. Cuffman (USC), 53.0.

THIRD HEAT—1. Casselman (Michigan State), 58.5; 2. Cronquist (Rice), 58.6; 3. Ash (Colorado State), 58.9.

HAMMER THROW

Final
1. Accambary (Kent State), 221-4; 2. Farmer (Texas El Paso), 200-5; 3. Brewer (Mary), 217-4; 4. Besette (Connecticut), 207-9; 5. Jackson (Penn State), 196-6; 6. Moore (MIT), 194-3; 7. Tenick (Washington State), 190-10; 8. Suits (Army), 188-7; 9. Morrison (Holy Cross), 186-0. Others included: 12. Lockwood (Cal St. LB), 170-0.

TEAM LEADERS

UCLA 90; Texas (El Paso) 18; BYU 16; Kent State 14; Penn State and Cincinnati 12; Oregon, Connecticut, Southern Louisiana and Memphis State 10; Indiana, North Carolina Central, Norfolk State, Western Kentucky and Cal State Fresno 8; Navy, Louisiana Tech and Idaho State 6; SMU and USC 4; LSU, MIT, Alabama, Texas, Arizona State, East Tennessee and Ohio U.; 3; Baylor, AIT, Purdue, UC Santa Barbara and Minnesota 1.