

USC Beats UCLA in 'Paper Chase'

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They had a double dual meet at Westwood Saturday but the only good meet of the day was the mythical one played by sportswriters in the press box.

After USC demolished Stanford, 122-23, and UCLA thrashed California 92-52, the writers compared the best marks of the Trojans with the best of the Bruins and came up with this score:

USC 74 1/6, UCLA 70 5/6.

Put an asterisk on it, though. Benny Brown and Maxie Parks didn't run the 440 for UCLA and the Bruins lost the mile relay when Edwill Rollins pulled a muscle on the leadoff leg and put his team 35 yards behind.

The Bruins almost pulled it out at that. They got all but 2 of the 35 yards back as Brown and Parks came through with legs of 45.9 and 45.5.

UCLA and USC meet May 4 at the Coliseum. If you don't think it's tough to dope, look at some of the comparative marks Saturday:

—Mike Shavers won the sprints for Troy in 9.5 and 21.0 while Gordon Peppers and Brown won for UCLA in 9.5 and 20.9, both wind-aided.

—James Baxter won the 880 for USC in 1:50.5 while Tom Kovacich ran 1:50.6 for UCLA in finishing second to Cal's Rick Brown, the winner in a meet record 1:48.8.

—Pole vaulters Robert Pullard of USC and Francois Tracanelli of UCLA cleared 16-6 to win their events.

—High jumpers Dean Owens and Jerry Culp of USC cleared 7-01/4. UCLA's Rory Kotinek did 7-0.

—Kotinek did 230-7 in the javelin while USC's Mike Helsing won with 231-10.

And if you think those are close, how about this? In the long jump, UCLA's Jerry Herndon



HAPPY WINNER—UCLA miler Tony Veney leaps with joy at finish after winning mile against California Saturday in fastest time of his career, 4:06.0. Times photo by Art Rogers

and USC's Gerald Harde-man, both won at 26-1 1/2. They are freshman. Both jumps were wind-aided.

"It's going to be a fantastic meet," said UCLA coach Jim Bush, looking to a Coliseum showdown.

Benny Brown said, "It just depends on which team is the hottest. No, we'll be hot. Let's say, it's whoever leans the most.

Bush was happiest about his 440 relay team which overcame a strong challenge by California to win with a seasonal best of 39.9. USC ran 40.1.

"We'll run even faster," said Bush. "The first pass

from Dotson Wilson to Parks was not good. We probably lost 2- to 3-10ths of a second there."

The Trojan passing was worse, especially the last exchange between Ken Randle and Shavers, so coach Vern Wolfe promises that his team, too, will improve.

Of Shavers, Wolfe said, "He's coming along. He's had trouble disciplining himself on the track but I think one of these days he's going to explode and become a real good sprinter."

In the mile relay, USC figures to have a shot at the Bruins, having already run a school record 3:07.5 this year.

"Yes," nodded Bush, "but from now on we're not going to fool around. We'll bring Peppers back in the mile relay. He can go. With him in there, I promise they'll have a tough time beating us."

Track Notes

USC's Randy Williams pulled up in the 220 but said it wasn't serious. "I felt the hamstring starting to go," he said, "so I stopped just in time." Randy lost his third straight to teammate Harde-man in the long jump and said, "I think I'm pressing too much. On my best jump today I was relaxed. I thought it was only 24 something. I was surprised when I saw it was 25-11 1/4." USC's Trevor Campbell pulled up in the 440 but it was only a cramp . . . In the USC-Stanford meet, the high hurdles were run twice. The first time, the hurdles were set wrong, causing Trojans Ed Washington and Mike Johnson to spill. Washington came back to win with a wind-aided 13.9.

UCLA assistant coach Hal Harkness noted that 8 out of 10 Bruin distance runners had their lifetime bests including Bob O'Brien who finished fourth in the two mile in 8:58.6. In the 800, UCLA's Curtis Beck had 20 yards on Rick Brown at the quarter, but the Cal senior easily caught the pack on the final turn and won going away . . . Pullard broke his pole on his final try at 17-0. "I'm aiming for 18 feet this year," he said. "I have to straighten out my run and my technique. I'm just doing it on strength now." . . . UCLA's Tony Veney had a lifetime best of 4:06.0 in the mile, as did Troy's Fred Ritcherson who ran 4:07.7. "This is the best I've felt since I was a

freshman in 1970," said Ritcherson who came back to run 8:58.8 in the two mile. "Against UCLA, I've got to try to bust them up in the distances."

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440 RELAY—1. USC (R. Williams, Jones, Randle, Shavers), 40.1; 2. Stanford, 41.8.

SHOT PUT—1. Budincich (USC), 58-1; 2. Fruguglietti (USC), 52-1; 3. Banducci (S), 47-6 1/4.

MILE—1. Ritcherson (USC), 4:07.7; 2. Sandoval (S), 4:11.5; 3. Crowley (S), 4:13.6.

JAVELIN—1. Helsby (USC), 231-10; 2. Sterner (USC), 223-7; 3. Hopkins (S), 221-9.

HIGH JUMP—1. D. Owens (USC), 7-0 1/4 (meet record, old mark 7-0, Owens, 1972); 2. Culp (USC), 7-0 1/4; 3. Habegger (USC), 6-6.

LONG JUMP—1. Hardeman (USC), 26-1 1/2w; 2. R. Williams (USC), 25-11 1/4w; 3. Hammond (USC), 24-3 3/4.

440—1. Randle (USC), 47.9; 2. Brown (USC), 48.4; 3. Curl (S), 49.4.

100—1. Shavers (USC), 9.5 (equals meet record, Lennox Miller, USC, 1957); 2. R. Williams (USC), 9.6; 3. Ross (USC), 9.6.

120HH—1. Washington (USC), 13.9w; 2. Johnson (USC), 14.0; 3. O. Williams (USC), 14.9.

410H—1. Andrews (USC), 52.3; 2. Coffman (USC), 52.5; 3. Bagshaw (S), 53.3.

880—1. Baxter (USC), 1:50.5; 2. Wolfe (S), 1:55.7; 3. Schelble (S), 1:55.7.

DISCUS—1. Fruguglietti (USC), 169-6; 2. J. Owens (USC), 159-5; 3. Royer (S), 156-4.

POLE VAULT—1. Pullard (USC), 16-6; 2. Sandoval (USC), 16-0; 3. Rogers (USC), 15-6.

TWO MILE—1. McConnell (S), 8:55.9; 2. Bellah (S), 8:56.2; 3. Ritcherson (USC), 8:58.6.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Washington (USC), 51-6; 2. Cochee (USC), 51-3 3/4w; 3. Toliver (S), 48-1w.

20—1. Shavers (USC), 9.5; 2. Jones (USC), 21.3; 3. Holmes (S), 21.4.

MILE RELAY—1. USC (Brown 48.3, Baxter 47.3, Randle 46.8, Jones 47.0), 3:09.4; 2. Stanford, 3:17.0.