## THE SOUTH CHALLENGES BRUINS AGAIN--ON TRACK

Tennessee Threatens UCLA's Reign in NCAA Meet; Bush Predicts a Run to the Wire; USC Still Has Chance

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AUSTIN, Tex.—The South is rising up to challenge another UCLA

dynasty.

The Bruins, dethroned by North Carolina State in basketball, now face a strong argument from the University of Tennessee in track and field.

In NCAA preliminaries Thursday night at University of Texas Stadium, the Vols boosted their chances considerably as Danny Martin led all javelin qualifiers and Doug Brown paced three Tennessee runners into the steeplechase final.

Tennessee sprinter Reggie Jones ran an eased-up 9.3 in the 100, with the aid of a 12.7 m.p.h. wind, and Darwin Bond in the 440 and Willie Thomas in the 880 qualified easily.

"They've got an awful lot of horses," said UCLA coach Jim Bush. "But I still think it will come right down to the wire, just as it did in the dual meet."

The Bruins won the dual meet, 80-72, by winning the final event, the mile relay.

Finals will be held tonight in the 100, high hurdles, six mile, long

jump, shot put and hammer throw. The meet concludes Saturday.

In long jump prelims, Randy Williams gave USC some hope by leading qualifiers at 26-1 but the Trojans failed to qualify either Dean Owens or Jerry Culp in the high jump, so they remain a longshot.

UCLA's Jerry Herndon qualified ninth in the long jump at 25-41/4. Bush said, "I think Williams will

win it but I think Herndon can get second."

Williams said, "If I can repeat my performance to morrow night, I should be in pretty good shape. But you never know. Last year I led the qualifying at 26-3 and you remember what happened then."

Randy wound up fourth while Bruins Finn Bendixen and James McAlister went 1-3 to spark the Bruins to their third straight NCAA title.

Bush said, "I think the key event is the pole vault. We've got three men in there, so we could do some damage."

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Continued from First Page and Fritz Selzer, a lastminute addition to the traveling squad, all cleared 16 feet to qualify. Tracanelli and Mooers went over impressively. Texas (El Paso), which had been considered the No. 1 challenger to UCLA. may have blown its chances when Larry Jessee, the NCAA indoor champion, failed to qualify in the vault. Kansas moved into contention when its 440 relay team, sparked by Mark Lutz' swift third leg, led all qualifiers at 39.5 In the 440, Maxie Parks and Benny Brown of UCLA qualified easily and Brown said, "Watch out for Maxie in the final. I don't promise he'll win but it's going to take something to beat him "As for myself, I'm still not 100 per cent, but I'll be there, I don't think I'll be worse than fourth." Track Notes The weather was war humid and windy. In the 100 runners were aided by winds from 6 to 14 mph. In the 220

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they were going into the wind . . . Steve Williams of San Diego State, off dead last

in his 100 heat, easily over hauled the pack to win in a wind-aided 9.2. Williams, who has been nursing a slight leg strain, scratched from the 220. Reggie Jones was the second fastest of the semifin-al winners in the 220 at 21.1.

UCLA's Rory Kotinek qual-ified in the high jump and Bush said, "I predict he up-sets somebody in the final. He Last year Kotinek surprised by finishing fourth. He was using the straddle then but has since switched to the flop . . USC's Mike Shavers qualified in the 100 with a wind-aided 9.4 and brought the Trojans from behind in the 440 relay for a qualifying spot. Shavers took the baton

in sixth place and moved up to third with a strong finish.
Bush predicted that Gordon Innes would finish high in the steeplechase. Innes said "I'm going to run my own race. I'm not going to worry about Doug Brown. I just hope to finish second."... In the mile prelims, Tony Wald rop contented himself with a fourth-place qualifying spot looking around and coasting in the stretch . . . Michigan in the stretch . . . Michigan State's Marshall Dill, defendeliminated in the semis. He's been hampered by injuries. Olympian Larry Burton of Purdue pulled up in the 220.

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