Bruins' 3-Year Rule Ends; Reggie Jones Leads Volunteers

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AUSTIN, Tex.—UCLA made a late challenge, winning the mile relay for the sixth year in a row, but the University of Tennessee had just enough early foot Saturday to hold on and win the 53rd NCAA track and field championship at hot,

steamy University of Texas Stadium. The Vols, led by sprinter Reggie ones, steeplechaser Doug Brown Jones, steeplechaser Doug Brown and half-miler Willie Thomas, scored 60 points to 56 for the threetime defending champion Bruins.

And so another UCLA dynasty fell

to the South.

Tennessee, taking a cue from the North Carolina State basketball team which ended John Wooden's reign at seven years, came back from an early-season dual-meet loss to the Bruins to win the big one.

For a while in the final event, it looked as if the Bruins might pull it out. Triple jumper Clarence Taylor was standing third after the trials, which would have given the Bruins a tie with the Vols But two jumpers passed Taylor in

the final rounds and he wound up fifth. Taylor went into the competition with the second best mark, 54 feet 1134 inches, but he hadn't jumped since the Pacific 8 meet because of a

knee injury. The Bruins had put themselves into contention with the mile relay into contention with the mile relay victory, covering the distance in 3:06.63. That was an upset because Benny Brown earlier finished eighth and last in the 440, running 49.1, and it was felt he would have nothing left for the relay. But he came back to run 45.4 on the second

"Pride made Benny do it," anchorman Maxie Parks said. "The coach told us we had to finish second to have a chance to win the meet but we wanted to keep that relay streak going.

Brown, hampered all year by re-spiratory ailments, said, "Next year it's going to be different. We're going to whip them. I wasn't ready this year. I was completely fouled up. I'll be ready in '75

It was a tough day for the state of North Carolina, Tony Waldrop of the University of North Carolina lost his second straight mile) finish-

TENNESSEE ENDS UCLA'S RUN ON TOP

Continued from First Page ing third in a race won by Brigham Young's Paul Cummings in 4:01.08, and North Carolina Central saw its team title hopes dissolve in the humidity as Julius Sang in the 440 and Larry Black in the

220 finished down the track. The 220 produced the best mark of the day, a wind-aided 19.9 by James Gilkes of Fisk. The time betters Tommie Smith's world record of 20 flat but will not be submitted be-cause of a 7.4 m.p.h. wind;

anything over 4.47 is illegal Brigham Young was third in the team standings with 41 points, followed by Oregon State with 26, Texas El Paso with 25 and USC and Kan-

sas with 22 Tennessee's victory marked the first time in 14 years the team title didn't. go to a West Coast team. The University of Kansas last turned the trick at

Berkeley in 1960. UCLA coach Jim Bush, almost near tears after Taylor fouled on his last attempt, walked over to Tennessee coach Stan Huntsman and said, "Congratulations, you deserved

to win." Huntsman then was rounded up by the Tennessee team members, who gave him a victory dunk in the steeplechase pool.

Bush said, "Naturally I'm very disappointed that we lost but I'm very proud of our mile relay team. They showed a lot of char-

acter.' He also was proud of people like Roger Freberg and Rory Kotinek. Fre-berg scored a surprise second in the discus and Kotinek leaped a lifetime best of 7-2 to place third in the high jump.

Actually, the Bruins scored more points than forecasters figured but Tennessee got a running start when Brown and teammate Ron Addison went 1-2 in the steeplechase, Brown winning in 8:35.94.

The 880 was the race that put the Vols over the hump. Willie Thomas, the 1972 NCAA champion, came from fifth place in the stretch to win in

Blast-furnace winds that ranged to 25 m.p.h. hurt the performances in the distances. Cummings, after winning the mile, collapsed on the infield and was taken to a hospital for observation,

He eventually recovered and said, "The wind hurt everyboy's time and the high humidity affected us all. However, my high-altitude training is an advantage in humidity I think."

Waldrop, who also lost to Cummings in the Modesto Relays, was timed in 4:02.29. He was second coming off the final turn but he couldn't sustain a kick and was passed by UTEP's Wilson

Waigwa near the wire. Maybe I'm a little bit tired," said Waldrop, who had run nine straight sub-4-minute miles this year. "An ear infection may have affected my condi-tioning. But Paul ran a smart race and was in a class by himself today."

Jones, the 19-year-old Tennessee freshman from Saginaw, Mich., was named the meet's outstanding performer. He scored 19½ points, winning the 100 Friday in a wind-aided 9.18, placing second in the 220 in 20.0 and helping the Vols to a third-place finish in the

440 relay. All year long Bush had been calling the Bruins his "if" team, "If we stay healthy and perform up to our capabilities, we'll be

tough," he said

They didn't stay healthy. Brown has been under par all season and Kotinek took himself out of the javelin picture when he injured his elbow in the dual-meet victory over

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