

USC Wins Pac-8 Track; UCLA 2nd

Gilkes and Randle Help Trojans to 152 Points

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PULLMAN, Wash.—USC's track and field team, apparently down for the count after Tom Andrews took a bad spill in the high hurdles, came up swinging Saturday and scored a knockout victory in the Pacific 8 championships at Washington State's Martin Stadium.

The big swingers were James Gilkes, Ken Randle and Randy Williams as USC rolled up 152 points to far outdistance second place UCLA, which finished with 115.

So, Vern Wolfe's Trojans, No. 2 in the city after losing the dual meet to UCLA for the fourth straight year, once again proved themselves best in the West, winning the Pac 8 title for the second straight year and the third year in the last four.

Gilkes, the free-wheeling junior from Guyana, scored 22½ points, winning the sprints in wind-aided times of 9.4 and 20.5 and anchoring the 440 relay team to a 39.4 victory.

Williams, suddenly making like Jesse Owens, took second in the 100 in 9.4 and led off the relay team after winning the long jump Friday.

Randle made it two straight over UCLA's Benny Brown in the 440, winning by a stride in 45.5, took second in the 220 in 20.6 and broke open the 440 relay with a swift third leg.

Williams and Randle both scored 20½ points.

"I can't tell you how thrilled I am," said Wolfe. "It was a great team effort. I'm just so proud of everybody and so happy. This is a great group of athletes. They've worked hard all year, and they deserved the victory."

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UCLA coach Jim Bush said, "USC deserved to win, and I'm proud of them. We just didn't have the horses, but I'm also very proud of our athletes. They never quit."

Wolfe refused to single out one individual, but he did have a special word for Tom Cohee, who won the triple jump on his last try with a wind-aided 54-7/4.

Cohee was the man Willie Banks passed on his last attempt to give UCLA a 75-70 victory in the dual meet.

"I was definitely heartbroken after that," said Cohee, "so I was very determined on my last jump."

He said Banks came up to him after the event and said, "I know how you feel."

Before Cohee's jump, the Trojans were in deep trouble. Andrews had just fallen in the high hurdles after a collision with defending champion Kip Ngeno of Washington State and the Bruins went on to get 1-2 in the race with Clim Jackson and James Owens.

That gave UCLA a 65-43 lead over USC after 11 events and a lot of people sensed a Bruin avalanche. Cohee applied the stopper, however, and suddenly Trojan points were pouring in from all directions.

Randle came from behind to beat Brown and freshman Andrews shook off a bruised hip to take the intermediate hurdles in 51.1. Then came the 1-2 finishes in both sprints and the rout was on.

When you're hot, you're hot, of course, and the Trojans were so un-touchable at the end that they even managed to win the mile relay with a makeshift quartet that included four freshmen—Rod Connors, Mike Simmons, Rich Graybehl and Rayfield Beaton.

Randle's 440 win was a reverse of his dual meet victory over Brown when he held off the Bruin in the stretch. This time he came from a yard off the pace after Brown had opened up a lead on the last curve.

"It's funny," said Randle, "but I felt

sluggish. When I saw Benny leading coming off the turn, I decided to go to work or I'd lose him forever. I just kept telling myself to keep my pulse and keep my knees up."

Brown, who later finished last in the 220 but came back to run a 44.9 anchor in the mile relay, said, "What can I say? Randle proved himself. He's a good quarter-miler. He's the man to beat in the NCAA meet."

In the 100, Williams proved his wind-aided 9.3 in the prelims was no fluke, once again taking the lead out of the blocks before giving away to Gilkes' final rush.

"Randy is the strongest of all our sprinters because of his long jumping," said Gilkes.

Williams said he was just taking up the slack after the injury to Guy Abrahams.

"I know Guy would have finished second," he said. "Actually, I might have won it but I started pushing too hard at the end instead of relaxing like I did yesterday."

Gilkes and Williams like USC's chances in the NCAA meet, June 5-7 at Provo.

"I think we're going to win it," said Gilkes. "For sure, I intend to successfully defend my title in the 220."

Williams said, "We've got a great bunch of guys who have really worked hard. And we've also got great coaches. I don't think they've gotten enough credit."

OK, take a bow, Mr. Wolfe. You, too, Ken Matsuda, and the latest addition to the staff, sprint coach Leo Davis.

When a team scores 152 points, somebody has to be doing something right.

Track Notes

UCLA's Rory Kotinek cleared 7-3 on his last try to win the high jump, proving again he's just about the toughest competitor you'll ever see anywhere. He's not conceding the NCAA to USC. "A lot of their big points are going to get cut up by other teams," he said . . . Bush said, "USC, Texas-El Paso and Brigham Young are the teams to beat. We're an outsider. I don't think we'll enter either relay. We'll have a small team" . . . The weather was on the

blustery side when the meet started but ended up clear and warm.

UCLA's Lynseye Guerrero dropped out of the 440 hurdles after missing his step on the fourth hurdle. "My leg was tightening up," he said, "and there was no sense in going on. I really feel bad, because this was one meet I wanted to win" . . . Brown on the 220: "I couldn't do anything on the curve. I was 10 yards back. I tried to get back in it but when I saw I wasn't going to make it, I gave it up."

Clim Jackson proved to be a prophet in the hurdles. He eased up Friday in the prelims to guarantee he'd get an outside lane. "There'll be too much arm-thrashing in those middle lanes," he said. Sure enough. Ngeno and Andrews tangled after the third hurdle, both going down heavily. "My first thought," Andrews said, "was, 'My God, I won't be able to run the intermediates.' My hip's still sore but I was able to run OK." Jackson, on teammate Owens: "He's going to be a great hurdler. He's always been a fast starter. Now he's getting his finish together." Cohee predicts he'll do over 55 in the NCAA. "A couple of my jumps today measured over 55 from where I took off," he said.

100—1. Gilkes (USC), 9.4 (6.53 m.h. wind); 2. R. Williams (USC), 9.4; 3. G. Minor (Washington St.), 9.5; 4. Franco (Washington), 9.5; 5. Walker (California), 9.6; 6. Jackson (Oregon St.), 9.6; 7. Wilson (UCLA), 9.7; 8. Wilmoth (UCLA), 9.7.

220—1. Gilkes (USC), 20.5 (15.15 m.h. wind); 2. Randle (USC), 20.6; 3. Walker (C), 20.7; 4. G. Minor (WS), 20.7; 5. Burns (C), 20.9; 6. Franco (W), 21.5. Others included: 8. Brown (UCLA), 21.

440—1. Randle (USC), 45.5; 2. Brown (UCLA), 45.5; 3. Hicks (W), 45.9; 4. Tinner (W), 47.3; 5. Connors (USC), 47.4; 6. Grasha (C), 47.6. Others included: Campbell (USC), pulled up.

800—1. Robinson (C), 1:49.1; 2. Scott (WS), 1:49.8; 3. Beaton (USC), 1:49.9; 4. Bence (Oregon), 1:50.9; 5. Veney (UCLA), 1:51.6; 6. Kern (USC), 1:53.3.

MILE—1. Daggelt (O), 4:08.2; 2. Winger (W), 4:09.2; 3. Olin (OS), 4:09.5; 4. Kasungu (O), 4:10.3; 5. Hurst (O), 4:12.0; 6. Crowley (Stanford), 4:13.3. Others included: 11. Gilmore (UCLA), no time.

THREE-MILE—1. Geis (O), 13:35.8; 2. J. Ngeno (WS), 13:41.2; 3. Williams (O), 13:54.4; 4. Taylor (O), 14:06.0; 5. Barger (O), 14:06.6; 6. Sandoval (S), 14:07.0. Others included: 13. Nitti (UCLA), 14:46.2.

1200M—1. Jackson (UCLA), 13.6; 2. Owens (UCLA), 13.7; 3. O. Williams (USC), 13.8; 4. Fiorant (C), 13.9; 5. M. Johnson (USC), 14.0; 6. Shaw (USC), 14.0. Note: K. Ngeno (WS) and Andrews (USC) fell on fourth hurdle.

440H—1. Andrews (USC), 51.1; 2. Graybehl (USC), 52.1; 3. Mills (UCLA), 52.3; 4. L. Minor (WS), 52.3; 5. M. Johnson (USC), 52.3; 6. Roesky (C), 52.6. Others included: Guerrero (UCLA) dropped out after hitting fourth hurdle.

440 RELAY—1. USC (R. Williams, Simmons, Randle, Gilkes), 39.4; 2. UCLA (Owens, Brown, Wilson, Wilmoth), 39.9; 3. California, 40.4; 4. Washington St., 40.5; 5. Washington, 40.3; 6. Oregon, 41.2.

MILE RELAY—1. USC (Connors 48.5, Simmons 46.1, Graybehl 47.2, Beaton 46.3), 3:09.2; UCLA (Mills 49.3, Heintzen 48.2, Leeds 46.9, Brown 44.9), 3:09.3; 2. Washington, 3:09.4 (Hicks 44.9 anchor); 4. Washington St., 3:12.2; 5. Oregon State, 3:14.2; 6. Stanford, 3:16.7. Note: California finished fourth in 2:59.8 but disqualified for running out of lane.

DISCUS—1. Elder (USC), 103-10; 2. Miller (WS), 176-2; 3. Earl (W), 175-7; 4. Frugogiletti (USC), 174-4; 5. Banich (O), 174-5; 6. Overton (C), 174-2; 7. Gunther (UCLA), 173-5.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Cohee (USC), 54-7/4; 2. Banks (UCLA), 54-2/4; 3. Taylor (UCLA), 54-2/4; 4. Kimble (WS), 53-4/4; 5. Hinkley (W), 52-5/4; 6. Okoro (OS), 52-2/4.

HIGH JUMP—1. Kotinek (UCLA), 7-3 (meet record; old mark 7-1/4), Mike Flier, Oregon St., 1974; 2. Woods (OS), 7-3; 3. Wilson (OS), 7-0; 4. Braach (WS), 7-0; 5. Meisler (UCLA), 7-0; 6. Niehi (WS), 6-10.

DECATHLON—1. Brigham (O), 7,827 points (meet record; old mark, 7,673, Brigham, 1973); 2. Miller (C), 7,099; 3. Lucas (OS), 6,785; 4. Radford (W), 6,679; 5. Blanchard (WS), 5,536; only entries. Top Marks: 110-Meter H—Mills and Blanchard, 15.3; Brigham, 15.4. DT—Brigham, 4:19.6; Brigham, 4:45.3.

FINAL TEAM SCORES—USC 152, UCLA 115, Washington St. 96, Oregon 95, Oregon St. 72, Washington 67, California 41, Stanford 12. Attendance—5,100.