

Reggie Jones Beats McTear

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MODESTO—Houston McTear forgot his shoes and Steve Williams forgot to come, so Reggie Jones stepped up Saturday night to win the 100-yard dash over a faltering McTear in the 34th California Relays.

Jones, the NCAA champion from Tennessee, was clocked in 9.3, three-tenths behind the world record of 9.0 which McTear equaled two weeks ago in the Florida high school championships.

McTear, who led most of the way, was clocked in 9.4 as he just held off Jamaica's Don Quarrie for second.

Meet director Tom Moore could not explain the absence of Williams, who defeated McTear last week in the Martin Luther King Games at Kingston, Jamaica.

"I talked to him earlier in the week and he assured me he would be here," Moore said.

McTear, running in borrowed shoes, was off to a great start but at the 75-yard mark he started to waver

and gave way to the long-striding Jones, who was pulling away at the finish. Jones stands 6-3 to McTear's 5-7, and it was like a big hound running down the rabbit.

"I just lost," said McTear, 18-year-old junior at Baker High in Florida. He was unsmiling and obviously disgruntled.

"Later, under questioning, he said "I couldn't get any traction from my cleats. The spikes were too long."

You'd think it would be other way around—that the spikes were too short—but that's what the man said.

Asked what he planned to do against Williams and Jones in the National AAU championships, McTear said, "Bring my own shoes."

The Modesto track, a sandy-clay surface, once was rated one of the fastest in the world but apparently it has lost some of its bounce. The times weren't slow but no longer do you have the feeling that world records are seriously in danger.

One who found the track to his liking was Wilson Waigwa of Kenya, who ran a lifetime best of 3:55.6 in winning the mile. Following the pace of NCAA champion Paul Cummings, Waigwa tore off a 55.9 final lap to win in a runaway. Cummings, of Brigham Young, faded badly and wound up seventh in 4:02.9.

Other top marks included 7-5 by Dwight Stones in the high jump, 219-3 by Finland's Pentti Kahma in the discus, 27-2¼ by Arnie Robinson in the long jump, and 20.3 by Quarrie in the 220.

USC came from far back to win the 440 relay in a meet record 39.3 and got a big lift in the pole vault when sophomore Russ Rogers upset the field with a lifetime best of 17-7½.

Kahma defeated world record-holder John Powell, who finished second at 216-11. Kahma, 31, 6-2 and 243, broke his Finnish record of 218-3 set last year when he was rated No. 1 in the world.

Now just how good is Houston McTear?

Well, you obviously can't call him the world's fastest human but you could call him the man to beat.

"All he needs is experience," said UCLA's Benny Brown, winner of the 440. "When he gets it, he's going to be dynamite. He'll be No. 1 next year."

Track Notes

Stones took three tries at a world record 7-7 but didn't come close. His winning height was the best outdoor mark in the world this year . . . Rogers, who had a previous best of 17-1½, said he wasn't thrilled by his 17-7½. "I won't be satisfied until I'm No. 1," he said. He didn't come close to 18-2 but got part of his body over on one vault and said, "I was using a new pole for the first time. As soon as I learn to handle it, I should improve."

In the 440 relay, USC was fifth after two legs but Ken Randle, as he's done all year, quickly got the Trojans even, then handed off perfectly to James Gilkes who had a one-yard lead as the anchor-men took off. Gilkes easily put away Arizona State's Herman Frazier but gave up a little ground to Tennessee's Jones who got up for second . . . Jones, who has been taking his lumps in the 100 this year, said, "I've been running too tight. I've been worrying too much about my start. Tonight, I just told myself to stay relaxed."

MEN

440 RELAY (Race 1)—1. Bay Area Striders (Payton, Pemas, Ligon, Bredell), 40.1; 2. Cal St. Northridge, 40.2; 3. Long Beach St., 40.7.

440 RELAY (Race 2)—1. USC (R. Williams, Simmons, Randle, Gilkes), 39.3 (meet record, old mark, 39.4, Texas El Paso, 1973); 2. Tennessee, 39.4; 3. Arizona St., 39.5; 4. BH Striders (M. Jackson, H. Jackson, Quarrie, L. Brown), 39.6. Others included: 6. UCLA (Owens, Brown, Wilson, Wilmoth), 39.7.

MILE—1. Waigwa (Texas El Paso), 3:55.6; 2. Martinez (Mexico), 3:58.4; 3. Daggatt (Oregon), 3:58.8; 4. Centrowitz (unaff.), 3:59.2.

400M—1. Boldin (PCC), 48.8 (meet record, old mark 49.9, Sealing, 1974); 2. Castleman (PCC), 51.0; 3. Cromwell (Kansas), 51.3; 4. Ewing (BH Striders), 51.5.

880 RELAY—1. Arizona St. (Wells, Williams, McCullough, Frazier), 1:32.4; 2. Kansas, 1:32.6; 3. California, 1:33.1; 4. DC Striders, 1:33.5.

SHOT PUT—1. Feuerbach (PCC), 63-4¼; 2. Dolegiewici (Canada), 64-7¼; 3. Heidhart (unaff.), 61-19¼; 4. Papp (UCLA), 60-1; 5. Budnich (USC), 59-4¼.

LONG JUMP—1. Robinson (Mickey's Whistles), 27-3¼; 2. Seay (Kansas), 26-11¼; 3. Hamilton (Kansas), 26-4¼; 4. Whitley (Calif. Int'l), 26-3¼.

100 (Race 1)—1. Walker (California), 9.5 (7.1 m.p.h. wind); 2. Strickland (Calif.), 9.5; 3. Payton (BA Striders), 9.5; 4. Bredell (BA Striders), 9.6.

100 (Race 2)—1. Jones (Tennessee), 9.3; 2. McTear (unaff.), 9.4; 3. Quarrie (BH Striders), 9.4; 4. Whitaker (San Jose St.), 9.5.

440—1. Brown (UCLA), 46.2; 2. Hicks (Washington), 46.4; 3. Shorts (LB St.), 46.5; 4. Gee (Australia), 47.5.

880—1. Enyeart (Utah St.), 1:48.1; 2. Veitkamp (Oklahoma), 1:49.7; 3. Robinson (Calif.), 1:49.8; 4. Baxter (unaff.), 1:49.8.

1200M—1. Jackson (UCLA), 13.6 (6.7 m.p.h. wind); 2. Owens (UCLA), 13.6; 3. M. Johnson (USC), 13.7; 4. O. Williams (USC), 13.8; 5. Turner (LB St.), 13.9.

DISCUS—1. Kahma (Finland), 219-3; 2. Powell (Pacific Coast Club), 216-11; 3. Wilkins (Azores TC), 208-11; 4. Silvester (unaff.), 204-7.

JAVELIN—1. George (BYU), 294-4; 2. Lalonde (Canada), 293-2; 3. Jaskola (Finland), 251-9; 4. Pearce (BH Striders), 243-1. Others included: 6. Goldie (LB St.), 137-10.

HIGH JUMP—1. Stones (PCC), 7-5 (meet record, old mark, 7-4, Stones, 1974); 2. Wilson (Oregon St.), 7-2; 3. Brown (All-American TC), 7-2; 4. Fleer (Oregon St.), 7-0.

220 (Race 1)—1. Decker (Calif. Int'l), 21.8; 2. Long (PCC), 21.1; 3. Rodgers (Cal St. Sacramento),

21.2; 4. Soanes (Australia), 21.3.

220 (Race 2)—1. Quarrie (BH Striders), 20.2; 2. Jones (Tennessee), 20.4; 3. Gilkes (USC), 20.5; 4. Randle (USC), 20.7.

TWO MILE—1. Prefontaine (Oregon TC), 8:34.4; 2. Halberstadt (PCC), 8:52.8; 3. Garcia (U.S. Army), 8:53.6; 4. Holme (Finland), 8:54.5.

1,000 METERS—1. J. Ngano (Washington St.), 13:54.8; 2. Gomez (Mexico), 13:56.8; 3. Hays (Mexico), 14:13.2; 4. Wallace (Texas El Paso), 14:17.4.

MILE RELAY—1. Kansas (Cromwell, Lewis, Benson, Smith), 3:27.2; 2. DC Striders, 3:11.1; 3. Fresno St., 3:12.2; no fourth.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Livers (San Jose St.), 54-1¼; 2. Terry (West Valley TC), 54-0; 3. Grimes (Texas El Paso), 53-9¼; 4. Reader (Calif. Int'l), 52-9¼. Others included: 6. Taylor (UCLA), 53-5¼.

POLE VAULT—1. Rogers (USC), 17-7¼ (meet record, old mark, 17-6¼, Steve Smith, PCC, 1973); 2. Moores (UCLA), 17-7¼; 3. Weldig (BA Striders), 17-1; 4. Tully (UCLA), 17-1.

TWO-MILE WALK—1. Laird (unaff.), 14:45.0; 2. Glaston (West Valley TC), 14:31.4; 3. Korn (unaff.), 14:35.0; 4. Ranney (Golden Gate TC), 13:14.8.

HAMMER—1. Frenn (unaff.), 221-4; 2. Farmer (Texas El Paso), 217-3; 3. Hart (NYAC), 216-11; 4. Brewer (U.S. Navy), 207-3.

WOMEN

100—1. Bert (Lakewood Int'l), 16.7; 2. Riggs (Central Washington), 16.7; 3. Cobbs (East Bay TC), 16.7. Other included: 5. Butler (UCLA), 16.8.

JAVELIN—1. Schmidt (Los Angeles TC), 209-7; 2. Calvert (Lakewood Int'l), 181-1; 3. Dahlgren (Canada), 173-4; 4. Salinas (Millbrae Lions), 165-10.

440—1. Byfield (East Bay TC), 53.3; 2. Scott (Premier TC), 55.7; 3. Robinson (UCLA), 56.5.

880—1. Poor (San Jose Cinderella), 2:56.8 (meet record, old mark, 3:09.2, Mary Decker, Blue Angels TC, 1974); 2. Bradley (Mexico), 2:07.7; 3. Decker (Lakewood Int'l), 2:59.0.

1,500 METERS—1. Brown (UCLA), 4:30.8; 2. Keyes (UCLA), 4:34.0; 3. Clausen (Wills Spikettes), 4:30.0.

HIGH JUMP—1. Huntley (Oregon TC), 6-1 (meet record, old mark, 5-9¼, Debbie Brill, Canada, 1970); 2. Brill (Canada), 6-0; 3. Stuart (Orinda TC), 5-6; 4. Gilbert (WIP's Wonder Women), 5-6.

LONG JUMP—1. Eisler (Canada), 21-4¼; 2. Elmore (Millbrae Lions), 19-9¼; 3. King (Millbrae Lions), 19-1.