Troians Pass **Preliminary Test**

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PROVO-USC advanced safely through the preliminaries Thursday night and remained a slight favorite to turn back Texas (El Paso) in the 54th NCAA track and field championships at Brigham Young Universitv.

Finals will be held tonight in the 100, high hurdles, six mile, long jump, shot put and hammer throw.

"USC has it wrapped up." said UCLA coach Jim Bush who saw his own hopes dimmed when Mike Tully failed to qualify in the pole vault and defending champion Jerry Herndon was eliminated in the long jump.

USC coach Vern Wolfe said, "We did all right, but there's still a long way to go. We've got to stay tough. We have to keep improving.

UTEP got a jolt when Greg Joy. the NCAA indoor champion, failed to qualify in the high jump, and USC got a boost when Gerald Hardeman joined Randy Williams among the

long jump qualifiers.

Williams qualified second at 26-11/2 and Hardeman was fifth at 25-81/2. The leader was Theo Hamilton of Kansas at 26-51/4. Marks do not carry

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