UCLA Makes Move and USC Falls Back

Texas El Paso Leads NCAA Track After Finishing One-Two in Shot Put

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PROVO—Just 24 hours after he conceded the team title to USC, Jim Bush watched hurdlers James Owens and Clim Jackson lead a charge that moved UCLA into contention Friday night in the 54th NCAA track and field championships at Brigham Young University.

"We're going to give USC a go," the UCLA coach said. "The Bruins woke

up tonight."

Owens and Jackson both won their semifinal heats in the high hurdles and Bush said, "Tomorrow, we can either go one-two, one-three or twothree. We should score at least 14 points."

USC fell back when Olympic champion Randy Williams finished only fourth in the long jump, and UCLA picked up when Willie Banks got an

unexpected fifth.

Texas El Paso had an early jolt when Peter Farmer was upset in the hammer by Boris Djerassi of Northeastern but the Miners got those points back when Hans Hoglund became the eighth man to throw the shot 70 feet and teammate Hans Almstrom finished second for a big 18 points in the shot put.

After six events, UTEP led with 29 points, followed by Brigham Young with 19. USC had 5 and UCLA 2.

USC coach Vern Wolfe said, "We're hanging on barely, because UTEP

looks awfully tough. And, of course, UCLA is right in there."

Hoglund, a left-hander from Sweden, threw exactly 70 feet, becoming only the second collegian to achieve that mark. Randy Matson was the first with his former world record of 71.51%.

Other winners were Hasely Crawford of Eastern Michigan, 9.35 in the 100; Charlton Ehizuelen of Illinois, 26-11 in the long jump, and John Ngeno of Washington State, 28:20.66 in the six mile.

Crawford, running against a 2.4 m.p.h. wind, overtook fast-starting Clifford Outlin of Auburn, who held off defending champion Reggie Jones of Tennessee.

USC ran a nation-leading 39.01 in the 440 relay semifinals and leadoff runner Randy Williams said, "We're going for the world record tomorrow. James Gilkes was just walking on the anchor."

The record is 38.6, set by USC in the 1967 NCAA meet in the same stadium.

The high hurdles finals were to be held Friday night but they were postponed after a misplacement of hurdles in the semifinals necessitated the rerunning of one of the heats.

UCLA's Jackson won the rerun, despite a sore knee after he crashed in the semifinal. Owens won his heat in

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a lifetime best of 13.57, finishing ahead of defending champion Charles Foster of North Carolina Central.

"James has given Foster something to think about tonight," Jackson said. "In fact, they're all going to be thinking about him. And when they're worrying about him tomorrow, I might just sneak through and win it. Yes, we could go one-two."

Track Notes

Williams and Banks both did 25-111/2 in the long jump, Randy getting the fourth on the second best jump. "I guess I just wasn't meant to win," said Williams who again had trouble with his step. "Maybe I was trying too hard. I made some mental mistakes." . . . UCLA's Benny Brown Won his 440 semifinal easily in 45.51 while USC's Ken Randle cruised to a 45.66 behind Penn State's Mike Sands. "I'm thinking about a world record tomorrow," said Brown. "I'm not saying I'm going to win, but it's going to be fast." Randle said, "I think a world record is possible. If not, then it will take 44.6 or 44.7 to win. Nobody's going to be holding back, that's for sure."

Both the Trojans and Bruins got a break when Ehizuelen, the defending champion, failed to qualify in the triple jump. Also improving UCLA's chances was an injury in the 100 to Steve Williams of Arizona State. If Williams is unable to run on the Sun Devil 440 relay team, Bush thinks the Bruins could get as high as second ... USC discus throwers Darrell Elder and Ralph Fruguglietti barely qualified, getting the final two spots. "We'll just have to get them squared away tomorrow," said Wolfe. "I'm sure they'll come back."

The twilight meet started under a burning sun and Trojan intermediate hurdler Tom Andrews almost was a victim of heat prostration. "A half hour before his race, they had to pack him with ice," said Wolfe. "I was afraid he wouldn't make it." Andrews qualified safely in the intermediates, then came back to run a 45.7 leg in the mile relay as the Trojans rallied from fifth place to qualify.

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