

Wilkins Sets World Discus Record at 69.18*

*That's meters for 226 feet 11 inches

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WALNUT—Don Quarrie pulled out of the sprints and Dave Roberts failed to clear 5.30 in the pole vault but Mac Wilkins saved the day by setting a world record of 69.18 in the discus Saturday.

Confused? So were a lot of people at the Mt. San Antonio Relays where meet management decided to give fans a crash course in the metric system. Unless you happened to have been raised in Paris or Berlin or some other capital out of the Anglo-American sphere, you were in deep trouble. Never have so many known so little about what they were seeing.

For the record, Wilkins threw the discus 226 feet 11 inches to break the record of 226-8 set last year by John Powell. Both represent the Pacific Coast Club.

A 25-year-old graduate of the University of Oregon, Wilkins stands 6-4, weighs 260 and will be remembered by Forum fans as the man who upset Al Feuerbach and Britain's Geoff Capes in the Times Indoor Games shot put with a lifetime best of 68-4½.

There was nothing fluky about his record effort Saturday. He also had throws of 225-7, 221-6 and 221-4.

Tall, dark-haired and handsome, and sporting the fiercest beard this side of Franco Harris, Wilkins is a powerful, classically constructed athlete who former Oregon coach Bill Bowerman called "the greatest all-around weightman in history."

"No, I didn't think I was ready for a world record," he said. "I would have been satisfied with anything over 215. I hurt my back weightlifting a week ago and I can still feel it."

He said he was turned on by watching former world record holder Jay Silvester in warmups.

"He's a man I've always tried to imitate," said Wilkins, "and he was just blasting it on his practice throws. That got me excited and I tried to do the same thing."

Does this make Wilkins the favorite for Montreal?

"No," he said, "John Powell is still number one, but if I can improve my

technique, I like my chances pretty good."

The meet otherwise produced mixed results for those looking ahead to next Saturday's dual meet showdown between USC and UCLA at Westwood.

USC was upset in the 400-meter relay, after a dreadful third leg by Ken Randle, and UCLA's James Owens was a loser for the first time this year in the high hurdles, running third behind San Jose State's Dedy Cooper and USC's Fred Shaw. Cooper's time was a wind-aided 13.6.

In the relay, the Trojans were leading after two legs but Randle got a bad exchange from Mike Simmons, then lost more ground on the turn. When he passed off to James Gilkes, the Trojans were third, four yards back. Gilkes made up most of it but just failed to catch Clancy Edwards of the winning Maccabi Track Club team. Both teams were timed in 40.1.

"I just didn't warm up enough," said Randle. "I was too tight. We had a lot of hard workouts last week and I'm still a little stiff."

Owens, who was clocked in 13.8, said, "Mentally, I was not prepared. All our workouts are pointing to next week. I found myself floating over the hurdles—I couldn't snap down. I had to lose sometime, and I'm glad it's here, not in a dual meet."

In the field events, all the markings on the field were in meters. When results were given over the public address, the winner's mark was converted to feet and inches but the remaining marks were announced in meters.

"I didn't know what was going on," said UCLA coach Jim Bush. Scouting the Trojans for next Saturday, Bush was especially interested in the second place shot put mark of USC's Mike Budinich. It was announced as 18.79.

"I had to stop Budinich and ask him what it was," said Bush.

It was 61-7/4.

The height that Roberts missed in the pole vault was 17-4/4, and the winner at that height was Roland Carter of the Gulf Coast Track Club. Roberts was third at 5.15 . . . er, make that 16-10/4.

We'll get it yet.

Track Notes

Quarrie said he only had been tentatively entered in the 100 and 200. "I never really intended to run them," he said. He was clocked in 20.2 for his 200-meter leg in the 800 relay . . . Olympic bronze medalist Arnie Robbleson set a meet record of 26-5/4 in the long jump . . . UCLA's Bennie Myles, after skipping the quarter-mile the past two weeks, won the 400 meters handily in 46.1. "I had been going out too fast," said Myles, explaining his recent slump. "Now I'm pacing myself and I'm a lot stronger at the end. It felt good today."

UCLA had several scratches, including Willie Banks in the long jump and triple jump, Jim Neidhart in the shot and Mike Tully in the pole vault. Banks is nursing a cold and Neidhart and Tully just decided to skip it . . . UCLA's Orlando Johnson was leading the 100 meters at the halfway point but faded to seventh . . . In women's events, Kathy Schmidt threw the javelin 211-6, second only to her American record of 215-6, and Canada's Debbie Brill beat American record holder Jeal Hestley in the high jump with a leap of 6-2/4.

Wilkins, explaining his improvement over last year when his best was 219-1 and he was ranked No. 6 in the world: "My technique is finally catching up to my athletic ability." . . . Silvester failed to place, fouling all three throws in the prelims . . . Quarrie, who works out at USC, minimized Troy's loss in the 400 relay. "They've been working awfully hard all week," he said. "You'll see a whole different team next week. They'll really be rolling." . . . Asked to predict the outcome of the meet, Quarrie said, "We're going to win."

INVITATIONAL

5,000 METERS—1. Castenada (Colorado TC), 13:48.8 (meet record, old mark, 13:51.3). Tracy Smith, unaf. (1973); 2. Yibaditsa (Nevada Reno), 13:49.3; 3. Gregorio (Colorado TC), 13:50.4; 4. Babcock (San Fernando Valley TC), 13:59.3; 5. Groszke (Canada), 13:57.4.
100—1. Hampton (San Jose CC), 13:21.4; 2. Turner (All-American TC), 21.4; 3. Edwards (Maccabi TC), 21.4; 4. Fray (Maccabi TC), 21.4; 5. Smith (Maccabi TC), 21.4.
400 Ht—Casselman (Pacific Coast TC), 58.3; 2. King (Maccabi TC), 59.9; 3. Cavelli (PCC), 51.8; 4. Lee (U.S. Navy), 52.1; 5. Whitney (BH Striders), 52.5.
SHOT PUT—1. Schmack (BH Striders), 66-16/16; 2. Budinich (USC), 61-7/4; 3. Weeks (San Jose S.C.), 61-4/4; 4. Page (Maccabi TC), 60-11/4; 5. Albright (CS Northridge), 58-1.
50—1. McCollum (BA Striders), 10.3; 2. Taylor (Houston Striders), 10.3; 3. Gargenberger (Maccabi TC), 10.3; 4. Page (Maccabi TC), 10.3; 5. Deckard (All-American TC), 10.5.
100H—1. Cooper (San Jose S.C.), 13.4; 2. Shaw (USC), 13.7; 3. Owens (UCLA), 13.1; 4. White (MCC), 13.7; 5. Smith (All-American TC), 13.9.
800—1. Brown (BH Striders), 1:50.9; 2. Johnson (USC), 1:51.3; 3. Baxter (Santa Monica TC), 1:51.4;

4. Tarr (Redlands), 1:51.5; 5. Oelich (Azusa Pacific), 1:51.4.
1,500—1. Craig (Canada), 3:44.7; 2. Lawson (BH Striders), 3:46.3; 3. Hilton (PCC), 3:47.5; 4. Krause (Canada), 3:47.9; 5. Krause (Maccabi TC), 3:48.5.
400 RELAY (Race 1)—1. Maccabi TC (Parks, C. Smith, Edwards, Gargenberger), 40.1; 2. San Jose S.C., 40.1; 3. USC, 40.1; 4. Bay Area Striders, 40.8; (Race 2)—1. Long Beach S.C. (Brewer, J. Williams, County, Gracel), 40.4; 2. San Jose S.C., 40.4; 3. U.S. Army, 41.1; 4. West Valley TC, 41.1.
JAVELIN—1. Kennedy (San Jose S.C.), 229-2; 2. Stuart (BH Striders), 229-7; 3. Omphrey (BH Striders), 226-7; 4. Orell (Pomona-Pitzer), 226-4; 5. Eswalko (Washington), 222-4.
HAMMER—1. Diehl (U.S. Army), 232-2; 2. Neilson (Canada), 219-4; 3. Hart (New York AC), 216-4; 4. Keeling (Canada), 214-4/4; 5. Frenn (Maccabi TC), 214-0/4.
800 RELAY—1. Maccabi TC (C. Smith, Parks, B. Brown, Edwards), 1:25.4; 2. San Jose S.C., 1:25.0; 3. All-American TC, 1:24.4; 4. BH Striders, 1:26.5; 5. Canadian National Team, 1:27.5.
MILE RELAY—1. USC (Connors, 48.2, Graybill, 47.3, Brown, 46.8, T. Andrews, 46.6), 3:09.1; 2. Long Beach S.C., 3:12.4; 3. Canada, 3:13.2; 4. U.S. Army, 3:13.3; 5. Stanford, 3:13.8.
400—1. Myles (UCLA), 46.1; 2.

Shorts (Long Beach S.C.), 46.5; 3. Miller (San Diego S.C.), 46.4; 4. Vernon Ferguson (West Coast Jct.), 47.2; 5. H. Brown (Maccabi TC), 47.3.
TRIPLE JUMP—1. Livics (PHI. Pioneers), 54-11 (meet record, old mark, 53-10/4). Walker, Striders, 1968; 2. Abdul Rahman (BH Striders), 54-7/4; 3. Butts (BH Striders), 54-7/4; 4. McClendon (Mesa, Ariz. CC), 53-4/4.
DISCUS—1. Wilkins (PCC), 226-11 (world and meet record, old world mark, 226-4, John Powell, CCC, 1973). Sid meet mark, 220-4, Jay Silvester, unaf., 1971; 3. Greacher (DC Striders), 209-8; 3. Stadel (BH Striders), 203-4; 4. Swartz (PHI. Pioneers), 203-4.
HIGH JUMP—1. Brown (All-American TC), 7-3; 2. Kolinek (PCC), 7-1; 3. Woods (PCC), 7-0; 4. Nowacki (Santa Barbara CC), 7-0/4.
POLE VAULT—1. Tie between Carter (Gulf Coast TC) and Jesse (Maccabi TC), 13-4/4; 2. Roberts (unaf.), 16-10/4; 3. Distinialo (USC), 16-10/4; 4. Rogers (USC), 16-10/4; 5. Carrigan (PCC), 16-10/4.
LONG JUMP—1. Robinson (Maccabi TC), 46-5/4; 2. Whitely (unaf.), 35-11/4; 3. Moore (Maccabi TC), 35-4; 4. R. Williams (BH Striders), 34-11/4; 5. Seay (PCC), 34-10/4.
OPEN
100 (Race 1)—1. Meitz (Ivory Coast), 15.4; 2. Kabian (Ivory Coast), 16.4; 3. County (Long Beach S.C.), 19.5; (Race 2)—1. Finlay (Mesa CC), 16.4; 2. Fray (Maccabi TC), 18.3; 3. Harris (U.S. Army), 18.4.
200—1. Zundov (Stanford), 29:20.2; 2. Sanja (Texas St. Peach), 29:22.3; 3. Pacomaras (MCC), 29:24.4; 4. Silva (Mexico), 30:10.2.
100H—1. Tie between Whitfield (Southern Arizona TC) and Carlson (Nevada Reno), 21.4; 2. Foster (Stanford), 14.3; 4. Hall (Mt. San Antonio College), 14.3.
400H—1. Gardner (Utah), 1:14; 2. Butler (Bay Area Striders), 1:24; 3. Fisher (LA S.C.), 1:29; 4. Joyner (unaf.), 1:31.
5,000 WALK—1. Laird (New York AC), 46:41.1; 2. Canto (Mexico), 46:43.8; 3. Reyes (Mexico), 47:02.8; 4. Haluz (unaf.), 49:30.3.
SHUTTLE Ht RELAY—1. USC (Graybill, Shaw, T. Andrews, Johnson), 3:01.3 (meet record, old mark, 3:04.8, BH Striders, 1974); 2. Maccabi TC, 3:07.3; 3. Reno TC, 1:00.0; 4. Mt. San Antonio, 1:00.2.
MARATHON—1. Martinez (MCC), 2:39:32.4; 2. Valdes (Mexico), 2:31:17.5; 3. Perez (Mexico), 2:34:54.0; 4. Ocano (Culver City AC), 3:27:42.0.
300—1. Jordan (Alameda College), 51.9; 2. Vernon Ferguson (West Coast Jct.), 52.0; 3. Sy (unaf.), 52.1; 4. Harris (U.S. Army), 52.1.
LONG JUMP—1. Adams (unaf.), 24-3/4; 2. Givins (unaf.), 22-10/4; 3. Thomas (All-American TC), 23-7/4; 4. Watson (Las Vegas Striders), 23-1/4.
300 STEEPLECHASE—1. Marsch (BYU), 8:43.4; 2. Ballerms (Mexico), 9:55.3; 3. Espinosa (Northern Arizona), 9:04.4; 4. Trapo Arizona, 9:11.4.
TWO-MILE RELAY—1. UC (Irvine), 12:59.3; 2. CS Northridge, 7:46.3; 3. Cal Poly SLO, 7:54.4; 4. Long Beach S.C., 8:02.3.
MILE RELAY—1. Cal Poly SLO (Bartlett, McTeer, Williams, Lloyd), 3:12.8; 2. Cal St. LA, 3:13.3; 3. Long Beach S.C., 3:14.4; 4. UC Irvine, 3:17.3.
5,000 WALK—1. Walker (BH Striders), 22:01.2; 2. Laird (New York AC), no time; 3. Nihilil (unaf.), 22:57.4; 4. Hall (unaf.), 23:07.1.
HIGH SCHOOL
TWO MILE—1. St. John (Mater Dei), 9:14.2; 2. Aguirra (Santa Barbara), 9:14.4; 3. J. Ebner (Bishop Amat), 9:14.4; 4. Boettcher (Pomona), 9:23.3; 5. Heideman (Santa Monica), 9:27.8.
400 RELAY—1. Blair (Ball. Eils, Moody, Jackson), 41.8; 2. Lincoln (SD), 41.9; 3. Dorsey, 42.4; 4. Loyola, 43.0; 5. Muir, 43.4.
800 RELAY—1. Dorsey (Turner, Davis, Basely, Galewood), 1:29.4; 2. Lincoln (SD), 1:29.4; 3. Garey, 1:29.4; 4. Loyola, 1:30.4; 5. Muir, 1:30.4.
MILE RELAY—1. San Bernardino, 3:26.3; 2. Notre Dame (SO), 3:21.4 (Jenkins, 49.2); 3. Washington, 3:23.0; 4. Santa Monica, 3:24.4; 5. Newport Harbor, 3:28.5.
GIRLS: 400 RELAY—1. Muir, 48.1; 2. West Torrance, 47.7; 3. West Covina, 50.7; 4. Santa Barbara, 50.9. MILE RELAY (combined races)—1. Pomona, 4:53.9; 2. Santa Barbara, 4:53.9; 3. Esposito, 4:56.4; 4. West Torrance, 4:57.7; 5. Muir, 4:58.8. SPRINT MILELY RELAY—1. Pomona, 4:09.3; 2. Madison (SD), 4:26.1. DISTANCE MILELY RELAY—1. Madison (SD), 12:37.4; 2. Santa Barbara, 12:18.0; 3. Valencia, 12:12.0. HJ—1. Stafford (Clearmont, SD), 5-1/4; 2. Hawkins (Chino), 5-1/4. LJ—1. Taylor (PI. Loma), 17-7/4; 2. Haynes (Ventura), 16-11/4. SP—1.

Kadiubek (Santa Barbara), 37-7/4. 2. Gutzman (Santa Barbara), 35-3/4.
WOMEN
400—1. Bryant (LA Mercantile), 51.5 (meet record, old mark, 53.2, Lundgren, Sweden, 1972); 2. Byfield (Berkeley East Bay TC), 54.5; 3. Rich (LA Mercantile), 54.7; 4. Scott (Premier TC), 55.2.
500 (under 18)—1. Mullins (LATC), 2:13.4; 2. Antoniewicz (LATC), 2:14.3; 3. Arana (Mexico), 2:14.9; 4. Ring (San Jose Cindergais), 2:17.7.
JAVELIN—1. Schmidt (LATC), 211-4; 2. Smith (UCLA), 199-3; 3. Harby (Norway), 177-4; 4. Calvert (Lakewood Int.), 175-10.
800—1. Knudson (Colorado S.C.), 2:04.8 (usual meet record, Decker, Blue Angels TC, 1974); 2. Kleinasser (Blue Angels TC), 2:06.2; 3. Weston (WV's Softball), 2:06.2; 4. Poor (San Jose Cindergais), 2:06.9.
1,500—1. Currie (Canada), 4:19.2 (meet record, old mark, 4:29.5, 5:16, Brill, 1971 and Gilbert, La Jolla TC, 1974); 2. Hurdley (unaf.), 4:20.4; 3. Oshikoya (LATC), 5:11; 4. Bittner (Canada), 5-9.
300—1. Bryant (LA Mercantile), 32.8; 2. Byfield (Berkeley East Bay TC), 34.3; 3. Rich (LA Mercantile), 34.7; 4. Maggart (Canada), 34.8.
100 HURDLES—1. Donnelly (Lakewood Int.), 12.8; 2. Oshikoya (LATC), 13.9; 3. McMillin (Lakewood Int.), 14.3; 4. Deman (Canada), 14.4.
MILE RELAY—1. LA Mercantile (Walker, Rich, Bryant, Moore), 3:30.4; 2. SoCal Cheerlax, 3:33.3; 3. Long Beach Comets, 3:39.3; 4. San Jose Cindergais, 3:42.4.
5,000 WALK—1. S. Brodock (Rialto Road Runners), 22:41.2; 2. Johnson (Blue Angels TC), 26:22.4; 3. J. Brodock (Rialto RR), 27:05.5.
LONG JUMP—1. Watson (Lakewood Int.), 30-3/4; 2. Oshikoya (LATC), 29-10/4; 3. Elster (Canada), 29-9/4; 4. White (Chicago S.C.), 29-4/4.
DISCUS—1. Haliz (Canada), 186-6/4; 2. Ionesco (Canada), 185-10/4; 3. Martin (Canada), 179-4; 4. Langford (Milbrae Lions), 167-10.
JUNIOR COLLEGE
400 RELAY—1. East LA (Yates, McGlothin, Sheffield, Perry), 41.3; 2. Long Beach, 41.7; 3. Pasadena, 41.4; 4. Bakerfield, 41.8; 5. Citrus, 42.2.
POLE VAULT—1. Weese (Orange Coast), 16-4/4; 2. Schirner (Mesa, Ariz.), 16-1/4; 3. Johnson (Pasadena), 15-6/4; 4. Wilson (Long Beach), 15-4/4; 5. May (El Camino), 15-4.
MILE RELAY—1. Mesa, Ariz. (Finley, Johnson, Robertson, Patten), 5:22.0; 2. Alameda, 5:17.3; 3. Harbor, 5:17.3; 5. Pasadena, 5:18.3.
MASTERS
100 METERS (40-49)—Newton (BH Striders), 11.5 (50-59)—Jordan (unaf.), 12.0 (60 and over)—Carruso (Seniors TC), 13.4. 1,500—1. Fitzgerald (Seniors TC), 4:24.8; 2. Parks (Seniors TC), 4:28.5; 3. Kalschmid (San Fernando Valley TC), 4:29.3; 4. 600 RELAY—Corona del Mar TC (Davidson, Jackson, Waterman, Knox), 45.4.
DEATHLON
FIRST-DAY LEADERS—1. Gough (Club Northwest), 3:43.0; 2. Andren (Cal St. LA), 3:79.9; 3. Yurk (CSLA), 3:72.5; 4. Bennett (unaf.), 3:71.8; 5. Whiston (Gulf Coast TC), 3:50.
EVENT LEADERS: 100 METERS—Bennett and Yurk, 11.6. LJ—Andren, 23-0/4. SP—Reilly (All-American TC), 30-7. HJ—Andren, 6-7/4. 400—Bennett, 47.5.
Attendance—6,500 (est.)