

USC, UCLA Track Teams Win in Preview of Nothing

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The double dual meet at Drake Stadium Saturday was supposed to be a preview of the USC-UCLA meet May 1. It wasn't.

Cold weather, cautious coaches and tired, uninspired athletes combined to make it a rather dreary affair that proved little to 6,565 shivering fans.

For the record, UCLA beat California, 79-65, for its 40th straight dual meet victory, and USC routed Stanford, 105-35, for its fifth straight this season.

Comparing UCLA and USC marks, the Trojans come out on top, 74 1/2-69 1/2, but it doesn't mean a thing.

USC's James Gilkes didn't run either sprint, for instance. Neither USC's Ken Randle nor UCLA's Bennie Myles ran the 400 meters. UCLA's Grant Niederhaus passed up the intermediate hurdles and USC's Rayfield Beaton ran the 1,500 instead of the 800.

The advertised duel between UCLA's Jeff Haynes and Cal's James Robinson in the 800 didn't come off. Robinson opted for the 400, hoping to meet Myles. He didn't know that Myles already had opted for the 200.

That's the kind of day it was.

The only meet record was produced by UCLA's James Owens, winner of the high hurdles in 13.6. That equals his lifetime best. Best of the Trojan marks was a 192-2 in the discus by Ralph Fruguglietti. Teammate Darrell Elder was second at 189-8, giving both Trojans a better mark than UCLA's Rich Gunther, winner against Cal at 188-4.

Fruguglietti wasn't satisfied.

"Darrell and I both should have been over 200," he said, "but we didn't get much sleep last night."

It turns out the Trojans had just flown in from Honolulu, leaving at 2:30 a.m. Los Angeles time. They had remained on the islands after meeting the University of Hawaii a week ago.

Russ Rogers, who vaulted 18-1 1/2 against Hawaii, started at 16-6 against Stanford and failed to make it.

"I'm just too tired," he said.

He wasn't the only favorite to go scoreless. UCLA's Jason Meisler was shut out in the high jump against California, failing to clear his opening height of 6-8.

"Neither of us performed very well," UCLA coach Jim Bush said.

Fruguglietti, who had his lifetime best of 194-6 against UCLA last year, thinks the Trojans are finally ready to end UCLA's streak, which includes four straight wins over USC.

"I don't see anybody stopping us this year," he said. "We've got great morale this year. We didn't have the same togetherness when I came here as a freshman. Now, everybody's pulling together. There are no problems. Everybody wants to win."

California coach Erv Hunt said, "USC has more depth but UCLA always rises up for the big ones. I think it will come right down to the last event."

Track Notes

Cal sprinter Wesley Walker didn't make the trip. Walker was hospitalized in Berkeley after an infection in his foot traveled to his lymph glands. "We think he's going to be all right," said Hunt, "but it was a scare." . . . USC's Mike Helsby has a seasonal best of 228-7 in the javelin and barely fouled on a throw of 234 feet . . . UCLA long jumper Jerry Herndon sat it out with a hamstring pull but Bush said, "He'll be ready for USC" . . . Myles was surprised in the 200 by Cal's Paul Wallace. "Bennie was too cold," said Bush. "All that waiting after the sprint relay tightened him up. He'll be better in the 200 after running the 400" . . . UCLA's Phil Mills had a lifetime best of 51.2 in the 400 intermediates, running strongly all the way . . . In the USC-Stanford 100, the wind was 2 m.p.h. against the runners. In the UCLA-Cal 100, it was 2.3 m.p.h. in back of the runners . . . Randle, winner of both sprints, was asked if the Trojans enjoyed themselves on the islands. "Yes," he said, puffing heavily, "and today I'm paying for it" . . . Bush, asked if he thought Beaton would double in the 1,500 and 800 against the Bruins: "He'll have to."

UCLA VS. CALIFORNIA

SHOT PUT—1, Neidhart (UCLA), 61-6 1/2; 2, Mannon (C), 55-7 1/2; 3, Kurrasch (UCLA), 55-7 1/2.

400 METER RELAY—1, UCLA (Owens, Myles, Wilson, Theriot), 40.3; California dropped before.

JAVELIN—1, Banks (C), 207-1; 2, Toeti (UCLA), 203-8; 3, Hibner (C), 197-1.

LONG JUMP—1, Banks (UCLA), 24-10 1/2; 2, Hibner (C), 23-0 1/2; 3, Thorp (C), 22-4 1/2.

1,200—1, Clifford (C), 3:47.3; 2, Beck (UCLA), 3:48.5; 3, Harris (C), 3:50.7.

100M—1, Owens (UCLA), 13.6 (meet record, old mark 12.8, Ron Copeland, UCLA, 1967); 2, Moseley (C), 14.1; 3, Mills (UCLA), 14.2.

400—1, Robinson (C), 47.5; 2, Niederhaus (UCLA), 47.5; 3, Theriot (UCLA), 48.1.

100—1, Wilson (UCLA), 10.5; 2, Wallace (C), 10.4; no third.

DISCUS—1, Gunther (UCLA), 188-4; 2, Harvey (UCLA), 173-3; 3, Mannon (C), 132-8.

HIGH JUMP—1, Murphy (C), 4-10; 2, Miller (C), 4-8; 3, Paver (UCLA), 4-4.

800—1, Haynes (UCLA), 1:50.8; 2, Morgan (C), 1:50.9; 3, Bay (C), 1:52.8.

400M—1, Mills (UCLA), 51.3; 2, Robsky (C), 52.4; 3, Fullerton (C), 54.2.

200—1, Wallace (C), 31.3; 2, Myles (UCLA), 31.4; 3, Moseley (C), 31.4.

TRIPLE JUMP—1, Banks (UCLA), 52-8; 2, Thorp (C), 49-3 1/2; 3, McCarthy (UCLA), 48-0 1/2.

5,000—1, Duffley (C), 14:17.8; 2, Bloom (C), 14:37.0; 3, Boswell (UCLA), no time.

POLE VAULT—1, Toeti (UCLA), 17-0; 2, Curran (UCLA), 16-4; 3, Hinz (C), 16-0.

MILE RELAY—1, UCLA (Theriot 48.0, Leads 48.1, Haynes 49.2, Myles 48.0), 3:12.3; 2, California (Robinson 47.7, Ennes 50.0, Fullerton 50.5, Morgan 49.1), 3:14.8.

STEEPLECHASE (non-scoring)—1, Gelken (S), 7:14.4; 2, Walkin (UCLA), 7:37.4; 3, Emory (S), 7:41.4.

FINAL SCORE—UCLA 79, California 65.

USC VS. STANFORD

SHOT PUT—1, Budnitch (USC), 59-11 1/2; 2, Fruguglietti (USC), 56-10 1/2; 3, Sittard (S), 52-4 1/2.

400 METER RELAY—1, USC (Simmons, J. Andrews, Randle, Gilkes), 40.2; 2, Stanford (Holmes, Lofton, Foster, Sheets), 40.4.

LONG JUMP—1, Lofton (S), 24-7 1/2; 2, Herndon (USC), 23-5 1/2; no third.

1,200—1, Beaton (USC), 3:51.7; 2, Parietti (S), 3:52.4; 3, Aldridge (USC), 3:52.8.

JAVELIN—1, Helsby (USC), 228-7; 2, Macrorie (S), 216-5; 3, Ellis (S), 179-3.

HIGH JUMP—1, Walker (USC), 6-8; no second or third.

100M—1, M. Johnson (USC), 12.9; 2, Shaw (USC), 14.0; 3, Foster (S), 14.1.

400—1, Brown (USC), 47.1; 2, Simmons (USC), 47.5; 3, Connors (USC), 47.5.

DISCUS—1, Fruguglietti (USC), 193-2; 2, Elder (USC), 189-8; 3, Budnitch (USC), 166-3.

100—1, Randle (USC), 10.6; 2, Holmes (S), 10.4; 3, Graybehl (USC), 10.7.

800—1, L. Johnson (USC), 1:51.9; 2, McCarthy (S), 1:52.4; 3, Hadley (S), 1:52.7.

400M—1, T. Andrews (USC), 50.8; 2, Graybehl (USC), 51.4; 3, Densmore (S), 52.5.

200—1, Randle (USC), 20.8; 2, Simmons (USC), 21.0; 3, Holmes (S), 21.3.

TRIPLE JUMP—1, Assaf (USC), 51-10; 2, Cochee (USC), 51-1 1/2; 3, Jackson (USC), 48-10 1/2.

POLE VAULT—1, DiStanzio (USC), 16-0; 2, Flint (S), 14-0; 3, Kwan (USC), 13-4.

5,000—1, Sandoval (S), 13:52.3; 2, Bellah (S), no time; 3, Parietti (S), no time.

MILE RELAY—1, USC (Connors 48.7, Gilkes 48.3, Brown 47.1, Beaton 47.8), 3:11.9; 2, Stanford (Wingo 49.6, Sheets 48.7, McCarthy 48.8, Lofton 47.1), 3:14.3.

FINAL SCORE—USC 155, Stanford 35.

Attendance—6,565.