

Gilkes Gets Close Decision and USC Scores Pac-8 KO

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BERKELEY—James Gilkes set the tempo with an incredible come-from-behind finish in the 400-meter relay and the rest of the Trojans took it from there Saturday to give USC its third straight team title in the Pacific 8 track and field championships with a record 180 points.

On an unusually warm day at Edwards Stadium, a crowd of 13,428 saw the Trojans pull in the points in huge chunks to make a shambles of the opposition. Surprising Washington was second with 99 points, followed by UCLA with 95. Others were Washington State, 88; Oregon, 77; California, 53; Oregon State, 38, and Stanford, 21.

Gilkes, the free-wheeling senior from Guyana, successfully defended his titles in both sprints, winning the 100 meters in 10.5 and the 200 in 21.1, but he ran his best and most ex-

citing race in the relay after taking the baton at least five yards behind UCLA's Orlando Johnson.

Never did it appear Gilkes could make up the deficit. Even after he had cut the margin in half with 50 meters to go, it still seemed an impossible task, but he kept going and in the last five yards got the job done with a tremendous surge. The time was 39.9, with UCLA second in 40.0.

Gilkes, who thought he was 10 yards behind, said, "I knew I would catch him. I had to, because we needed the win after our performance Friday, when some of us fell down. We needed a lift."

A lift is what the Trojans got. Ken Randle, making a fast recovery from the injuries that almost put him out of the meet Friday, successfully defended his 400 meter title in 46.0 af-

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ter a stirring battle with UCLA's Bennie Myles, then came back to grab second behind Gilkes in the 200.

Also making successful title defenses were Tom Andrews, 49.9 in the 400 intermediates; Tom Cochee, 53.9 in the triple jump on his last attempt, and a mile relay team of Rod Connors, Trevor Campbell, Claude Brown and Rayfield Beaton which won in 3:08.6.

The way the Trojans piled up points was staggering. They got 22 in the 200, 21 in the 400, 18 in the 100, 16 in the intermediate hurdles and 14 in the discus and the triple jump. They had four finalists in the 400 and all four scored.

"We brought 24 people," said USC coach Vern Wolfe, "and all of them scored. It was just a tremendous team effort, by far our best ever in the Pac-8. I'm really proud of these kids."

UCLA coach Jim Bush said, "The lost weekend has been completed. It's the poorest team performance we've ever had in this meet. For some reason, everything went wrong."

Typifying UCLA's problems was a fall by Conrad Suhr in the 800. Cutting for the pole after the first turn, he ran up on the pack and tumbled to the track. He got up, but by then the rest were long gone. He managed to save sixth, only because another runner fell and USC's Lloyd Johnson was disqualified after finishing fifth.

The resurgence of Randle after he almost failed to qualify in the 400 prelims was credited largely to the work of Dr. Leroy Perry, a Pasadena chiropractor who volunteers his services to the USC team.

Dr. Perry had a lot of area to cover because Randle—besides a sciatic problem—was nursing a sore knee and a painful blister on his left foot.

"He treated me three different times last night," said Randle. "He deserves an awful lot of credit, not just for what he's done for me but the whole team."

"I'm sort of glad this happened because it proved to me I can handle this kind of situation. I never had to before. In my mind, I passed a test."

Randle was the early leader in the 400, then Myles passed him as they came off the last turn and appeared in command. Randle fought back, however, drawing abreast with 20 meters to go, then inching away in a desperate struggle to the wire. Myles was timed in 46.2.

"Kenny won that one on desire," said Wolfe, "because you could tell he wasn't running like he usually does. He's typical of our team. These kids love to compete."

Track Notes

Gilkes, explaining why he thinks he was 10 yards back: "I didn't get the baton until the third try. Kenny handed it off all right but I was just too anxious to get it and I missed it twice." USC was in third place at the start of the anchor, California in second. Said Bush: "I thought we had it won but Gilkes just has too many gears. He did a heckuva job" . . . Maybe the best performance of the day was Andrews' 49.9 on a track he called "the worst dirt track I've ever run on." He also missed his step on the seventh hurdle and was slow going over the ninth. Andrews, on USC's chances in the NCAA championships, June 2-4 at Philadelphia: "I think it looks good. We had a big down at the Fresno Relays last week, but now we're on an up. Cochee came back in the triple jump, the discus throwers came through and we'll have three guys going in the intermediates. If Fred Shaw ever learns how to put a finish on his race, look out."

Washington made a clean sweep of the weight events, winning the shot, discus, javelin and hammer. **Borys Chambul**, on his last attempt, threw 196-4 to beat defending champion **Darrell Elder** of USC who had barely finished celebrating a throw of 194-11 that had taken the lead away from Chambul. Afterwards, although visibly disappointed, Elder ran over to embrace Chambul, a touch of sportsmanship that was applauded by the crowd . . . Gilkes also came from behind in the 100, overtaking Washington's **Al Davis** and Cal's **Joel Andrews** in the last 10 meters. "He's got a great finish," said Wolfe. "He reminded me of **Tommy Smith** in the relay. But he's got to learn to put the rest of his race together. He can't

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get away with that with people like **Steve Williams**."

Upset winner of the decathlon was UCLA's **Steve Alexander**, a 21-year-old junior from Yucca Valley High and Golden West College. Alexander trailed favored **Ed Miller** of Cal by 226 points after seven events but a lifetime best of 15-5 $\frac{3}{4}$ in the pole vault put him in contention. He still trailed by 64 points before the final event, the 1,500 meters, but easily made up those and more with a 4:36.9 to Miller's 4:50.2. Well, maybe it wasn't so easy. Alexander almost collapsed after winning the 1,500 with a big, closing rush. Alexander is 6-1 and 165 . . . The old Pac-8 scoring record was 156 points, by UCLA in 1973.

100 METERS—1. Gilkes (USC), 10.5; 2. J. Andrews (USC), 10.5; 3. Davis (Washington), 10.5; 4. Minor (Washington St.), 10.6; 5. Walker (California), 10.7. Others included: 6. Owens (UCLA), 10.7; 7. Wilson (UCLA), 10.7.

200—1. Gilkes (USC), 21.1; 2. Randle (USC), 21.3; 3. Walker (C), 21.4; 4. J. Andrews (USC), 21.4; 5. Minor (WS), 21.5; 6. Brathwaite (Oregon), 21.5. Others included: 8. Wilson (UCLA), 22.2.

400—1. Randle (USC), 46.0; 2. Myles (UCLA), 46.2; 3. Connors (USC), 46.2; 4. Brown (USC), 46.7; 5. Bowen (O), 46.7; 6. Campbell

(USC), 47.4. Others included: 8. Theriot (UCLA), 48.4.

800—1. Robinson (C), 1:49.1; 2. Beaton (USC), 1:49.2; 3. Scott (WS), 1:49.6; 4. Brewster (WS), 1:49.8; 5. Perry (O), 1:55.3; 6. Suhr (UCLA), 2:05.7. Note: L. Johnson (USC) finished fifth but disqualified for spiking Groth (Oregon St.) and causing him to fall.

1,500—1. Spir (O), 3:42.0; 2. Centrowitz (O), 3:42.0; 3. Markey (O), 3:48.7; 4. Aldridge (USC), 3:48.7; 5. Charouhas (W), 3:49.2; 6. Slevors (O), 3:49.4.

5,000—1. J. Ngeno (WS), 13:51.2; 2. Taylor (O), 13:51.2; 3. Kimomba

(WS), 13:59.6; 4. Clary (O), 14:10.0; 5. Kimeto (WS), 14:14.8; 6. Brown (OS), 14:16.8.

110HH—1. Gaines (W), 13.9; 2. M. Johnson (USC), 13.9; 3. Owens (UCLA), 13.9; 4. Shaw (USC), 14.0; 5. Florant (C), 14.1; 6. Mosley (C), 14.1.

400IH—1. T. Andrews (USC), 49.9; 2. Mills (UCLA), 50.9; 3. Graybehl (USC), 51.3; 4. Niederhaus (UCLA), 52.3; 5. Roesky (C), 52.3; 6. Mondschein (W), 52.6.

400 RELAY—1. USC (Simmons, J. Andrews, Randle, Gilkes), 39.9; 2. UCLA (Owens, Myles, Wilson, Johnson), 40.0; 3. Washington, 40.4; 4. California, 40.4; 5. Oregon, 40.6; 6. Washington St., 40.7.

MILE RELAY—1. USC (Connors 46.9, Campbell 46.9, Brown, 46.6, Beaton 48.2), 3:08.6; 2. UCLA (Theriot 49.2, Leeds 47.3, Niederhaus 47.9, Myles 46.4), 3:10.8; 3. California, 3:11.5; 4. Stanford, 3:12.3; 5. Washington St., 3:14.2; 6. Washington, 3:15.9.

DECATHLON (final 10-event leaders)—1. Alexander (UCLA), 7,386 points; 2. Miller (C), 7,369; 3. Larsson (Oregon St.), 7,176; 4. Ve-

gar (W), 6,659; 5. Smith (O), 6,551; 6. Johnk (Stanford), 5,649. (Top marks): 110HH—1. Miller, 15.4; 2. Alexander, 15.5. DT—1. Larsson, 134-8; 3. Alexander, 119-7. PV—Alexander, 15-5 $\frac{3}{4}$. JT—1. Smith, 205-11; 3. Alexander, 193-0. 1,500—Alexander, 4:36.9.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Cohee (USC), 53-9; 2. Kimble (Washington St.), 53-5; 3. Banks (UCLA), 51-10 $\frac{1}{2}$; 4. Jackson (USC), 50-2 $\frac{1}{2}$; 5. Winchester (OS), 49-10 $\frac{3}{4}$; 6. Hinkley (W), 49-8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

DISCUS—1. Chambul (W), 196-4; 2. Elder (USC), 194-11; 3. Fruglietti (USC), 190-10; 4. Gunther (UCLA), 185-3; 5. Voorhees (O), 183-10; 6. Burton (O), 181-8. Others included: 10. Harvey (UCLA), 156-3.

HIGH JUMP—1. Meisler (UCLA), 7-1; 2. Braach (WS), 7-1; 3. Murphy (C), 6-11 $\frac{5}{8}$; 4. tie between Connors (USC) and Fries (O), 6-11 $\frac{5}{8}$; 6. Rasmussen (WS), 6-10.

FINAL TEAM SCORES—USC 180; Washington 99; UCLA 95; Washington State 88; Oregon 77; California 53; Oregon St. 38; Stanford 21.