Kansas Threat to USC in Track

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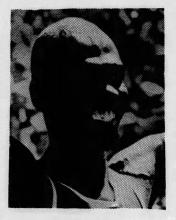
PHILADELPHIA—USC was right on schedule Thursday but Kansas and Tennessee both made menacing moves and threatened to turn the 55th NCAA track and field championships into a three-way battle for the team title.

Kansas was particularly strong in preliminaries at Franklin Field, qualifying three men in both the 200 meters and steeplechase, including two heat winners in each event, and qualifying two each in the 100 and 400.

In addition, the Jayhawks produced a sleeper in the 800, littleknown Tommy McCall who won his heat handily with an impressive come-from-behind stretch sprint.

Tennessee won added support, mainly because of the resurgence of Reggie Jones, who has been battling a slump in the sprints. Jones was a runaway winner in his 100 heat with a wind-aided 10.34 and also qualified easily in the 200. In the Southeastern Conference meet, Jones failed to get out of the 200 trials.

As for USC, all the big names came through. James Gilkes won his 200



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heat and tied for first in the 100 while Ken Randle, showing his best form of the season, won his 400 heat in 45.9. Russ Rogers and Tom DiStanislao made it in the pole vault and Tom Andrews, after a slow start, came on to advance in the intermediate hurdles with a third place finish.

Only real disappointment was Ger-

ald Hardeman who failed to make it in the long jump. Hardeman, a sixth place finisher last year, could manage only 24-1 after fouling his first two tries.

Finals will be held today in six events, the 100 meters, high hurdles, 10,000 meters, hammer, shot put and long jump.

Gilkes, as is his custom, made his 100 heat a suspenseful one by coming off the blocks last and improving only to fifth at the halfway mark. He finally got it into gear, however, and barrelled home to tie Arkansas State's Ed Preston for first in 10.53.

"My leg was really hurting," said Gilkes, "and I almost quit. But Randle yelled out from the infield to keep going, so I did."

Gilkes, who has been known to embellish a story or two, may have been exaggerating a little, but anyway he was feeling fine for the 200 after a treatment from Dr. Leroy Perry, the Pasadena chiropractor who helped Randle in the Pacific 8 meet.

"I think it looks good for us," said Gilkes. "But we'll know better after

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the semifinals. We've still got a to go."

Track Notes

UCLA's James Owens was the fastest qualifier in the 110-meter sigh hurdles with a 13.88. Teammate Bennie Myles made it easily in the 400 with an eased-up 46.2. Three contenders were knocked

eather holds up. The only thing that could stop me is rai eather was good Thursday, warm with only a slight of d little humidity. The wind was mainly a crosswind, sor

Cal's James Robinson, one of the 800-meter favorites, was nocked off balance in a four-way homestretch collision which lso involved USC's Lloyd Johnson and failed to qu