

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, little-known 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 DiStanislaio 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 ways to go."

Track Notes

UCLA's James Owens was the fastest qualifier in the 110-meter high hurdles with a 13.88. Teammate Bennie Myles made it easily in the 400 with an eased-up 46.2. Three contenders were knocked out in the high hurdles—defending champion Larry Shipp of LSU, Pacific 8 champion Robert Gaines of Washington and Florida State freshman Mike Robertson.

Dwight Stanes predicts he'll break his world record in the high jump Saturday. "I'm shooting for 7-7 1/4," said the Long Beach State senior who placed third in this meet as a UCLA freshman in 1972. "This is a super facility and I feel great. I just hope the weather holds up. The only thing that could stop me is rain." The weather was good Thursday, warm with only a slight overcast and little humidity. The wind was mainly a crosswind, sometimes aiding, sometimes hindering runners.

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

JAVELIN

12 qualify for final

1. Otzen (Tennessee), 262-5; 2. Perbeck (Kansas State), 254-5; 3. Hammond (Kansas), 252-11; 4. Carter (Oregon), 250-3; 5. Atwood (Washington), 250-2; 6. Eweliko (Washington), 250-1; 7. George (BYU), 249-11; 8. Sorchik (Nebraska), 239-7; 9. Gustafsson (BYU), 239-2; 10. Packer (San Diego State), 239-2; 11. Lorenzen (Washington State), 238-1; 12. Gapsinski (Dartmouth), 238-1.

3,000-METER STEEPCHASE

Four in each heat qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. Bickford (Northeastern), 8:43.97; 2. Malley (Penn State), 8:45.12; 3. Meyer (Michigan), 8:45.18; 4. Roscoe (Kansas), 8:50.39.

SECOND HEAT—1. Lundberg (Kansas), 8:41.78; 2. Wright (Tennessee), 8:42.55; 3. Christenson (Wichita State), 8:44.60; 4. Gustafsson (Washington), 8:44.28. Others—7. Amaya (Oregon State), no time.

THIRD HEAT—1. Mason (Kansas), 8:51.81; 2. Addison (Tennessee), 8:51.96; 3. Merah (BYU), 8:54.83; 4. Munyala (UTEP), 8:54.85. Others—8. Barr (Washington), no time.

1,500 METERS

Three in each heat qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. Coghlan (Villanova), 3:43.16; 2. Walgwa (UTEP), 3:43.41; 3. Lacy (Wisconsin), 3:43.44. Others—6. Spir (Oregon), 3:45.55.

SECOND HEAT—1. Dalts (Western Michigan), 3:42.41; 2. Musgrave (Colorado), 3:42.52; 3. Markey (Oregon), 3:42.54.

THIRD HEAT—1. Centrowitz (Oregon), 3:40.02; 2. Kane (Villanova), 3:41.48; 3. Jirle (Illinois), 3:41.80.

110-METER HIGH HURDLES

Three in each heat qualify for semifinals

FIRST HEAT—1. Walker (Auburn), 1:40.4; 2. Duncan (Baylor), 1:41.4; 3. Robertson (Maryland), 1:44.4.

SECOND HEAT—1. Cooper (San Jose State), 1:39.2; 2. Shine (Penn State), 1:39.8; Shaw (USC), 1:40.3.

THIRD HEAT—1. M. Johnson (USC), 1:40.1; 2. Ford (Louisiana Tech), 1:40.3; 3. K. Ngono (Washington State), 1:41.1; 4. Gaines (Washington), 1:42.

FOURTH HEAT—1. Buri (Arizona State), 1:40.2; 2. Bostic (Florida), 1:42.3; 3. Isalah (Rice), 1:45.0.

FIFTH HEAT—1. Owens (UCLA), 1:38.8; 2. Florant (Cal), 1:41.7; 3. Chandler (North Carolina State), 1:42.2.

400 METERS

Four in each heat qualify for semifinals

FIRST HEAT—1. Randle (USC), 45.9; 2. Dale (Villanova), 46.8; 3.

Campbell (Fresno State), 46.8; 4. W. Smith (Kansas), 47.0.

SECOND HEAT—1. Jennings (Mississippi State), 45.3; 2. Massey (Howard), 46.2; 3. Oliver (Troy State), 46.5; 4. Morgan (Tennessee), 46.5. Others—6. Shorts (Long Beach State), 46.8.

THIRD HEAT—1. Frazier (Arizona State), 46.2; 2. Harris (Tennessee), 46.2; 3. Anderson (Mary), 46.4; Benson (Kansas), 46.6; 5. Connors (USC), 46.6; 6. Beasley (Long Beach State), 46.9.

FOURTH HEAT—1. Lawson (Iowa), 46.2; 2. Simpson (Rice), 46.5; 3. Kimbrough (St. Cloud), 46.5.

FIFTH HEAT—1. Jones (Tennessee), 46.3; 2. Minor (Washington State), 46.5; 3. Brathwaite (Oregon), 46.5; 4. J. Andrews (USC), 46.5.

LONG JUMP

13 qualify for final

1. Lewis (Florida), 25-4; 2. Myricks (Mississippi College), 25-2 1/2; 3. Hughes (Arizona State), 25-1 1/2; 4. Lofton (Stanford), 25-1 1/2; 5. Ivey (Maryland), 25-1 1/2; 6. Foye (Middle Tennessee), 25-1 1/2; 7. Carter (San Jose State), 25-0 3/4; 8. Carter (Austin Peay), 24-11 3/4; 9. Hallin (East Tennessee), 24-10 3/4; 10. Rock (Southern Illinois), 24-9 3/4; 11. Harris (Lincoln), 24-7 1/2; 12.

13. Others—6. Simmons (USC), 21.52.

FIFTH HEAT—1. Glance (Auburn), 20.53; 2. Merrick (Florida State), 21.04; 3. L. Smith (Kansas), 21.38. Others—8. J. Andrews (USC), no time.

THREE IN EACH HEAT QUALIFY FOR SEMIFINALS

FIRST HEAT—1. Glance (Auburn), 10:27; 2. Williams (Austin Peay), 10:49; 3. Jackson (Kansas), 10:52. Others—4. Tripoli (San Jose State), 10:57.

SECOND HEAT—1. Iie between Gilkes (USC) and Preston (Arkansas State), 10:51; 2. L. Smith (Kansas), 10:55; 4. Farmer (San Jose State), 10:50; 5. Williams (Long Beach State), 10:74.

THIRD HEAT—1. Kee (Southern Illinois), 10:41; 2. Merrick (Florida State), 10:46; 3. James (Penn), 10:49.

FOURTH HEAT—1. Lawson (Iowa), 10:54; 2. Simpson (Rice), 10:55; 3. Kimbrough (St. Cloud), 10:56.

FIFTH HEAT—1. Jones (Tennessee), 10:34; 2. Minor (Washington State), 10:50; 3. Brathwaite (Oregon), 10:51; 4. J. Andrews (USC), 10:52.

POLE VAULT

13 qualify for final

Crites (Indiana), Rolle (Florida State), Johnson (Oklahoma), Rogers (USC), Baird (Long Beach State), Tully (UCLA), Distalano (USC), Bell (Arkansas State), Hintz (Cal), Hatfield (Oregon), Laz (Illinois), Haynie (Arizona State), Knaub (Long Beach State). All cleared 16-6. Nonqualifiers included: Sebollino (UC Irvine), Fisher (Oregon State), Lock (UC Santa Barbara). All failed to clear opening qualifying height of 16-6.

800 METERS

Four in each heat qualify for semifinals

FIRST HEAT—1. McLean (Bucknell), 1:48.58; 2. Francis (Boston College), 1:48.60; 3. Lech (Northwestern), 1:48.83; 4. Brewster (Washington State), 1:48.93.

SECOND HEAT—1. Tuitt (Florida), 1:48.30; 2. Bolger (Villanova), 1:48.74; 3. Martin (Boston College), 1:49.16; 4. Ramsey (Oklahoma), 1:49.53; 5. Airdore (USC), 1:50.26. Note: Korir (Iowa State) finished second in 1:48.38, but was disqualified.

THIRD HEAT—1. Greene (Seton Hall), 1:48.91; 2. Johnson (Michigan), 1:48.96; 3. Batton (USC), 1:49.01; 4. Prince (Kansas State), 1:49.13; 5. Suhr (UCLA), 1:50.09.

FOURTH HEAT—1. McCall (Kansas), 1:49.77; 2. Wilson (Oklahoma), 1:50.04; 3. Garrison (Tennessee), 1:50.29; 4. Dabney (Adelphi), 1:50.64; 5. L. Johnson (USC), 1:53.34. Others—Robinson (Cal) did not finish.

200 METERS

Three in each heat qualify for semifinals

FIRST HEAT—1. Gilkes (USC), 20.96; 2. Brathwaite (Oregon), 21.13; 3. H. Williams (San Diego State), 21.28.

SECOND HEAT—1. Jackson (Kansas), 20.80; 2. Gilbreath (Arizona), 20.81; 3 tie between Robertson (Florida State) and McCullough (Arizona State), 21.14.

THIRD HEAT—1. Wiley (Kansas), 20.78; 2. Jones (Tennessee), 20.82; 3. James (Penn), 21.05.

FOURTH HEAT—1. Preston (Arkansas State), 20.72; 2. Strozler (Arizona), 21.13; 3. Franco (Wash-

ington), 21.13. Others—6. Simmons (USC), 21.52.

FIFTH HEAT—1. Glance (Auburn), 20.53; 2. Merrick (Florida State), 21.04; 3. L. Smith (Kansas), 21.38. Others—8. J. Andrews (USC), no time.

100 METERS

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FIRST HEAT—1. Glance (Auburn), 10:27; 2. Williams (Austin Peay), 10:49; 3. Jackson (Kansas), 10:52. Others—4. Tripoli (San Jose State), 10:57.

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5,000 METERS

Four in each heat qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. Cotton (Arizona), 13:54.44; 2. Melancon (Arkansas), 13:54.83; 3. J. Ngono (Washington State), 14:01.00; 4. Whitaker (Utah), 14:07.38.

SECOND HEAT—1. Vernon (Oklahoma), 13:54.98; 2. Ailitt (Army), 13:55.04; 3. West (Florida State), 13:55.18; 4. Kimbomba (Washington State), 13:57.00.

THIRD HEAT—1. Kimeto (Washington State), 13:41.02; 2. Plasencia (Minnesota), 13:56.50; 3. Flora (Northwestern), 13:56.70; 4. Taylor (Oregon), 13:59.14; 5. Gruber (San Jose State), 14:00.55.

Tate (Arkansas State), 24-7; 13. Middleton (Memphis State), 24-7. Nonqualifiers included: Harde-man (USC), 24-1.

400 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Three in each heat for semifinals

FIRST HEAT—1. Williams (Kentucky State), 50:62; 2. Taylor (Occidental), 51:30; 3. T. Andrews (USC), 51:55.

SECOND HEAT—1. Shine (Penn State), 51:36; 2. C. Casseiman (Michigan State), 51:27; 3 tie between Walker (Arizona State) and Door (Florida), 51:62. Others—4. Graybeil (USC), 51:96.

THIRD HEAT—1. Wheeler (San Diego State), 50:30; 2. Gardner (Utah), 51:34; 3. Niederhaus (UCLA), 51:55. Others—4. Fisher (Long Beach State), 53.19.

FOURTH HEAT—1. Schwab (Penn), 50:29; 2. Mills (UCLA), 50:62; 3. Baker (Texas A&M), 50:64.

FIFTH HEAT—1. Cromwell (Kansas), 50:99; 2. Walker (Auburn), 51:05; 3. Gwynn (Arkansas), 51:47.

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