

Trojans Near NCAA Track Title

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PHILADELPHIA—There were some anxious moments for USC coach Vern Wolfe at Franklin Field Friday but at the end of the day he allowed himself a slight smile as he found his Trojans in position to win their first NCAA track and field championship in eight years.

Ken Randle took over the favorite's role in the 400 meters today with a semifinal victory in 44.99, fastest in the world this year, and James Gilkes, after almost failing to qualify in the semifinals of the 100, came on to place third in the final for six points.

Ralph Fruguglietti and Darrell Elder qualified second and fourth in the discus, Fruguglietti with a lifetime best of 194-8, and Tom Andrews came from seventh place in his 400 hurdles semifinal to make today's fi-

nal with a third place finish.

Also, both relay teams advanced, as did Rayfield Beaton in the 800 and Tom Cochee in the triple jump, so the Trojan potential would appear to be somewhere between 50 and 70 points.

Tennessee and Kansas remain strong threats, although the Jayhawks faltered some Friday, and defending champion Texas El Paso moved into contention by placing two men in the 10,000-meter final.

After seven final events, UTEP and San Jose were tied for the lead with 20 points. Washington was next with 14, followed by five teams with 10, Washington State, Auburn, California, Texas and Mississippi State. Fourteen events will be run today.

Winner of the 100 was Auburn freshman Harvey Glance in 10.16, a very fast electrical clocking. Tennessee's Reggie Jones was second in 10.33, followed by Gilkes in 10.35.

Other winners included San Jose State freshman Dedy Cooper, 13.89 in the 110-meter high hurdles; Washington State's John Ngeno 28:22.66 in the 10,000 meters; Mississippi College's Larry Myricks, 26-1½ in the long jump, and Texas's Dana LeDuc, 65-5½ in the shot put.

In the high hurdles, UCLA's James Owens was second for the second straight year, running 13.94. Owens was the leader for seven hurdles but he went off-balance on the eighth where Cooper shot by him and held on for the win.

The 100 created some controversy when Jones appeared to jump on the first start, an infraction that calls for automatic disqualification, but the starter ruled that the click from a camera caused the jump and left Jones in the field.

Gilkes, who got his usual horren-
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dous starts in the heats, broke reasonably well in the final and with 20 meters to go, appeared to have a shot at winning it all. There was no catching Gance, however, and Jones managed to hold off the Trojan with a lean at the wire.

"I can start when I want to," said Gilkes. "I don't like to push it in the heats because I've been favoring a sore leg."

In the 400-meter relay prelims, Jones came from behind to beat Gilkes in their heat, but Gilkes shrugged it off.

"We were just trying to qualify," he said. "Tomorrow, we'll really go for it. I feel very strong right now. I'm looking forward to the 200 because I have no more pain in my leg."

Randle said of his 44.99, "I didn't feel that fast because I was just cruising the first 200. If I had opened up I think I could have run 44.6. There'll be no holding back tomorrow."

A disappointing fourth in last year's NCAA, Randle said, "I just didn't have the experience. I didn't have the confidence. It's a lot different this year. Right now, I feel very confident."

Track Notes

Tom Andrews, on his problems in the intermediate heats: "Those are two of the worst races I've ever run. I had to change my shoes here because they said the spikes I had could not be used on this track. The first day I wore a pair that were a size too large and today I wore a pair a size too small. But I'll be all right tomorrow. I'm going to run a good one—at least I hope I do" . . . Kansas lost some potential when Nolan Cromwell failed to make it in the intermediates. Also, both Jayhawk quartermilers were eliminated as was half-miler Tommy McCall, a heat winner Thursday.

Tennessee's Jon Young, on today's 400 relay final: "If we get the baton to Reggie Jones within three yards of anyone, it's over" . . . UCLA's James Owens, on his second in the high: "I'm highly disappointed in the way things went, but I'm proud to have finished in the top three. I'm sure I'll be in the top three in the Olympic trials" . . . Edwin Moses of Morehead State, the U.S. leader in the intermediates at 48.8, was ruled out of the meet after falling in the NCAA Division II meet, a qualifier for this meet. The ruling was appealed but to no avail . . . Terry Albertson of Hawaii, world amateur record holder in the shot, was an original entry but failed to make an appearance.

USC's Mike Budinich, who had hoped to grab a point or two in the shot, failed to qualify for the finals, reaching only 59-4/4. "I thought I was ready for 63 foot, because the power was there," he said, "but I couldn't do a thing. All my throws were falling off to the right. I can't explain it." . . . Jim McGoldick of Texas, the discus favorite, failed to qualify, improving USC's point potential.

HAMMER

Final

1. Neilson (Washington), 216-8; 2. Berry (UTEP), 208-4; 3. Perkins (Oregon), 205-3; 4. Slocum (Harvard), 199-3; 5. Jackson (Penn State), 197-1; 6. Johnston (Northeastern), 194-1. Others—7. Murray (Washington State), 195-7; 8. Midles (Washington State), 173-1.

SHOT PUT

Final

1. LeDuc (Texas), 65-5/2; 2. Semkin (San Jose State), 64-2; 3. Almqvist (UTEP), 64-1;

4. Vincent (Washington), 63-11/4; 5. Weeks (San Jose State), 62-7/2; 6. Medlin (North Carolina State), 62-3/4. Others—10. Budinich (USC), 59-4/4; 11. Banich (Oregon), 55-8/4.

400-METER RELAY

Three in each heat qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. Kansas (L. Smith, Coleman, Wiley, Jackson), 39:54; 2. Auburn, 39:84; 3. Long Beach State (Brewer, Williams Grace, County), 42:20; 4. UCLA (Owens, Myrick, Wilson, Johnson), 40:29.

SECOND HEAT—1. Arizona State (Wells, Williams, McCullough, Frazier), 39:85; 2. Texas, 40:51; 3. Kentucky State, 40:39.

THIRD HEAT—1. Tennessee (Young, Gardner, Morgan, Jones), 39:57; 2. USC (Simmons, J. Andrews, Randle, Gilkes), 39:44; 3. Texas Christian, 39:81. Others—4. Washington, 40:11; 6. San Jose State, 40:94.

LONG JUMP

Final

1. Myricks (Mississippi College), 26-1/2; 2. Faye (Middle Tennessee), 25-4; 3. Lofton (Stanford), 25-3/4; 4. Carter (Austin Peay), 24-7/4; 5. Hallin (East Tennessee), 24-9/4; 6. Tate (Arkansas State), 24-7/4.

400 METERS

Four in each semifinal qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. Jennings (Mississippi State), 45:54; 2. Salomon (New Mexico), 45:77; 3. Collins (Baylor), 46:20; 4. Harris (Tennessee), 46:27. Others—5. Myrick (UCLA), 46:69.

SECOND HEAT—1. Randle (USC), 44:99; 2. Frazier (Arizona State), 45:31; 3. Oliver (Troy State), 45:87; 4. Massey (Howard), 45:94.

800 METERS

Four in each semifinal qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. McLean (Bucknell), 1:48:02; 2. Martin (Boston College), 1:48:16; 3. Beaten (USC), 1:48:33; 4. Greene (Seton Hall), 1:48:26.

SECOND HEAT—1. Tuhi (Florida), 1:49:34; 2. file between Garrison (Tennessee) and Balgar (Villanova), 1:49:42; 4. Prince (Kansas State), 1:49:44.

110-METER HIGH HURDLES

Four in each semifinal qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. Owens (UCLA), 1:34; 2. Burt (Arizona State), 1:39; 3. Duncan (Baylor), 1:41; 4. Walker (Auburn), 1:42; 5. Fiorani (Cal), 1:42. Others—1. K. Ngono (Washington State), 1:47.

SECOND HEAT—1. Cooper (San Jose State), 1:29; 2. Shine (Penn State), 1:40; 3. Ford (Louisiana Tech), 1:49; 4. Foster (Stanford), 1:41; 5. M. Johnson (USC), 1:41. Others—Shaw (USC) disqualified for false start.

Final

1. Cooper, 1:29; 2. Owens, 1:34; 3. Ford, 1:40; 4. Walker, 1:42; 5. Fiorani, 1:42; 6. Duncan, 1:42; 7. Foster, 1:43; Walker did not finish.

100 METERS

Four in each semifinal qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. Jones (Tennessee), 10:30; 2. Williams (Austin Peay), 10:39; 3. Jackson (Kansas), 10:40; 4. Sikes (USC), 10:42. Others—5. Brathwaite (Oregon), 10:55; 7. Minor (Washington State), 10:57.

SECOND HEAT—1. Gance (Auburn), 10:25; 2. L. Smith (Kansas), 10:31; 3. Merrick (Florida State), 10:32; 4. file between Kee (Southern Illinois) and James (Penn), 10:38.

Final

1. Gance, 10:16; 2. Jones, 10:33; 3. Gilkes, 10:35; 4. Jackson, 10:43; 5. Williams, 10:44; 6. Kee, 10:50.

400-METER INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Four in each semifinal qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. Schwab (Penn), 45:77; 2. Shine (Penn State), 50:03; 3. T. Andrews (USC), 50:34; 4. Yavir (Occidental), 50:43. Others—5. Niederhaus (UCLA), 50:71.

SECOND HEAT—1. Wheeler (San Diego State), 50:04; 2. Williams (Kentucky State), 50:37; 3. Mills (UCLA), 50:43; 4. Walker (Arizona State), 50:78.

10,000 METERS

Final

1. J. Ngono (Washington State), 28:22:64; 2. Virgin (Illinois), 28:25:52; 3. Wells (Rice), 28:27:37; 4. Sirmo (UTEP), 28:34:20; 5. Maritim (UTEP), 28:48:59; 6. Merrick (Penn), 28:49:4. Others—10. Sandoval (Stanford), 29:09:62; 17. Williams (Oregon), 29:46:07.

1,400 METER RELAY

Three in each heat qualify for final

FIRST HEAT—1. California (Wallace 46.9, Walker 46.5, Mosley 47.5, Robinson 45.3), 3:05:32; 2. Baylor, 3:44; 3. Florida, 3:06:06.

SECOND HEAT—1. Kansas (Wagner 46.9, Cromwell 46.8, W. Smith 45.5, Benson 46.8), 3:05:99; 2. USC (Connors, Campbell, Beaton, C. Brown), 3:04:21; 3. Kentucky, 3:04:61; 4. Long Beach State (Cox, Beasley, Harrell, Shortal), 3:07:88.

THIRD HEAT—1. Arizona State (McKenzie 47.3, Walker 47.5, McCullough 45.4, Frazier 46.3), 3:04:45; 2. Tennessee, 3:06:62; 3. Howard, 3:07:20.

DISCUS

12 qualify for final

1. Plucknett (Missouri), 195-4; 2. Fruguglietti (USC), 194-8; 3. Gadenkrans (BYU), 191-0; 4. Eider (USC), 187-2; 5. Burion (Oregon), 185-3; 6. Weeks (San Jose State), 181-7; 7. Howard (Westmont), 181-5; 8. Chambel (Washington), 180-4; 9. Huston (Colorado), 179-7; 10. Coffman (Long Beach State), 177-10; 11. Banich (Oregon), 177-8; 12. Stewart (Texas A&M), 176-3. Others—14. Gunther (UCLA), 175-10.

TRIPLE JUMP

12 qualify for final

1. Robins (Southern Illinois), 54-10/4; 2. Washington (Middle Tennessee), 53-4/2; 3. Cochee (USC), 53-3/4; 4. Lennox (St. Joseph's), 53-1; 5. Banks (UCLA), 52-3/4; 6. Martin (Illinois State), 52-0/4; 7. Jordan (Tennessee), 52-0/4; 8. Kimble (Washington State), 51-11/4; 9. Witherapoon (Virginia), 51-5; 10. Mimms (Ohio U.), 51-4/4; 11. Fairfax (Memphis State), 51-1/4; 12. DoDoo (Middle Tennessee), 50-10/4.

TEAM LEADERS (7 events)—Texas El Paso and San Jose State 20, Washington 14, Washington State, California, Texas, Mississippi College and Auburn 10, Illinois, Middle Tennessee, Brigham Young, Maryland, UCLA and Tennessee 8, USC, Oregon, Stanford, Austin Peay, Louisiana Tech and Rice 4.