

SCOTT BLAZES MILE IN 3:57.8

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IRVINE—Steve Scott, UC Irvine's world class distance runner, won the mile in the world class time of 3:57.8 here Sunday in the Meet of Champions.

That would seem to be a pretty good accomplishment for one windy afternoon. But Scott said he'd also run the 800 meters—"just for a workout."

Some workout. He bolted from fourth in the last 100 meters to run down USC's David Omwansa and Lloyd Johnson and UCLA's Grant Niederhaus to win in 1:48.1.

It was a significant double for the

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20-year-old Scott, who also happens to be in a class by himself. He's an outstanding American miler (there aren't many of them) in an event dominated by foreigners.

Scott's 3:57.8 mile—the first time he has been under four minutes outdoors—was noteworthy inasmuch as he ran virtually without opposition and had to set his own pace.

"I thought I was going to have some fantastic competition—people like Wilson Waigwa, Niall O'Shaughnessy and Paul Cummings," said Scott, who resembles John Walker, the world mile record holder (3:49.4) from New Zealand. "But they couldn't make it to the meet. So I didn't think I'd have a super time—just run well enough to win.

"But, when no one went out fast the first 30 yards, I thought I'd do it and see how it felt. There was something else, too. There were people here who wanted to see a fast mile and why shouldn't I make it as good as I could?"

Scott, who ran a 3:56.5 mile last January in the San Diego indoor games—fifth fastest by an American—had some top university class runners pulling him along in the 800 meters.

It appeared as if it was a three-way race among Omwansa, the Kenyan, Johnson and Niederhaus until Scott charged off the final turn and blazed by all of them.

Omwansa was second in 1:48.5 while Johnson and Niederhaus were third and fourth with lifetime bests of 1:48.6 and 1:49.0.

Most of the Trojans competed and there were some creditable marks. Darrell Elder and Ralph Fruguglietti, who haven't been the dynamic discus duo they were last year, got with it Sunday with respective throws of 187-0 and 185-1.

USC's 400-meter relay team won in 39.7 with anchor-man Clancy Edwards making up a yard or so on Olympian Guy Abrahams of the Tobias Striders and winning by a yard; freshman shot putter John McKenzie went 59-6 (his best ever outdoors); Rayfield Beaton won the rated 400 meters in 46.9 and freshman Dan Jackson triple jumped 52-2¼, a lifetime best.

There were some notable no shows for the Meet of Champions: UCLA pole vaulter Mike Tully, who has cleared 18 feet four times this season; Bruin hurdlers James Owens and Greg Foster and world high jump record holder Dwight Stones, who was supposed to run in a special 400 meters.

All flat races were wind-aided with gusts up to 10 m.p.h. and races were hand-timed.

100 METERS—1. Frierson (Cal Poly Pomona), 10.4w; 2. Kemp (Maccabi TC), 10.4; 3. Simmons (USC), 10.4; 4. Greybehl (USC), 10.5.

200—1. Frierson (CP Pomona), 21.2w; 2. Vernon Furgerson (West Coast Jets), 21.5; 3. Vernell Furgerson (WC Jets), 22.0; 4. Brownstein (unaf), 22.4.

400 (Race 1)—1. Beaton (USC), 46.9; 2. Rodgers (Striders), 46.9; 3. Bradford (USC), 48.4; 4. Mason (unaf), 50.4. (Race 2)—Russell (UC Irvine), 48.7; 2. McGee (UCI), 49.4; 3. Qualls (UCI), 49.8; 4. Sumner (unaf), 50.1.

800 (Race 1)—Scott (UCI), 1:48.1; 2. Omwansa (USC), 1:48.5; 3. Johnson (USC), 1:48.6; 4. Niederhaus (UCLA), 1:49.0. (Race 2)—Benner (Athletes in Action), 1:52.4; 2. Cleary (Occidental), 1:53.1; 3. Costa (Fullerton College), 1:53.4; 4. Lessegard (Maccabi TC), 1:53.8.

1,500—1. Smith (Club Northridge), 3:52.4; 2. Trup (Jamul Toads TC), 3:55.0; 3. Friesenden (Fullerton College), 3:59.2; 4. Ahlmeyer (UCI), 4:00.5.

MILE—1. Scott (UCI), 3:57.8; 2. Babiracki (unaf), 4:07.0; 3. Serna (UCI), 4:08.2; 4. Hattersley (Grossmont College), 4:13.0.

2,000—1. Gergorio (Colorado TC), 14:08.9; 2. Thomas (unaf), 14:10.9; 3. Ruffalo (Colo. TC), 14:12.5; 4. Simmons (CS Los Angeles), 14:17.4.

3,000—1. Gregorio (Colo. TC), 29:22.4; 2. Waitmire (Athletes in Action), 30:02.8; 3. Moses (UCI), 30:18.2; 4. Hutz (UCI), 30:23.0.

1,100H—1. Robinson (unaf), 13.9; 2. Whitfield (Maccabi TC), 14.5; 3. Peterson (Long Beach St.), 14.8; 4. Gregory (UCI), 14.1.

400H (Race 1)—1. King (Maccabi TC), 50.4; 2. Turner (CSLA), 51.0; 3. Taylor (unaf), 51.4; 4. Cheadle (unaf), 54.7. (Race 2)—1. Casselman (Maccabi

TC), 52.8; 2. Fisher (Maccabi TC), 53.9; 3. Stripling (UCI), 55.0; 4. Joyner (unaf), 55.7.

3,000 STEEPCHASE—1. Cour (San Diego TC), 9:08.8; 2. Houseworth (Westmont—), 9:15.7; 3. Slick (UCI), 9:27.2; 4. Bernstein (UCI), 9:39.7.

400 RELAY—1. USC (Greybehl, Simmons, J. Andrews, Edwards), 39.7; 2. Striders, 39.8; 3. Maccabi TC, 40.5; 4. All-American TC, 41.4.

MILE RELAY—1. Maccabi TC (Galbreath, 48.1; Shorts, 47.7; Parks, 47.4; Brown, 46.2), 3:09.2; 2. USC No. 1, 3:11.2; 3. USC No. 2, no time; 4. UC Irvine, no time.

LONG JUMP—1. Napee (LBS), 23-6½; 2. Thomas (All-American TC), 23-6¼; 3. Mitchell (UCI), 22-11; no fourth.

TRIPLE JUMP—1. Tih (Striders), 54-11½; 2. Jackson (USC), 53-2¼; 3. Valentine (LBS), 48-6; 4. Paul (UCI), 45-0½.

SHOT PUT—1. Budincich (Striders), 62-3½; 2. Pagel (Maccabi TC), 60-6¼; 3. Fruguglietti (USC), 59-7½; 4. McKenzie (USC), 59-4.

DISCUS—1. Elder (USC), 187-6; 2. Gardner (Maccabi TC), 185-2; 3. Fruguglietti (USC), 185-1; 4. Sutherland (CSLA), 178-10.

JAVELIN—1. Gould (Maccabi TC), 246-4; 2. Stuart (Maccabi TC), 240-9; 3. Paananen (USC), 222-9; 4. Carpenter (Athletes in Action), 215-11.

HAMMER—1. Farmer (Maccabi TC), 214-7; 2. Galle (Maccabi TC), 191-2; 3. Arcaro (Maccabi TC), 191-2; 4. Schrader (UCI), 189-2.

POLE VAULT—1. Fullard (Maccabi TC), 17-0; 2. Brown (El Camino), 16-6; 3. Hardison (Athletes in Action), 16-6; 4. Distanislaw (USC), 16-6.

DECATHLON (final standings)—1. Badales (UCI), 7,592; 2. Harvey (U.S. Air Force), 7,488; 3. Waters (unaf), 7,202; 4. McGaugh (unaf), 4,854.