

UCLA Tops Northridge for AIAW Track Title

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Julie Brown, Cal State Northridge's tireless distance runner, scored 28 points in addition to running legs on the 2-mile and mile relay teams in the three-day AIAW national track and field championships at Drake Stadium.

But, as versatile as she was, she couldn't beat UCLA by herself.

Pat Connolly's Bruins won the collegiate women's championship Saturday with an impressive show of overall strength. UCLA had 86 points to 73 for runnerup Northridge.

Sprinter Evelyn Ashford had as much to do with UCLA's victory as anyone. She won the 100 and 200 meters and ran legs on the 440-yard and mile relay teams.

A crowd of 3,256 was present the final day to watch the track carnival in which 149 schools participated. And there was a meet record for almost every event (16 of 19).

Brown, a former UCLA student who transferred to Northridge last year, won the 3,000 meters and placed fourth in the 1,500 Saturday. She won the 800 and was fourth in the 5,000 Friday.

"I just tried to score as high as I could in every race," Brown said of her iron-woman stint. "It was more fatiguing mentally than physically. I took each race one at a time. I didn't want to think about the other races I had to run.

"Actually, it wasn't too bad. I had 10 races but they were spread out over three days. The 1,500 should be my best race but I didn't run as well as I would have liked to."

Brown, 21, 5-6, 107, has a peculiar problem. She's proficient at so many events that it's difficult to decide on which one she wants to concentrate.

"I'm not sure what I'll do in the National AAU meet (June 9-11 at Drake Stadium)," she said. "It will be either the 1,500 or 3,000 . . . or, maybe the 10,000."

Brown, a native of Billings, Mont., said she left UCLA because her coach at the time, Chuck Debus, was fired amid much controversy. Debus is now the unofficial coach at Northridge. Dr. Barbara Swerkes is the coach of record.

Despite Brown's concerted effort, it was UCLA's day and Connolly was elated. "The key to our victory was that every one of our girls had personal bests in their events," she said.

Some of the come-through Bruins:

—Ashford, the smooth sprinter, who caught Long Beach State's Andrea Lynch after a poor start and won the 100 meters in 11.32. She came back to win the 200 in 23 flat, taking charge of the race coming off the turn.

—Karen Smith, who won the javelin at 197-9, her best throw of the season.

—Kathy Weston, who anchored UCLA's winning 2-mile relay team, finished third in the 400 and then ran anchor on the mile relay unit that finished second.

—Chris Remmling, who finished a surprising fourth in the high jump.

But the high jump winner, Louise Ritter of Texas Women's University, probably was the most surprised athlete at the meet. She won the event at 6-1½ to become the fourth American woman to clear six feet.

"I usually choke in big meets," said the 5-11 Ritter, a native of Red Oak, Tex. "I hadn't jumped higher than 5-10 this year and I had never made six feet. Also, I changed my style from a straddle to the flop only six weeks ago be-

cause I had surgery on my left foot and couldn't plant it as hard as I wanted."

Only two American women have ever jumped higher—Joni Huntley (6-2¾) and Paula Girven (6-1¾). Ritter came close to breaking Huntley's American record when she barely missed 6-3 on her last attempt.

Debbie Esser of Iowa State broke the only American record when she won the 400-meter hurdles in 57.07. The old mark was 57.24 set by Arthurene Gainer of Prairie View A&M in 1976. Vesser might have threatened the world mark of 56.51 by Krystyna Kscpcrczyk of Poland if she hadn't chopped her stride between hurdles.

Other highlights:

—Roselyn Bryant of Cal State Los Angeles, a Montreal Olympian, was a comfortable winner in the 400 meters (51.79). She also made up gobs of ground for her team in the 440-yard and mile relays.

—Doreen Ennis of Montclair State, who won the 1,500 in 4:15.56 and Kathy Devine of Emporia St. (Kan.), who defended her shot put title with a throw of 51-2½.

But the most amazing statistic of the meet was the ground covered by Brown. The Northridge runner ran almost nine miles competitively for the three-day meet.

AIAW SUMMARIES

100—1. Ashford (UCLA), 11.32 (meet record, old mark, 11.53, Rosalyn Bryant, 1976); 2. Lynch (Long Beach St.), 11.37; 3. Calmese (Kansas), 11.75; 4. Carter (Northeast Missouri), 11.77; 5. C. McRoy (Maryland), 11.83; 6. Day (Prairie View), 11.95. Others included: Van Wolvelaere (USC), 12.0.

200—1. Ashford (UCLA), 23.0 (meet record, old mark, 23.43, Ashford, 1976); 2. Lynch (Long Beach St.), 23.1; 3. Bowen (Arizona St.), 23.9; 4. Nickson (CS Hayward), 24.1; 5. C. McRoy (Maryland), 24.2; 6. Calmese (Kansas), 24.5.

400—1. Bryant (CS Los Angeles), 51.79 (meet record, old mark, 53.21, Shirley Williams, Prairie View, 1976); 2. Forde (LIU), 52.13; 3. Weston (UCLA), 53.07; 4. Harvey (Stephen F. Austin), 54.16; 5. Mailey (Arizona St.), 54.20; 6. Clagon (Morgan St.), 54.55.

1,500—1. Ennis (Montclair St.), 4:15.56 (meet record, old mark, 4:23.4, Deborah Pearson, Texas El Paso, 1977); 2. Vetter (Iowa St.), 4:15.77; 3. Pearson (Texas El Paso), 4:16.08; 4. Brown (CS Northridge), 4:18.03; 5. Keyes (UCLA), 4:21.02; 6. Schilly (Iowa St.), 4:23.00. Others included: 9. Keyes (Cal Poly SLO), no time; 10. Knudson (Colorado St.), no time.

3,000—1. Brown (CS Northridge), 9:26.5 (meet record, new event); 2. Lashley (Tennessee), 9:27.4; 3. Kinsey (CS Northridge), 9:30.0; 4. Spencer (Wisconsin), 9:30.4; 5. Bankes (Penn St.), 9:35.2; 6. Quatier (Seattle Pacific), 9:45.6. Others included: 7. L. Broderick (UCLA), 9:48.1.

400 HURDLES—1. Esser (Iowa St.), 57.07 (American, collegiate and meet record, old American mark, 57.24, Arthur Gainer, Prairie View, 1976; old collegiate mark, 57.24, Gainer, 1976; old meet mark, 58.5, Debbie Esser, Iowa St., 1977); 2. Ayers (Prairie View), 57.17; 3. Levinski (Texas Women's U.), 58.67; 4. Gainer (Prairie View), 59.66; 5. Anderson (CS Northridge), 1:00.26; 6. Carlson (Central Missouri St.), 1:00.50.

Others included: 8. Crowder (UCLA), 1:01.45.

440 RELAY—1. Prairie View (Melrose, Ayers, Jackson, Day), 45.95 (meet record, old mark, 46.09, Prairie View, 1976); 2. Nevada Las Vegas, 46.59; 3. CS Los Angeles, 46.79; 4. Jackson St., 46.82; 5. Tennessee, 47.04; 6. USC, 47.15.

TWO MILE RELAY (combined, two sections)—1. UCLA (Chisam 2:11.2, Keyes 2:11.6, Roberson 2:07.4, Weston 2:11.6), 8:41.98 (meet record, old mark, 9:17.9, Kansas St., 1976); 2. Iowa St., 8:48.85; 3. Oregon, 8:50.76; 4. Tennessee, 8:51.34; 5. Penn St., 8:54.36; 6. CS Northridge, 8:54.36.

MILE RELAY—1. Prairie View, 3:36.7 (meet record, old mark, 3:40.3, Prairie View, 1977); 2. UCLA, 3:40.1; 3. CS Los Angeles (Bryant, second leg, 51.2), 3:41.0; 4. Iowa St., 3:42.2; 5. Michi-

gan St., 3:45.1; 6. CS Northridge, 3:47.0.

JAVELIN—1. Smith (UCLA), 197-9; 2. Sulinski (CS Hayward), 177-5; 3. Gassen (CS Northridge), 171-5; 4. Wilkinson (Arizona St.), 168-4; 5. Bennet (Seattle Pacific), 161-2; 6. Camarigg (Morehead St.), 156-6. Others included: 12. Jepsen (USC), 129-9.

SHOT PUT—1. Devine (Emporia St.), 51-2½; 2. Patrick (Morehead St.), 49-8½; 3. Van Pelt (Washington), 47-10½; 4. Haist (Tennessee), 47-10; 5. Griffin (Seattle Pacific), 47-6; 6. Dole (Long Beach St.), 47-3. Others included: 7. Marshall (CS Northridge), 46-8.

HIGH JUMP—1. Ritter (Texas Women's U.), 6-1½; 2. Spencer (Seattle Pacific), 5-11; 3. Garrison (Washington), 5-9; 4. Rommling (UCLA), 5-9; 5. Girven (Maryland), 5-9; 6. Washington (Illinois), 5-7. Others included: 13. Gilbert (UCLA), 5-5.

PENTATHLON (final standings)—1. Collins (Arizona St.), 4,092 (meet record, new event); 2. Cornelius (Texas A&M), 3,990; 3. Seippel (Eastern Kentucky), 3,950; 4. Monteforte (CS Northridge), 3,815; 5. Hertz (Florida), 3,771; 6. Malloy (Colorado St.), 3,761. (Event Leaders): LJ—Cornelius (Texas A&M), 19-9¼. 800—Seippel (Eastern Kentucky), 2:12.8.

FINAL TEAM SCORES—UCLA 86; CS Northridge 73; Iowa St. 41; Tennessee 40; Prairie View 38; CS Los Angeles 30; Seattle Pacific 24; Arizona St. 22; Long Beach St. 17; Texas Women's U. 16; Nevada Las Vegas 14; Washington, Florida and CS Hayward 12; USC 11; Montclair St., Emporia St. and Wisconsin 10; Michigan St., Colorado St. and Morehead St. 9; LIU and Texas A&M 8; Kansas 7; Stephen F. Austin, Maryland, Texas El Paso, Oregon and Eastern Kentucky 6; Morgan St. 5; Central Washington, Nebraska, Jackson St., Northeast Missouri St. and Penn St. 4; Kentucky 2; Otterbein, La Salle, Illinois and Central Missouri 1.