# Foster Recovers, Wins Hurdles

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FRESNO—UCLA's Greg Foster has made a remarkable recovery. Last week, he wasn't even sure he'd be able to hurdle the rest of the year after pulling up lame in a dual meet with USC.

But the strong freshman held off Dedy Cooper of San Jose State, the defending NCAA champion, to win the 120-yard hurdles Saturday night at the 50th West Coast Relays in a world-best automatic time of 13.54.

Foster, the world's interscholastic record holder in the 120-yard highs (13.2), has a sore arch—and it partic-

ularly hurts him after he comes down off a hurdle.

That's why he pulled up in the middle of the hurdle race against USC and went unplaced. But he was sharp here, coming back to anchor UCLA's 400-meter relay team and almost making up a 2-yard deficit on Guy Abrahams of the Tobias Striders.

This was a meet that looked like it might have to be canceled because of inclement weather late Saturday afternoon. Strong winds and some rain were buffeting the athletes and a storm seemed to be brewing.

But the wind and rain abated and

the weather, although still cool, was bearable.

USC's Clancy Edwards was almost as impressive as Foster. He had his usual bad start in the 100 meters but surged in the last 30 meters to beat teammate Joel Andrews in 10.38. This was a creditable time considering he was bucking a 2.6 m.p.h. headwind.

Edwards had it even tougher in a heat, running into a 6 m.p.h. wind, he did only 11 flat. Don Quarrie, the 200meter gold medalist at Montreal, was supposed to be his principal opposition. But Quarrie didn't run.

UCLA's Millard Hampton, the 200-Please Turn to Page 11, Col. 1 meter silver medalist at Montreal, who was beaten by Edwards and Joel Andrews at 100 meters in the dual meet last week, was sixth.

Perhaps, the most exciting race was the last one on the program when the Andrews brothers, Joel and Tom pulled USC from last place in the mile relay to first with catch-up third and fourth legs.

Joel made up about eight yards on the leaders on the third leg and put USC into contention for the anchor lap Then, Tom lost the lead for a moment to Benny Brown of the Maccabi TC in the stretch, but regained it to win. USC was timed in 3:08.35 with Joel running 46.5 and Tom a blistering 45.8-after Rod Connors opened with 49.9. Lloyd Johnson had a fine second leg (46.1) trying to catch the

Other highlights included:

-Steve Scott's 3:59.55 winning mile. But the UC Irvine runner, one of America's best, was disappointed that he didn't break the meet record of 3:59.1 set by Australia's John Landy in 1956. He had to set his own pace against a mediocre field.

-James Robinson, a Montreal Olympian, came from last place on the final lap to edge Mark Enveart of Utah State -1:47.79 to 1:47.88

—Luc Laperriere of Palomar hurled the javelin 267-10, an all-time California JC record. Only Mark Murro of Mesa (Ariz.) CC has thrown farther (273-0 in 1968) as a junior collegian

-Francie Larrieu Lutz of the Pacific Coast Club winning the women's 800 meters in 204.15-third best time in the world.

-Derald Harris, the sensational junior college sprinter from Los Medanos, simply ran away from the field in win-ning the JC 100 in 10.30. His time was better than Edwards but the wind was almost negligible when he ran.

But it wasn't an enjoyable evening for USC pole vault Tom Di Stanislao. He went under the bar while attempting 16-6 and thrust out his left arm to break his fall. Then, he was writhing in pain in the pit.

It wasn't immediately known whether he had broken his arm or had a Byperextension. Di Stanislao tied for third in the NCAA meet in 1976 and, if he can't compete, he'll be missed as USC attempts to defend its title in June at Champaign, Ill

Foster was named the outstanding performer of the meet in the intercollegiate and open division. "I got a very good start." he said, "and ran well until I hit the seventh hurdle. I was off balance and barely got over the eighth and ninth hurdles.

And, he barely beat a fast-closing Cooper, who easily defeated Foster at the Mt. SAC relays when the Bruin fin-

The Ratcliffe Stadium track, once considered to be one of the fastest in the country, isn't any more. It's just another hard, dirt surface and can't be compared to the newer Tartan facilities.

So Foster's time and Edwards', too, for that ma were commendable. All Clancy does is win and now Foster is a big threat to get some points for UCLA in the Pacific 8 meet next Friday and Saturday at Drake Stadium as well as the NCAA meet.

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