

Trojan Sprinters Lose Identity but Qualify in 400

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—USC had to sweat out a "disqualification" in the 400-meter relay but, otherwise, things were formful for the Trojans and other favored teams Thursday in the opening day of trials in the NCAA track and field championships at the University of Illinois' Memorial Stadium.

USC was in the first heat of the first running event of the day—the sprint relay. The foursome of Tom Andrews, Mike Simmons, Joel Andrews and Clancy Edwards easily won in 40.16 to advance to the semi-finals—or so it seemed.

Then, it was announced that USC was disqualified. Tom Andrews, talking to a reporter in the stands, slammed his hand down on a seat. "That just can't be," he said incredulously. "Every pass was legal."

Coach Vern Wolfe looked like a sprinter hustling over to the rules committee. A few minutes later, he was smiling. It seemed that someone made a mistake. Fresno State, not USC, was the disqualified team.

Wolfe and his sprinters got a momentary scare and so did Steve Scott, UC Irvine's outstanding miler. Scott had to sprint the last 200 meters just to catch the pack and qualify for the 1,500-meter finals Saturday. He was ninth with 300 meters to go and had to swing to the outside to run down the field and win.

Trojans who figured to pass opening qualifying tests did. Edwards advanced in the 100 and 200 meters, Joel Andrews moved to the semifinals in the 100 and Mike Johnson qualified in the 110-meter hurdles.

Tom Andrews and Rich Greybehl were heat winners in the 400-intermediate hurdles and freshman long jumper Larry Doubledy qualified with a wind-aided leap of 26-5 $\frac{3}{4}$. It was a big jump but Illinois' Charlton Ehi-zuelen, a Nigerian, went farther—26-10.

USC had the fastest qualifying time in the 1,600-meter relay (3:07.3) with Joel Andrews running an unofficial 45.8 opening leg. UCLA's sprint and 1,600 relay teams also advanced.

UCLA's 1-2 hurdle punch of James Owens and Greg Foster, a former Illinois state prep champion, won opening 110-meter heats in style. Owens, getting a blazing start, was timed in 13.70 while bucking a head wind.

Hurdlers and sprinters had to run into a wind that ranged from 3 to 4

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m.p.h. Therefore, times weren't too spectacular on the new dark green polyurethane track.

But it was a nice day for running with the temperature in the high 70s as a Midwestern heat wave broke for the 56th annual meet.

The Trojans and Bruins had some casualties. USC's half milers, Rayfield Beston, David Omwansa and Lloyd Johnson couldn't get among the top three in their heats and were eliminated. Omwansa (1:50.0) and Johnson (1:49.36) were fourth, with the latter barely edged out for third place.

UCLA's distance runners—Barrie Williams and Brian Russell in the 1,500 and Shawn James in the 3,000-meter steeplechase—went unplaced in heats.

But UCLA's Jason Meisler qualified in the high jump (USC's Tim Walker didn't, going out at 6-10) and the Bruins' Mike Tully advanced in the pole vault.

Scott got into a slow 1,500 heat, had to run on the outside most of the way and then went into a concerted sprint to qualify for the finals.

So, that set up a showdown between the Californian and UTEP's Wilson Waigwa, who has beaten Scott five times. Waigwa, running easily, settled for second in his heat.

"I never touched lane one at all during the race," Scott said. "Luckily, there was a long straightaway and the field came back to me. But, for a while I didn't think it would."

"I don't like a race like that. It only proves who runs the fastest 220, not who is the best miler."

Although Scott hasn't beaten Waigwa, he's confident he can. "He outkicked me in every race," he said. "But, eventually, I'll get him. Each race I get a little closer to him."

Nothing happened to alter the team championship out-

Track Notes

Shotput, hammer throw and javelin qualifications weren't needed. Finals in the hammer, shotput, long jump, 100 meters and 10,000 are scheduled today . . . Edwards won his 100 heat in 10.75 and was second in the 200 (21.48). He looked a little tight; not as impressive as Texas' **Johnny Jones**, who won the fastest heat in 10.38 while encountering a 3.45 m.p.h. head wind. **Joel Andrews** was third in the heat but his time (10.58) was faster than any other heat winner except Jones. **Harvey Gance** of Auburn, the defending NCAA 100 champion, won his heat in 10.69 but was eliminated in the 200. It was his fourth running event of the afternoon and he didn't have it, finishing fourth . . . Arizona State's **Gary Burl**, who placed fourth in the NCAA 110-meter hurdles in 1976, was disqualified for a false start . . . New Mexico, expected to score points in the 800 and steeplechase, isn't in the meet. The school didn't officially declare its athletes in time. . . . Wolfe, whose Trojans only beat WSU by 14 points in the Pac-8 meet, is worried about the Cougars again. "They can get a lot of points in the distance races," he said. "I only hope that Virgin (who'll double in the 5,000 and 10,000) can split them up a bit." . . . Kimombwa, Rono and Virgin are the favorites in the 10,000 today.

NCAA TRACK SUMMARIES

100 METERS

Two in each heat plus next four fastest qualify for semifinals

HEAT ONE—1. Smith (Mich. St.), 10.70; 2. Frazier (Minnesota), 10.74; 3. Dolor (Eastern Mich.), 10.81; 4. Doty (SMU), 10.81. Others included: 7. Preston (Arkansas St.), 12.00.

HEAT TWO—1. Giance (Auburn), 10.69; 2. Brown (Penn.), 10.73.

HEAT THREE—1. Jones (Texas), 10.38 (3.4 m.p.h. wind against); 2. Wiley (Kansas), 10.56; 3. J. Andrews (USC), 10.58.

HEAT FOUR—1. Kee (Southern Ill.), 10.63; 2. Derrett (Rice), 10.76; 3. Christian (Virginia), 10.81. Others included: 5. Farrell (Utah), 10.89.

HEAT FIVE—1. Dill (Seton Hall), 10.72; 2. Easley (Auburn), 10.77. Others included: Jefferson (Arizona), did not finish.

HEAT SIX—1. Edwards (USC), 10.75; 2. Sims (Tenn. Tech.), 10.81.

200 METERS

Three in each heat qualify for semifinals

HEAT ONE—1. Jones (Texas), 21.21; 2. Alston (East Carolina), 21.56; 3. Bailey (Eastern Michigan), 21.69.

HEAT TWO—1. Darden (Arizona St.), 21.32; 2. Kee (Southern Illinois), 21.31; 3. Doty (SMU), 21.55.

HEAT THREE—1. Wiley (Kansas), 21.03; 2. Hopkins (Western Kentucky), 21.25; 3. Jordan (Oregon St.), 21.33.

HEAT FOUR—1. Melvin (East Carolina), 21.39; 2. Edwards (USC), 21.48; 3. Derrett (Rice), 21.54.

HEAT FIVE—1. Dill (Seton Hall), 21.35; 2. Overstreet (Houston), 21.36; 3. Scott (LSU), 21.41.

400 METERS

Four in each heat qualify for semifinals

HEAT ONE—1. Udo (Missouri), 46.32; 2. Burt (Arizona St.), 46.70; 3. Beasley (Long Beach St.), 46.92; 4. Duckworth (Jackson St.), 47.63.

HEAT TWO—1. Frazier (Arizona St.), 46.33; 2. Bowen (Oregon), 46.60; 3. Gelson (Alabama), 46.64; 4. Wagner (Kansas), 46.88.

HEAT THREE—1. Morgan (Tennessee), 46.94; 2. Dale (Villanova), 47.02; 3. Massey (Howard), 47.11; 4. Richardson (Adelphi), 47.33.

HEAT FOUR—1. Smith (Auburn), 45.89; 2. Campbell (Fresno St.), 46.60; 3. Peters (Indiana), 46.86; 4. Brown (Houston), 47.33. Others: 5. Sheets (Stanford), 47.55.

800 METERS

HEAT ONE—1. McLean (Bucknell), 1:49.38; 2. Young (Tennessee), 1:49.39; 3. Sang (Wisconsin), 1:49.54.

HEAT TWO—1. Belger (Villanova), 1:48.78; 2. Summerville (Manhattan), 1:48.91; 3. Blasse (Southern Ill.), 1:49.92.

HEAT THREE—1. Eyearl (Utah St.), 1:48.48; 2. Donohue (San Diego St.), 1:48.51; 3. Brewster (Washington St.), 1:48.77. Others included: 4. Beaton (USC), 1:50.75.

HEAT FOUR—1. DeRienzo (Fordham), 1:49.43; 2. Wilson (Oklahoma), 1:49.58; 3. Collins (Baylor), 1:49.89. Others included: 4. Omsawa (USC), 1:50.00.

HEAT FIVE—1. Gibson (Washington), 1:48.42; 2. Prince (Kansas), 1:48.54; 3. Lech (Northeastern), 1:49.03. Others included: 4. Johnson (USC), 1:49.36.

1,500 METERS

Four in each heat qualify for final

HEAT ONE—1. O'Shaughnessy (Arkansas), 3:44.87; 2. Kane (Villanova), 3:44.95; 3. Arriola (Arizona), 3:45.48; 4. Duits (Western Michigan), 3:45.83. Others included: 6. Nelson (Oregon), 3:48.06.

HEAT TWO—1. Scott (UC Irvine), 3:45.46; 2. Craig (Texas), 3:45.49; 3. Ryan (Bowling Green), 3:45.54; 4. Flynn (East Tennessee St.), 3:45.75. Others included: 8. Williams (UCLA), 3:47.9.

HEAT THREE—1. Lacy (Wisconsin), 3:42.52; 2. Walgas (Texas El Paso), no time; 3. Jirels (Illinois), nt; 4. Dubina (Kent St.), nt.

1,000-METER STEEPLECHASE

Four in each heat qualify for final

HEAT ONE—1. Bickford (Northeastern), 8:43.39; 2. Pendleton (Texas Tech), 8:44.67; 3. Mason (Kansas St.), 8:45.77; 4. Baker (Auburn), 8:46.69.

HEAT TWO—1. Rone (Washington St.), 8:41.35; 2. Hurst (Oregon), 8:43.32; 3. Roscoe (Kansas), 8:45.60; 4. Christensen (Wichita), 8:48.8. Others: 9. St. John (San Diego St.), 9:04.8.

HEAT THREE—1. Tuwel (Richmond), 8:40.33; 2. Erhard (Montana), 8:43.05; 3. Marsh (BYU), 8:44.39; 4. Munyala (Texas El Paso), 8:44.39. Others: 7. James (UCLA), 8:54.95.

5,000 METERS

Six in each heat qualify for final

HEAT ONE—1. Kimeto (Washington St.), 13:43.32; 2. Lindsay (Michigan St.), 13:55.69; 3. Reid (BYU), 13:57.32; 4. Plasencia (Minnesota), 13:59.98; 5. Salazar (Oregon), 14:02.66; 6. Malley (Penn. St.), 14:03.08. Others included: 7. Huet (Arizona), 14:08.6; 11. Murray (Washington), no time; 20. McConnell (Long Beach St.), 15:04.9.

HEAT TWO—1. Kimombwa (Washington St.), 13:51.78; 2. Virgin (Illinois), 13:53.18; 3. Staynings (Western Kentucky), 13:55.58; 4. King (North Carolina), 13:56.32; 5. Vernon (Oklahoma), 13:58.81; 6. Taylor (Oregon), 14:01.6.

Others included: 9. Hart (BYU), 14:23.2; 14. Simonian (UCLA), 14:32.3; 16. Gruber (San Jose St.), 14:45.1; 17. Spitsbury (Colorado), no time; Deis (Fresno St.), did not finish.

110-METER HIGH HURDLES

Three in each heat qualify for semifinals

HEAT ONE—1. Gaines (Washington), 13.93; 2. Obasogie (Missouri), 13.94; 3. Robertson (Maryland), 13.98.

HEAT TWO—1. Tie between Taylor (Arkansas State) and Johnson (Tennessee), 14.32; 3. Dils (Eastern Michigan), 14.35.

HEAT THREE—1. Foster (UCLA), 14.07; 2. King (Rice), 14.37; 3. Halloway (Western Illinois), 14.44. Others—Florant (California), disqualified.

HEAT FOUR—1. Owens (UCLA), 13.70; 2. Johnson (USC), 14.37; 3. Isalah (Rice), 14.49.

HEAT FIVE—1. Walker (Arizona), 14.14; 2. Cooper (San Jose), 14.15; 3. Chesley (Maryland), 14.35.

HEAT SIX—1. Walker (Auburn), 14.01; 2. Coleman (Kansas), 14.09; 3. Myatt (Denton, Tex.), 14.12. Others—Hart (Cal State L.A.), no time.

400 INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

Three in each heat qualify for semifinals

HEAT ONE—1. Byran (Oklahoma), 50.68; 2. Ofono (Mississippi), 50.72; 3. Walker (Auburn), 51.46.

HEAT TWO—1. Greybell (USC), 51.34; 2. Walker (Arizona St.), 51.55; 3. Williams (Virginia), 52.32. Others—Seymour (Washington St.), 53.01.

HEAT THREE—1. Sheffield (San Diego St.), 51.17; 2. Hanlon (St. John's), 51.32; 3. Aumes (Arizona St.), 51.39. Others: 7. Shellworth (Stanford), 54.74.

HEAT FOUR—1. Andrews (USC), 51.55; 2. Anderson (Furman), 51.92; 3. Neely (Michigan St.), 51.93. Others: 4. Mills (UCLA), 52.02.

HEAT FIVE—1. Murel (Wisconsin), 51.70; 2. Greene (Ohio), 52.04; 3. Baker (Texas A&M), 52.33. Others: 4. Minco (Fresno St.), 52.66; Turner (Cal State L.A.), no time.

400-METER RELAY

Four in each heat qualify for semifinals

HEAT ONE—1. USC (Tom Andrews, Simmons, Joel Andrews, Edwards), 40.16; 2. California, 40.36; 3. UCLA (Owens, Myles, Schaeffer, Foster), 40.51; 4. Arizona, 40.86.

HEAT TWO—1. Arizona St. (Williams, Darden, Burt, Frazier), 39.82; 2. Jackson St., 40.72; 3. Penn., 40.94; 4. Michigan St., 41.12.

HEAT THREE—1. Auburn (Easley, Walker, Smith, Giance), 39.94; 2. Kansas, 39.96; 3. Michigan, 40.64; 4. Rice, 40.66.

HEAT FOUR—1. Texas (Clayborn, Halchett, Spence, Jones), 39.81; 2. Houston, 40.44; 3. Tennessee, 40.50; 4. Southern Illinois, 40.51.

1,400 METER RELAY

Four in each heat qualify for semifinals

HEAT ONE—1. Howard, 3:07.06; 2. Tennessee, 3:07.09; 3. Jackson St., 3:07.90; 4. Indiana, 3:11.45.

HEAT TWO—1. Arizona St., 3:08.07; 2. Kansas, 3:08.92; 3. LSU, 3:09.25; 4. California, 3:09.82.

HEAT THREE—1. USC, 3:07.03; 2. UCLA, 3:08.31; 3. Long Beach St., 3:10.98; 4. San Jose St., 3:11.40.

HEAT FOUR—1. Villanova, 3:09.70; 2. Rice, 3:11.82; 3. Delaware, 3:12.36; 4. Kentucky St., 3:13.01.

LONG JUMP

12 qualify for final

1. Ethuzelen (Illinois), 26-10; 2. Doubly (USC), 26-5 1/4; 3. Lofton (Stanford), 26-1 1/4; 4. Whitaker (Missouri), 25-11 1/4; 5. Faye (Middle Tennessee), 25-6; 6. DeDoo (Middle Tennessee), 25-5 1/4; 7. Overstreet (Houston), 25-5 1/4; 8. Banks (UCLA), 25-3 1/4; 9. Asare (Texas El Paso), 25-0 1/4; 10. Pinnick (Illinois St.), 24-8; 11. Macgee (Long Beach St.), 24-8; 12. Jackson (Arizona St.), 24-7 1/4. Nonqualifiers included: Herndon (UCLA), 24-7 1/4; Williams (Washington St.), 23-8 1/4.

HIGH JUMP

12 qualify for final

Davenport (Texas), Haber (CS Hayward), Joy (Texas El Paso), Arney (Arizona St.), Meisler (UCLA), Page (Missouri), Barrineau (Georgia), Irion (Temple), Livers (San Jose St.), Ruebel (Purdue), Wimberly (Baylor), Jacobs (Fairleigh Dickinson). All cleared 7-0. Nonqualifiers included: Walker (USC), Sabatino (California). All failed to clear opening qualifying height of 7-0.

POLE VAULT

15 qualify for finals

Hunter (Southern Illinois), Worden (Washington State), Hartley (Rhode Island), Haynie (Arizona State), Baird (Long Beach State), Lac (Illinois), Crites (Indiana), Colivas (Austin Peay), Hintnaus (Oregon), Bell (Arkansas State), Tully (UCLA), Gilders (Ohio), Blair (Texas A&M), Barry (BYU), Sabatino (Irvine). All cleared 16 feet. Nonqualifiers included: Hintz (California), Kneub (Long Beach State), Robinson (CS Hayward), Vahlstrom (Texas El Paso).