

Arizona State Takes 7-6 Leap to the Top in NCAA

Arney Wins the High Jump and Sun Devils Win the Meet; Edwards Rallies USC in Sprint Relay

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Clancy Edwards made a comeback and so did USC but the Trojans couldn't retain their NCAA track and field championship Saturday at Illinois' Memorial Stadium.

Arizona State, with high jumper Kyle Arney soaring 7 feet 6 inches, won the team title with 64 points. Texas El Paso was second with 50 points, USC third with 48.

Edwards, not expected to compete because of a strained right thigh muscle, surprised everyone—including his coach, Vern Wolfe—by running the anchor leg in the 400-meter relay.

Not only did he run, but he took the baton 3 yards behind Herm Frazier of Arizona State and poured it on in the stretch as USC won.

But Edwards, who had to pull up in a 100-meter semifinal heat Friday, was hurting. He said he felt a twinge in his leg muscle in the relay "but I ran through it."

He came back—with his leg heavily taped—to finish second in a 200-meter semifinal heat but broke down in the final. "The turn got me," said Edwards, who pulled up with 70 meters left in the race.

"I didn't think he'd be able to run," Wolfe said. "It was just sheer guts on Clancy's part. If he'd been healthy, I think we would have won it."

That was a possibility as Edwards

was picked by The Times to win the 200 and place second in the 100.

In any event, the Trojans and Edwards made a strong showing on the final day of the meet after it appeared Friday that they didn't have a chance.

Tom Andrews won the 400-meter intermediate hurdles in 49.48, ran down ASU's Frazier on the anchor lap of the 1,600 relay as USC won in 3:04.50 and Ralph Fruguglietti hurled the discus 198-2 on his last throw to place second.

But it wasn't enough as the Sun Devils clinched the meet when Arney cleared 7-6 on his last jump, making the 1,600 relay result anticlimactic.

Arney, a 22-year-old junior from Glendale, Ariz., became the third best American high jumper—behind world record-holder Dwight Stones (7-7¼) and Pat Matzdorf (7-6¼)—and fifth-best time behind Chih-Chin of China (7-6¼) and Poland's Jacek Wszola (7-6¼). Arney's previous best was 7-4¼ two months ago at the Penn Relays.

But, as spectacular as Arney's performance was, Tom Andrews was voted Athlete of the Meet for—as Wolfe said—"getting three gold medals." He was referring to Andrews' leadoff leg in the sprint relay, anchor leg in the 1,600 relay and 400-meter hurdles victory.

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UCLA finished fifth with 35 points and probably would have done considerably better if sprinter Millard Hampton could have competed. He was left home with a strained leg muscle.

It was a disappointing day for Bruin triple jumper Willie Banks, favored to win. He jumped 55-3½ and barely lost to San Jose's Ron Livers, who won by a quarter of an inch at 55-3¼.

Banks passed two of his jumps because his leg was bothering him.

UCLA pole vaulter Mike Tully was disappointed, too. He finished second to Earl Bell of Arkansas State (17-6 to 17-0). A brisk wind on a warm day—temperature in the low 90s—seemed to harass the vaulters.

Another Californian, UC Irvine's Steve Scott, had to settle for second, too. He got trapped in a box in the 1,500. By the time he got out of it, he couldn't catch his nemesis, Wilson Waigwa of UTEP.

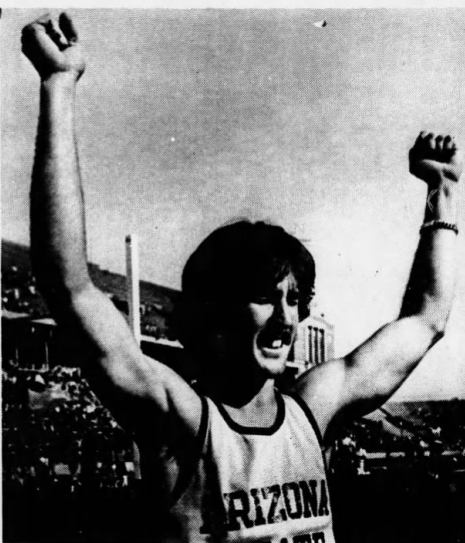
Waigwa, beating Scott for the sixth time, was timed in 3:39.89.

"When I wanted to make my move I couldn't," said Scott, runnerup in 3:41.33. "I didn't think he'd make his move with a quarter-mile left like he did. But he had a fantastic kick and maybe I couldn't have caught him, anyway."

So Waigwa, the Kenyan, outkicked Scott again in a slow race for both of them.

The Africans were prominent again as James Munyala of UTEP won the 3,000-meter steeplechase and Joshua Kimeto and Samson Mimombwa ran 1-2 for Washinton State in the 5,000, seemingly toying with the field, except for Tony Staynings of Western Kentucky, who had a strong kick to finish third. Staynings is English, making it a 1-2-3 finish for foreigners.

For the meet, foreign athletes won seven of the 19 individual titles compared to eight in 1976. They scored 172 points out of a possible 589 and



VICTORY HIGH—Kyle Arney of Arizona State is pleased for a couple of reasons. He has just cleared 7 feet 6 inches to win the high jump at the NCAA track meet and his victory clinched the team championship for Arizona State. USC finished in third place.

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Africans got 97 points.

Interestingly, Baldy Castillo's Arizona State team won without getting a foreign point.

Two meet records were broken—by Livers in the triple jump and Mark Enyeart of Utah State in the 800 (1:45.16). Enyeart took charge from the start and ran away from a good field.

Other winners were Frazier of Arizona State in the 400 meters (45.57) as Willie Smith of Auburn scratched because of a leg injury; Scott Dykehouse of Florida in the javelin (258-5); Svein Walvik of UTEP in the discus (198-11) and William Snoddy of Oklahoma in the 200 (20.48).

Snoddy, a freshman, surprised everyone. He wasn't expected to make the final. But Harvey Glance didn't qualify, Johnny Jones of Texas was out of the money in seventh and Edwards pulled up with his leg injury.

Edwards got help from trainer Jack Ward and Dr. Leroy Perry, the latter working on the USC sprinter past midnight Friday.

"I was going to run regardless," said Edwards, the collegiate record-holder in the 200 (20.13). "The leg bothered me in the relay but I was still able to accelerate. But, then, it really twisted on me in the 200 final."

That Edwards even attempted to run was a minor medical miracle.

NCAA TRACK AND FIELD SUMMARIES

200 METERS Semifinals

Four in each heat qualify for final

HEAT ONE—1. Jordan (Oregon St.), 20.59; 2. Darden (Arizona St.), 20.65; 3. Jones (Texas), 20.67; 4. Alston (East Carolina), 20.88.

HEAT TWO—1. Wiley (Kansas), 20.42; 2. Edwards (USC), 20.57; 3. Dill (Seton Hall), 20.58; 4. Snoddy (Oklahoma), 20.61.

Finals

1. Snoddy, 20.48; 2. Darden, 20.52; 3. Wiley, 20.63; 4. Jordan, 20.65; 5. Alston, 20.71; 6. Dill, 20.73; 7. Jones, 20.85. Others—Edwards, did not finish.

400 METERS

1. Frazier (Arizona St.), 45.57; 2. Dale (Villanova), 45.89; 3. Campbell (Fresno St.), 46.03; 4. Udo (Missouri), 46.09; 5. Duckworth (Jackson St.), 46.28; 6. Morgan (Tennessee), 46.29.

800 METERS

1. Enyeart (Utah St.), 1:45.16 (meet record, old mark 1:45.9, Dyce, NYU, 1969; 2. Belger (Villanova), 1:45.85; 3. Wilson (Oklahoma), 1:46.16; 4. McLeen (Bucknell), 1:46.97; 5. De Rienzo (Fordham), 1:47.06; 6. Summerville (Manhattan), 1:47.57. Others—8. Brewster (Washington St.), 1:50.42.

1,500 METERS

1. Waigwa (UTEP), 3:39.89; 2. Scott (UC Irvine), 3:41.33; 3. O'Shaughnessy (Arkansas), 3:41.51; 4. Kane (Villanova), 3:41.64; 5. Dulits (Western Michigan), 3:41.83; 6. Arriola (Arizona), 3:42.28.

3,000 METERS STEEPLECHASE

1. Munyala (UTEP), 8:29.51; 2. Rono (Washington St.), 8:31.12; 3. Marsh (Brigham Young), 8:32.06; 4. Tuwei (Richmond), 8:41.46; 5. Ehrhard (Montana), 8:42.03; 6. Mason (Kansas), 8:42.23.

5,000 METERS

1. Kimeto (Washington St.), 13:38.14; 2. Kimombwa (Washington St.), 13:38.57; 3. Staynings (Western Kentucky), 13:39.24; 4. Virgin (Illinois), 13:42.06; 5. Taylor (Oregon), 13:43.82; 6. King (North Carolina), 13:46.10. Others—9. Salazar (Oregon), 14:08.40.

400-METER

INTERMEDIATE HURDLES

1. Tom Andrews (USC), 49.48; 2. Otono (Mississippi St.), 49.62; 3. Walker (Auburn), 49.94; 4. Greene (Ohio),

50.32; 5. Walker (Arizona St.), 50.36; 6. Murel (Wisconsin), 50.72. Others—8. Sheffield (San Diego St.), 50.91.

400-METER RELAY

1. USC (Tom Andrews, Simmons, Joel Andrews, Edwards), 39.56; 2. Arizona St., 39.60; 3. Kansas, 39.64; 4. Auburn, 39.92; 5. California, 40.05; 6. UCLA (Owens, Myles, Schaeffer, Foster), 40.43.

1,600-METER RELAY

1. USC (Joel Andrews, Johnson, Beaton, Tom Andrews), 3:04.50; 2. Arizona St., 3:05.08; 3. Tennessee, 3:05.86; 4. Howard, 3:06.83; 5. UCLA, 3:07.24; 6. Long Beach St., 3:08.53.

TRIPLE JUMP

1. R. Livers (San Jose St.), 55-3/4 (meet record, old mark 54-8/4 by Robins, Southern Illinois, 1976); 2. Banks

(UCLA), 55-3/4; Ehizuelen (Illinois), 54-10; 4. Campbell (Washington St.), 54-8/4; 5. Grimes (UTEP), 54-8/4; 6. Caldwell (Houston), 53-7/4.

DISCUS

1. Walvik (UTEP), 198-11; 2. Frugulietti (USC), 198-2; 3. Burton (Oregon), 197-11; 4. Gardenkrans (Brigham Young), 195-6; 5. Burns (Colorado), 193-6; 6. Columbus (Clemson), 188-3. Others—7. Sutherland (Cal State L.A.), 186-3.

JAVELIN

1. Dykehouse (Florida), 258-5; 2. Sorchik (Nebraska), 257-6; 3. Ralph (Clemson), 257; 4. George (Brigham Young), 255-3; 5. Olsen (Tennessee), 252-9; 6. Kirby (Maryland), 245.

HIGH JUMP

1. Arney (Arizona St.), 7-6; 2. Jacobs

(Fairleigh-Dickinson), 7-5; 3. Barrineau (Georgia), 7-4; 4. Joy (UTEP), 7-3; 5. Haber (Cal State Hayward), 7-3; 6. Ruebel (Purdue), 7-1. Others—9. R. Livers (San Jose St.), 7-0; 12. Meisler (UCLA), 7-0.

POLE VAULT

1. Bell (Arkansas St.), 17-6; 2. Tully (UCLA), 17-0; 3. Haynie (Arizona St.), 16-6; 4. Laz (Illinois), 16-6; 5. tie between Hunter (Southern Illinois) and Gilders (Ohio), 16-6. Others—9. Sabatino (Irvine), 16-0; 11. Baird (Long Beach St.) and Worden (Washington St.), no height (16-0).

TEAM SCORES

Arizona St. 64, UTEP 50, USC 48, Washington St. 46, UCLA 35, Brigham Young 31. Others—Stanford 16, UC Irvine 14, Washington 11.
Attendance—15,518.